



Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back to school!

We hope that you have all had a wonderful rest and are feeling confident to march into the 3rd term. Hopefully the days will be getting a little warmer now, so we can leave our beds as the sun greets us each morning.

NB: Please find below the revised school term dates.

**BE THE
REASON
SOMEBODY**



TODAY

NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - 9TH AUGUST

Amidst the chaos of Covid, lockdowns, gender based violence, racism, hunger, poverty and all the doom and gloom around us, let us not forget why we honour woman in South Africa. It is an annual reminder of how instrumental women have been over the years in changing the course of our country's history. The phrase or its latest incarnation: "You strike a woman, you strike a rock" has come to represent women's courage and strength in South Africa. On 9th August 1994, National Women's Day became an official public holiday to honour woman in South Africa. They were a perfect example of actions speaking louder than words when change is needed. This is as true today as it was then.



1st in Class and Progress Achievers for the 2nd Term

Primary School	
Mrs McPherson Junior Class	1st Place - Cameron Whiteford Diligence & Effort - Luke Reynolds
Ms Horn Intermediate Class	1st in Class – Grade 5 - Max Millar Progress – Grade 5 - Austyn White 1st in Class – Grade 6 - Hunter Cunningham Progress – Grade 6 - Zahid Khan
Mrs Smith Senior Class	1st in Class – Grade 6 Chloe Stewart Progress – Grade 6 - Sonti Nikelo 1st in Class – Grade 7 - Wyatt Room Progress - Grade 7 - Jamie-Lee Hewer

High School	
Mrs Dinkele Grade 8	1st in Class - Yandani Shabalala Progress - Aviwe Vanya
Mrs Caine Grade 9	1st in Class - Jaden Pillay Progress - Carter Thomas
Mrs Gooding Grade 10	1st in Class - Nicholas Ramsay Progress - Bjorn Kruger
Mrs Cross Grade 11	1st in Class - Zintle Gubelana Progress - Sameerah Desai
Mrs Freeman Grade 12	1st in Class - Bathandwa Shabalala & Stirling Proctor Progress - Brandon Liebenberg

CONGRATS!

Calendar of Events

August

Wednesday 12 th	School Opens for Term 3	
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September

Thursday 24 th	Heritage Day	Public Holiday
Monday 28 th – Wednesday 30 th	Primary and High School Parent Interview week	Info to follow

October

Thursday 8 th	End of Term 3	13h30
Tuesday 20 th	School Opens for Term 4	
Friday 30 th	Grade 12 Breakfast and final ringing of the bell	

November

Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th	Study Leave for Grade 10, 11, 12	
Thursday 5 th – Friday 13 th	Examinations and Tests	

December

Tuesday 1 st	Prize Giving Juniors & Intermediates Senior Class	08h00 09h00
Wednesday 2 nd	Prize Giving Grade 12	09h00
Thursday 3 rd	Prize Giving Grade 8 & 9 Grade 10 & 11 End of Term 4	08h00 09h00

Please check the newsletter weekly for any changes to the calendar

NEWS DESK FROM OUR PUPILS - OUR RISING STARS!

We have all experienced a 'new normal' at school and at our workplace. Some of our pupils have put their 'new normal' into writing and therefore we decided to give our Wendon family a short glimpse into their hearts and lives of how this virus has affected our children and how they are coping. We are very proud of how they are standing strong and working through this pandemic.



They are our "STARS".

IT IS NOT WHAT WE EXPECTED

Stirling Proctor – Grade 12

Before the virus school was fun and I could chat to my friends. We could wear our grade 12 jackets and sit, chat and have fun on our bean bags. We have been together as a group for a long time and we were looking forward to our class boat trip in April. Lucky we got to enjoy a sleepover at Shongweni before lockdown which was really a lot of fun with Mrs Freeman really getting involved, taking part and making us laugh. Then all of a sudden lockdown came and it was fun to be at home with no school but we couldn't chat to our friends, only on our phones, no boat trip, no other exciting grade 12 things, nothing. Lockdown seemed to drag and then another lockdown so it was hard and boring to do the school work because it didn't seem as fun as in the class with all your friends and teachers commenting and laughing. It felt like it dragged on forever and there is only so much you can do at home by yourself. When we were allowed to go out between 6 and 9 I rode my bicycle everyday which was so great to be out of our yard. I don't know if I am happy to be back at school now because everything is so different, masks, no fooling around, no beanbags, pool table, no soccer table to play at, not being able to sit in our class during break. It is not what we expected for our grade 12 year. I don't know what will happen for the rest of this year but I don't think it will be anything we wanted such as our last walk and just having loads of fun before we leave. The virus has really messed up our whole last year of school, all these years we waited to get here and most of this year we have been at home. I think the virus should just climb in a hole and be concreted over forever!

Have a wonderful and safe week.

Kind regards

"I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn." – Anne Frank

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