



Dear Parents and Pupils,

We have come to that time of year where we get to spend time with our family and friends, celebrating life and each other.

This will be our last Newsletter for 2021 and we would like to wish all our families a wonderful, blessed Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.

## Reflection

Much to our disappointment we started our 2021 on rather shaky ground. Our country had been reduced back to level 3 which put further massive economic strains on all of us. To top that the Department of Education was not sure of term dates etc, and we found ourselves on the Red travel list. We have all struggled with this pandemic in one way or another to say the least. Wendon Academy has tried as much as possible to bring back our sense of normality by enjoying our braai days, Grade 12 Leadership breakaway and their exciting month of August leading up to their Wendon Lunch to our creative Art Extravaganza again this year. Each event was marked by a 'Gift'. A "Gift of Love, Family, Freedom, Gratitude, Giving etc. We constantly reminded ourselves that small things do make a difference. Reminding ourselves to be thankful and that this is medicine for our mind, body and souls. It helps us attract positive things into our lives that we can be grateful for. If we focus on the goodness of life, we will create more of it!

### *EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY*

#### *GIVE A GIFT*

The gift of **Work**

The gift of **Money**

The gift of **Friends**

The gift of **Learning**

The gift of **Family**

The gift of **Laughter**

The gift of **Dreams**

The gift of **Giving**

The gift of **Gratitude**

The gift of **a Day**

The gift of **Working through problems**

The gift of **Love**

Please parents, we have received so little in remembering our dedicated caretakers who constantly maintain cleanliness and sanitisation within our school property. What would we do without them? Let us show our gratitude by sending in the following consumables by Grade or a cash donation would be greatly appreciated by 24<sup>th</sup> November.

INTERMEDIATES	SENIORS	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Washing Powder Coffee Sweets Baked Beans Oil Flour Long life Milk Tuna Tins Face Cloth Mealie Meal Biscuits	Sugar Biscuits Jam Long life Milk Tinned Fruit Tea Peanut Butter Washing Powder Oats Rice Sweets	Rice Mealie Meal Baked Beans Sugar Oil Rusks Biscuits Oats Coffee Dishwashing Liquid Long Life Milk	Long life Milk Biscuits Sweets Oil Rice Rusks Flour Dishwashing liquid Toothpaste Baked Beans Peanut Butter	Bath Soap Tinned Veg Tinned Fruit Rice Mealie Meal Washing powder Salt Baked Beans Tinned Tuna Biscuits Sweets	Rice Mealie Meal Baked Beans Sugar Oil Tea Biscuits Peanut Butter Coffee Jam Dishwashing Liquid	Mealie Meal Sweets Biscuits Dishwashing liquid Toothpaste Rice Washing Powder Peanut Butter Jam Long Life Milk Oil

# END OF YEAR BRAAI

Celebrate the 'Gift of Dreams'

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November is Braai and Fun day. School closes at 12h10. It is a fun day for our children to celebrate the end of the year - so come dressed in civvies.

What to bring:

- ☞ Wear civvies
- ☞ Bring your costume, towel, hat and sunblock
- ☞ Bring a braai pack to cook on the fires and any other extras eg: rolls, salad, that you would like to eat with your meat. Please bring your own plate and cutlery. Only bring enough meat for you to eat. Fires will be made and you will be given help to braai. A separate braai will be made available for our Muslim children.
- ☞ Grade 12 we invite you to join us at 08h30, dress in civvies and bring your braai pack etc and costume for a swim.

Let's have fun and enjoy the day.

We have two sad farewells this year.

### **Mrs Janice Freeman**

Janice Freeman who has been on our staff for 14 years is venturing into the next chapter of her life. We will miss Mrs Freeman and her wonderful sense of humour and her antics throughout the school. She kept us alert and on our toes! We wish Mrs Freeman a wonderful and joyful way forward.

### **Mrs Rondi Dinkele**

Rondi Dinkele has been on our staff for 2 years and is going on an exciting adventure. She will be visiting her son overseas for an extended period and will continue her work on her 2<sup>nd</sup> book. We are all looking forward to reading her literacy creations and above all wish her every success for her future.

Thank you for your years of service and we certainly hope you will visit us again.

# Prize Givings

The Prize Giving is extremely important to attend. This is where we honour your children for the progress they have made throughout the year.

**NB: At the end of your child's Prize Giving they will go home which ends their term and year.**

**Please make the necessary travel arrangements if your child is in a lift club.**

## **Primary School**

**Compulsory Day**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 08h15**

**Intermediate & Senior Class**

**End of Term 4 & year for Primary School**

**No more than four family members are permitted to attend for social distancing.**

**Primary School are to wear full summer uniform, no tracksuits or jerseys will be worn in the hall, but if cold they may wear a tracksuit top to school.**

## **High School**

**Compulsory Day**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 08h30**

**Grade 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12**

**End of Term 4 & year for High School**

**No more than two family members are permitted to attend for social distancing.**

**The High School to wear full winter uniform.**

**Please ensure all buttons are sewn onto the blazers for the High School, shoes are polished, hair is neat and the uniform is clean.**

**I look forward to seeing our Parents at the Prize Giving.**

# Calendar of Events

## November

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Waltons Stationery Collections	Parents to collect
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Donations for School Caretakers	Final collection
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year End Braai	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Prize Giving – Intermediate and Senior Class <b>End of Term 4 for Primary School</b>	08h15 to 09h15
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	High School Prize Giving – Grade 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 <b>End of Term 4 for High School</b>	08h30 to 10h00

**Please check the newsletter weekly for any changes to the calendar**

Be safe and please take care.

Special regards,

**Mrs Wendy Hicks**  
**Managing Director**