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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The exams and assessments are over and the relief can be felt by all. I am certain parents are happy too!

The last two days of this week have been spent returning papers. This is a very important part of the examination process. It assists teachers in ensuring that every page has been marked and every mark has been correctly added – teachers sometimes fall foul of “human error” too! Most importantly, it gives students an opportunity, whilst the exams are still fresh in mind, to review where they have slipped up, which skills have not been mastered and pat themselves on the back for work that has been well-delivered. By the number of happy faces I saw round and about the corridors, it really is most of the latter.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students in the Preparatory and High School, who worked exceptionally hard to deliver brilliant results. I am sitting with “Promotion schedules” and it is very gratifying to see the results of year-long work. We are exceedingly blessed to have the staff complement we do have. Hours of blood, sweat and tears go into guiding and teaching young minds. Then there are the hours and hours of examination setting, marking and moderating. Thank you Staff, you have done an amazing job.

The ELS and JP students and staff continued with many exciting activities this week. The Stage 5s had a “Camp Out” in their classrooms on Thursday evening. For some, it was the first night ever spent away from Mum or Dad. I am not sure how much sleep was had but there certainly was an abundance of excitement. The JP students have been practising for their final assembly on Monday. The Grade 3s will be graduating from JP. Another milestone covered!

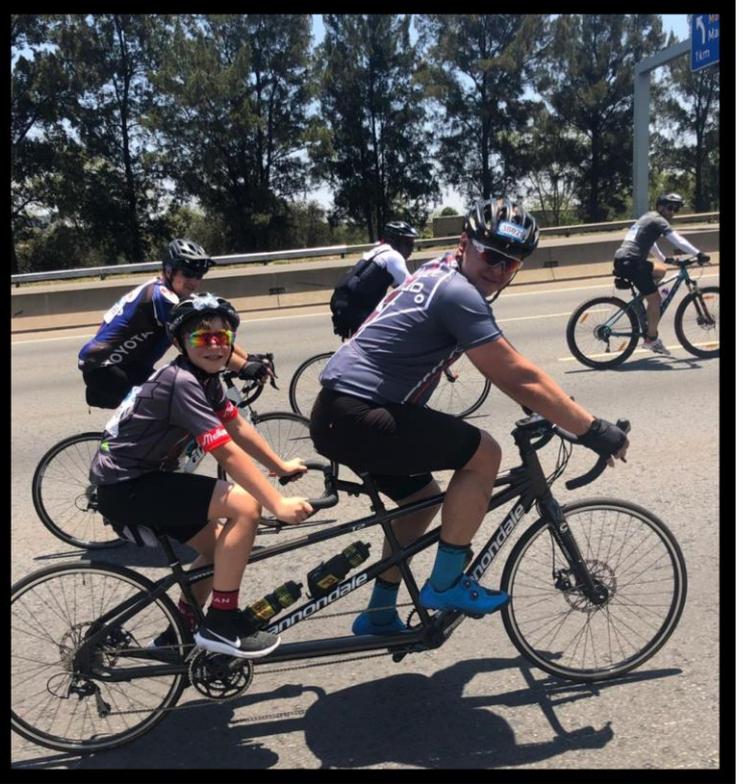
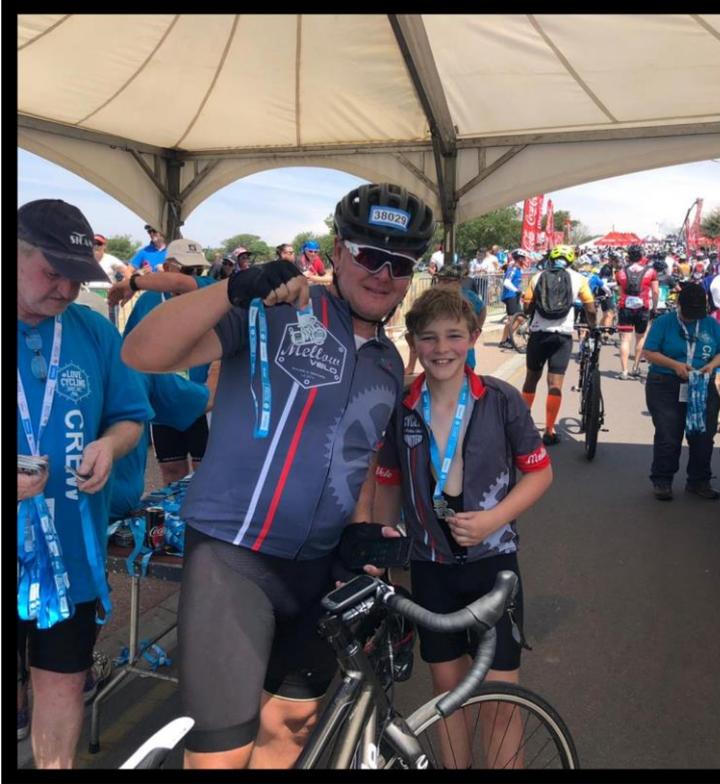
We have 4 academic days left of the year. Please make every effort to have you child attend school. We want to end on a high note and squeeze every last drop out of our Calendar.

