



Newsletter

Enlightened Minds

Southdowns College High School

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News



Dear parents

Since I penned the last newsletter, so much has happened at Southdowns College. We have played two touring schools, namely Uplands and Penryn College, as well as Cornwall Hill College in derby fixtures. Our first netball team played in the prestigious St Andrews School for Girls Netball Festival where they garnered some excellent wins over strong opposition. In between all that, we celebrated our strong affinity for arts and culture in the fifth SAW event (Southdowns Arts Week) and we hosted the second SOAP (Southdowns One Act Play) Festival, which was a great success and something we intend extending in the years to come. It has been a well-balanced term with the matrics writing a week of exams to end it off.



The academic support department, rebranded as “*S-cubed*”, has launched a mind-body-spirit series and each term will be devoted to focussing on one of these aspects in terms of health and wellbeing. The healthy mind component was launched this term.

I am generally pleased with the academic results for this past term. They are indicative of the hard work done by the pupils. The ADvTECH academic head, recently visited us and met with each subject head to discuss the academic goals for each department in 2017. It was an enlightening and motivating visit for all involved.



We are anticipating the construction of the astro-turf to commence this week and, hopefully, upon our return from the holiday, we will see significant progress. We will also be beginning, in due course, with the building of our high school classrooms. These will complement the prep-school classrooms. Further details, particularly with regards to the parking, will be provided as the building progresses.

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The Parents' Association ran a very successful golf day at Centurion Golf Club this term. The event was hosted earlier in the year than it has been in the past, and it proved to be a great success.

This Tuesday evening we will celebrate our summer sports with an awards evening, where the individual sportsmen and women will be recognised for their excellence. This evening mirrors the winter sports awards evening. We'd like to ask parents who attend the evenings to possibly consider leaving a legacy by donating a trophy for a particular sport. We are in the process of starting the tradition of the awards evenings and, in time, it is hoped that the trophies handed out at these events will be unique and special.

Our Belgian exchange pupils have arrived and they, together with our host pupils, are travelling together around The Kruger National Park and Cape Town. In August, our exchange participants will fly to Belgium for the second leg of the exchange.

Finally, I want to use the remainder of the newsletter to inform you, with great pride as a school, that Mr Pieter van Wyk, who is currently a deputy headmaster, has been appointed as the headmaster of Curro Roodeplaat High School. This is a great opportunity and we extend our warmest congratulations to him. He will depart at the end of next term.

We still have a long winter sports season ahead of us after the holidays, so please urge your sons and daughters to remain fit throughout the holiday. We have also spoken specifically to the boys about their hair and their adherence to the hair regulations. The comb-over and the tendency to cut a definite horizontal line on the side of the head is not consistent with the hair rules of the school. We have asked the boys to correct these fashionable haircuts by the end of the holidays. They are aware of what is acceptable and we would like to start the term with everyone looking neat so that there will be no conflict in this regard.

Have a blessed Easter holiday and a good rest. I hope that you, as parents, are able to take some time off too.

Kind regards,

Mr Mark Smith

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