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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fourth term already!! It feels as though our first year has gone by so quickly as we now begin our planning for end of year activities, the preparation of reports and laying the groundwork for 2019. Such is life in a busy school setting.

We would like to send our sincerest thoughts and condolences to those families within our school community who have suffered losses in recent weeks. These make for challenging times and we hope and pray that all families affected have received strength and comfort from God's guidance and love. If there is anything that the College can do to help support your child at this time, please let us know.

TERM DATES

The last day of attendance for our students is Friday 14th of December, 2018.

I will advise everyone shortly regarding the date for our **end of year presentation event**, but I would **anticipate it being around Monday 10th of December**. We are already planning for this significant event on our school calendar.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Various events forced us into re-scheduling the taking of school photographs. These will be done this term- most likely during week 4 or 5. I will send home a confirmation of date shortly. All students will need to wear full summer uniform for our photographs.

NO HATS, NO PLAY

We must be active in encouraging our students to take care of their skin. In line with other schools, we are initiating a "No Hat, No play" rule. Students not wearing hats will still be able to go outside during breaks, but they will have to remain in our covered, shaded areas. The preferred hat style is a black bucket hat as they provide protection for face and neck areas. We are hopeful that embroidered school hats will eventually be available from Lowes, but plain black hats are certainly acceptable.

SPORTS UNIFORM

I have been advised by Lowes that our sports tops are now available. Embroidered black shorts are still a couple of weeks away. Sports uniforms may be worn for the full day each Friday. School socks will also be available shortly.

SCHOOL FEES, WORKING BEES

Final payments of school fees are falling due. Please contact the office if you have any queries or if you need to make any further arrangements. Opportunities still exist to cover the Working Bee levy by covering books or by undertaking some gardening activities.

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ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents that students are expected to be in attendance for each day that the school is open. In the event of an absence, please advise the school by phone or via a short written note as to the reason for any absence. This is a legislative requirement.

If a child's absence from school is likely to be for an extended period (of more than 3-4 days) parents/caregivers should apply in writing for an Exemption from School to be provided. I am able to issue such exemptions once the necessary paperwork is provided. Formal exemptions are intended to be a protection against any prosecution that arise from there being an ongoing/extended absence.

LATE DEPARTURES/PICKUP OF STUDENTS

In cases where students are being picked up after our formal hours of supervision, they will be expected to remain inside the Chapel area to work on set homework or to undertake quiet reading rather than be playing outside. This is to ensure that students are kept safe from any possible accidents.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If there are any parents/caregivers/grandparents etc.. that would be able to assist some of our students with their reading, Mrs Badenhorst would love to hear from you. If you were able to spend half an hour once a week –after 2.20pm, would be a great help. Volunteers would need to hold a current Working with Children Check.

“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

Have a wonderful weekend! God bless you.

Yours in Christ

David Fox
Principal