Have a restful weekend.



CONGRATULATIONS: SENIOR PREP AND COLLEGE

Zac Bischofberger completed this year's 94.7 Cycle Challenge race with his Dad on a tandem bike. Congratulations Zac!



Jessica Wostenholm and **Lucy Williams** attended an awards ceremony last week to be presented with their Protea Colours. This is the first time in the history of this country that Performing Arts dancers have been awarded National Protea Colours as they will be representing South Africa in Poland at the IDO World Championships for Jazz, Modern and Ballet.

This is the first group to receive Protea Colours since SABOD's (South African Body of Dance) affiliation to Dancesport SA. Well done Jessica and Lucy!



FOCUS ON | JUNIOR PREPARATORY

This term the Grade 3s have participated in the Global Read Aloud and it has been one of the highlights of our year. The Global Read Aloud is when classes from around the world connect and read a common book. The Grade 3s have been reading "A Boy Called Bat". We have connected with a Grade 3 class from Canada. We have exchanged videos where the children got to tell each other something about their school and city. As we have learnt more about each other, we have also shared videos where we send each other thoughts and ideas about the book we are reading. The children have had so much fun making the videos and learning about another country. This activity has helped them learn that they are global citizens and members of the world and not just part of South Africa. It has been an amazing experience.

A highlight of the week for JP has been The Reddam Heart tea with Mrs Traviss-Lea on Wednesday morning. All 32 children, who have been Reddam Heart recipients throughout the year, were treated to a very special tea in the ELS hall. As they walked into the hall and saw how beautifully the tables were set and the tea and cake was laid out they truly felt very special indeed. It was a hard-earned reward, which the children so dearly deserved. Mrs Traviss-Lea took the time to sit with each group of children and had a very intimate chat with them. Some of them equated it to having "tea with the queen". The JP displayed their best table manners and made their teachers very proud indeed.

(Mrs Vaneshree Reddy)

BIRTHDAYS



Kian Naik (29th)

Ntokozo Mkwanazi (30th)

Amber Arnold (01st December)

Jaden Ball (01st December)

Phemelo Selikoe (01st December)

Nqobile Gwala (02nd December)

Declan Ritchie (02nd December)

Gabriella Harris (05th December)

Ansell Zimmermann (05th December)

DATES TO DIARISE

1 DECEMBER

09:00 – 11:00 Shuffle Up Day (Stage 1 to Grade 3 students in 2019)

3 DECEMBER

08:00 JP Academic Assembly and Grade 3 Graduation

12:30 Grade 6 End of Prep years' Lunch

18:00 Grade 6 and 7 Social

5 DECEMBER

Stage 5 Graduation ceremony

6 DECEMBER

JP Teddy bear Picnic

08: 00 SP Academic and Co-curricular Awards Assembly

09:30 College Academic and Co-curricular Awards Assembly

School closes at 11:00

Reports released from 12:00 onwards

Admin will be closed from 13:00 for the Staff End-of-Year Lunch

No aftercare from today until 16 January 2019

22 DECEMBER 2018 – 2 JANUARY 2019

Reddam House Helderfontein will be closed. This includes Admin offices.

16 JANUARY 2019

Welcome back! We look forward to seeing all students back at school.

The ELS and JP students should go straight to their classes in the ELS school. Mrs Lesley Warren and Ms Nicola Crooks will be on hand to assist.

Senior Preparatory, Middle College (Grades 7- 9) and High School (Grades 10 and 11) students should meet in the Piazza of the new College building by 07:45.