



Dear Parents and Pupils,



What a peaceful and joyful start we have had to this year with your young people.

They arrived having missed the schooling environment, whether it was their friends or the day's activities that they so enjoy. I will purposely leave out the academic work at this stage, knowing that their enthusiasm to broaden their mental horizon will improve as they settle in.

As the year continues, Covid-19 is very much at the back of our minds. It is imperative that the Wendon family work together to fight this virus within our homes and at school.

All Health Protocols have continued and are in place to uphold all necessary precautions to create a safe learning and teaching environment. With this in mind, the wearing of masks, sanitizing and social distancing will continue. The temperatures taken each morning at the gate has stopped as from Monday 31st January. The health of each child is important to us so will continue to be monitored with parents phoned, should they not feel well during the day.

I mentioned at the end of 2021 that we would explore the possibility of returning the school to a fairly normal year, a year where your children can have fun within the days filled with hard work. A number of events have already been included and sent home to you in this years 'Calendar of Events'. I appeal to all our parents to support our 'fun' endeavours going forward.

EDUCATE AND FASCINATE

Wendon had a delightful presentation on Amphibians on Friday. The children loved every moment and there was lots of excitement and squealing coming from the hall. Learning has to be fun and that is just what they experienced.

WELCOME

We welcome Chase Fitzpatrick to Grade 5. We wish you and your family a long and happy stay at Wendon Academy.

TROPHIES

Last call for all the floating trophies won in 2021. Please could they be brought back to school and handed to Mrs Lockyer.

Thank you to all our parents for coming to the Information Mornings. We trust you are better informed regarding what your child will cover this year. Should you wish to address any further queries please make a note in your child's homework book for your teacher to address.

SCHOOL BAGS

Due to the company who supplied our school bags closing in December without notifying us, orders have not been processed. We are in the process of sourcing new suppliers and will notify you as soon as we have new school bags. Our apologies for this unavoidable problem.

Achievers for the Week - Primary School



Primary School	
Mrs McPherson Intermediates	Ché Riekert - Being helpful and caring Ayanda Gumede - Working with enthusiasm
Mrs Smith Seniors	Ayesha Paruk & Yusra Motala - Trying hard in Maths
Mrs Locke Computers	Blake Loubser - Completing his work neatly and accurately in Computers
“CAPTAIN” Workshop	Luke Reynolds - Cutting neatly and good general work

Achievers for the Week - High School



High School	
Ms Horn	Callum Palmer - Settling well - Welcome
Mrs Locke	Jamie-Lee Hewer - Being organized and helping others
Mrs Gooding	Cebo Mbatha - Settling in well
Mrs. Moodley	Feya van Biljon - Kind and caring nature
Mrs. Cross	Ryan Lister-James - Excellent English test results
“CAPTAIN” WORKSHOP	Yandani Shabalala - Working carefully in the workshop
EQ AWARDS / LO	Bjorn Kruger - Always helpful

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES – URGENT NOTIFICATION

URGENT - SCHOOL FEES FOR JANUARY ARE OVERDUE
IF NOT PAID TO DATE

NB: As per the information letter attached to the school fee structure the school has a ZERO TOLERANCE for non-payment of fees. Should you have a problem please phone Mrs Hicks. Thank you

Due to safety precautions as well as the excessive bank charges – PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DEPOSITING CASH INTO WENDON ACADEMY'S ACCOUNT. In addition we will not accept large sums of cash on the school property for security reasons. The cost of the cash deposit fee will be for your account. We are going to be very strict in this regard. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any concerns with the above, please contact the school. If you have misplaced our new school fee structure, please request a copy from Mrs Lockyer our Financial Secretary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There have been a few changes. Please check your weekly Eagles Nest Newsletter for these changes to the calendar.

VALENTINES - RED & WHITE CIVVIES, BRAAI

Friday 11th February - R25

Pupils may come to school dressed in Red & White. Let us have a fun day. They need to bring their meat in a Tupperware to braai with buttered rolls etc. Please bring your own knife, fork and extra dish for the cooked meat. Please be reasonable in the quantity of meat that you are to braai.

There will be a separate braai for our Muslim pupils. All pupils will be assisted with the braaing. Please bring a costume, a towel, a hat & sunblock. (weather permitting)

Our braai will happen in normal school hours. School closes every Friday at 12h10. All Covid protocols will be adhered to.



LIFT NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING AREA:

If you can help, please contact the parents direct.



Westridge Area

Mrs Desai - 071 843 6287

Calendar of Events

February

Friday 11 th	Red and white Civvies - Valentine Braai	R25/pupil
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March

Mon 7 th - Wed 9 th	PS & HS Parent Interview Week	
Friday 11 th	Wendon Gala/Triathlon & Ice Cream Cones	
Wed 16 th & Thurs 17 th	Grade 12 Leadership Camp	
Friday 18 th	Civvies & Iced Ring Donuts End of Term 1	R20/pupil

Please check the newsletter weekly for any changes to the calendar

I wish all our Wendon families better times ahead than any we have left behind.

Warm regards,

Mrs Wendy Hicks
Managing Director

"Always remember what you have learnt. Your education is your life – guard it well"

Proverbs 4:13