



Sparkle like a diamond

WYNBERG GIRLS' JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



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11 JANUARY 2012

A huge 'welcome back' all our students for the 2012 academic year.

A special welcome to our 70 Grade R students who enjoyed their very first day at Wynberg Girls'.

Our 95 Grade 1's arrived with enthusiasm and energy this morning. It was noted that several moms and dads however were rather teary as they set their daughters on the paths of the formal school career. The girls were confident and excited about their first day at big school.

We have a number of new girls who have joined us from grade 2 to 7 and we welcome them as well.

Staffing

The staff returned positive and filled with vigour and enthusiasm. We welcome the following new staff to Wynberg Girls:



Miss Maegan Coppin - Support Teacher

Miss Jane Simonsen - Support Teacher

Miss Sarah van Deventer – Gr R3

Miss Ashleigh Jackson – Gr 1 J

Miss Jo-Anne Cawood – Gr 3 C

Miss Tarryn Witney – Gr 3W

Miss Mandy Longe – Gr 4 L

Mr Dayne Williams – Gr 7W

Miss Nikita Joubert – Gr 7J

Mrs Colleen Hart – Head of Music

Mrs Jenny September – Senior Aftercare.

For 2011 our focus was "Educate to expect Excellence" and during the year we discovered how talented and capable our girls and teachers really are. The unearthing of the gems has led us to our focus for 2012 which is

"Sparkle like a Diamond".

The challenge this year is for each girl to make use of every opportunity she has and to SHINE.

No doubt, you as parents wonder about your role in this regard. We will provide you with lessons to ensure that your child will sparkle in 2012.

Lesson 1

Drop and Drive

Your child is precious, and so are 660 other girls who attend WGJS. The parking bays on the school side of Aliwal Road before the main entrance gates will now become a "Kiss and Go" zone. Parents are requested to park beyond the gates or on the opposite side of the road should they wish to park for a longer time.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN DRIVEWAYS, EXITS OR ENTRANCES TO THE FLATS AROUND THE SCHOOL.

Lesson 2

Get involved.

If you want your child to do well at school make sure homework is done each day. Rearrange your schedule to make time to work with your child.

A successful child usually has parents in the background who are involved in every aspect of their schooling.

Lesson 3

Healthy living means healthy diet and the right amount of exercise. Please ensure that all girls eat a balanced breakfast and bring a healthy lunch pack to school. Additional water is essential in the summer heat.

Bright children are not born – they are grown.

Tuckshop

This year our focus is on healthy eating and we are excited to announce that we have joined forces with The Heart and Stroke Foundation of South Africa as part of their School Tuckshop Programme.

Please visit our tuckshop regularly for exciting new menu changes and be sure to complete a Tuckshop Pre-order Form, which will be going home on Monday 16 January 2012, and return it to the Finance Office by no later than Thursday 19 January 2012 with payment to ensure that your daughter can receive the benefits of this wonderful new initiative.

Communicator

To our new families, regular communication is vital. Please collect a Communicator CD from the front office which can be installed on your computer. The information is updated regularly in order to keep you informed about various school related issues.

Uniform Matters

We encourage you to ensure that your daughter wears her uniform correctly from the beginning of the new academic year.

At no time may the academic and sport uniforms be "mixed and matched". If your daughter does not have her full sports uniform at school on any given day, she will not be allowed to participate.

We refer you to the Code of Conduct which you will find at the front of your daughter's homework diary. Please read this carefully and sign in the appropriate place.

2012 Term One Dates

Today you will also receive a calendar of events relating to Term One.

Please place it on your fridge or diarise dates that are applicable to your daughter.

Meet the Teachers Evening

Grade R-3: Wednesday 18th at 19h00

Grade 4-7: Thursday 19th at 19h00

You are encouraged to attend this important meeting when you will be informed by the teachers of the school's expectations for both your daughter and yourself during this year.

House Day

Friday 20th January is House Day. Could your daughter please wear a T-shirt relating to the colour of her house together with her gym shorts and tackies.

Silverlea –Blue

Kirsten—Green

Cavanagh—Red

Constantia—Yellow



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Quote for the week:



Why did God create diamonds?
Perhaps to have an example in our lives of the value and preciousness of the soul; a soul that lies deeply embedded in rock and which, when it emerges, shines with unprecedented brilliance and fire.

Be a dynamic diamond.
Have purpose.

Wishing you a wonderful year.

Dee Cawcutt

Principal