



Dear Parents

We must look back at 2020 with compassion. With over 32 years service in education, I must admit that 2020 was one of the most difficult years.

Together with the pandemic we have faced a magnitude of issues and our tolerance levels were tested way beyond the normal. Trying to deal with all aspects within safety rules proved to be a different ball game as the playing field changed daily.

Combining all platforms to serve education was not always successful. Let me assure you that the old way of teaching and dealing with learning was not only missed but it's real value was again realized without doubt. We can however only focus on what we have control over and even that proved to be a challenge.

We have learnt some valuable lessons and we can take a few with us into the future. It's a certainty that opinions will differ but our learners had a better academic year than the majority of learners. We have already identified the areas which will need support and are planning on how to address it and ensure success. We did not compromise on our standards, mistakes and all, we kept our high standard which is well respected.

We are sending our Grade 7's off well prepared and we will follow their progress in high school, as we always do, and believe that they will excel. They missed out on many aspects of their final year but the bottom line is; they completed the academic year, they are healthy, they are alive and they are going to the high school of their choice.

All our children missed out on opportunities and we had to compromise many aspects to ensure we dealt with this pandemic safely. As staff we refuse to entertain negativity, we focus on the positive aspects and we kept on serving to the best of our ability.

We believe that positive living is the hope for the future. Let us move on to 2021 and take the bull by the horns. Luckily the Blue Bulls are doing well!!

We will deal with 2021 as best we can, currently it is still the same as in 2020. We hope and pray for the lifting of the state of emergency but it is not in our hands. We have planned for both scenarios and it took a huge effort as we need to be ready well in advance.

Safety will always be first and patience is the way to deal with it. Strict control with all aspects will not be compromised and should the toys land outside the cot, so be it. Athletics is possible and the other sport codes will follow as and when they can do so, within the safety rules - if not we will not even attempt to do so.

Demanding, threatening and bad mouthing will not see us compromise safety. We will stick to what we can do within the safety regulations. We understand all aspects, the challenges at home, the financial implications, the stress, the worries, the nitty gritty and also the "just had it!" We are dealing with it all, we are facing them and we have even more to cope with as our family is a thousand plus strong.

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Sunshine greetings

M DE VRIES
Principal



Geagte Ouers

Ons moet met deernis op 2020 terugkyk. Ek staan al meer as 32 jaar in diens van die onderwys en ek moet erken dat 2020 een van die moeilikste jare is wat ek nog beleef het.

Saam met die pandemie het 'n magdom ander aangeleenthede ons verdraagsaamheidsvlakke tot die uiterste beproef. Om alle aspekte binne veiligheidsmaatreëls te hanteer, was uiters uitdagend aangesien die speelveld daaglik verander het.

Om die leisels bymekaar te hou en onderwys te dien, was nie altyd geslaagd nie. Ek kan u versesker dat ons die eertydse wyses waarop onderrig en onderwys hanteer is, terdeë gemis het. Ons het net weer die onbetwisbare waarde hiervan besef. Ons kan egter slegs op dit fokus waaroor ons beheer het en selfs dit is 'n uitdaging.

Ons het beslis 'n paar waardevolle lesse geleer wat ons saam met ons die toekoms kan inneem. Daar sal beslis mense wees wat van ons verskil, maar dit is 'n feit dat ons leerlinge 'n beter akademiese jaar as die oorgrote meerderheid leerlinge beleef het. Ons het reeds die probleemgebiede waar ondersteuning benodig word, geïdentifiseer en ons sal dit aanspreek en sukses behaal. Ons het nie ons standaard ingeboet nie, ons het foute begaan, maar ons het die hoë standaard wat deur almal gerespekteer word, gehandhaaf.

Ons Gr 7-leerlinge is deeglik voorberei, ons sal soos gewoonlik hul vordering op hoërskool monitor en ons glo dat hulle sal uitblink. Hulle moes baie hoogtepunte van hul finale jaar prysgee, maar die kern van die saak is dat hulle hul akademiese jaar voltooi het, hulle is gesond, hulle lewe en hulle gaan na die hoërskool van hul keuse.

Al ons kinders het geleenthede misgeloop en ons moes baie aspekte inboet om te verseker dat ons die pandemie veilig kon hanteer. Ons as personeel het geweier om ons oor te gee aan negatiwiteit, ons het op die positiewe aspekte bly fokus en ons beste moontlike diens gelewer.

Ons glo 'n positiewe leefwyse is ons hoop op die toekoms. So kom ons pak die bul by die horings in 2021. Gelukkig is die Bulle op die wenpad!!

Ons beplan so goed as wat ons kan vir 2021. Op hierdie stadium bly alles dieselfde as in 2020. Ons hoop en bid dat die noodtoestand afgelas sal word, maar dit is buite ons beheer. Ons het met groot moeite vir albei situasies beplan en alles is reeds in plek geplaas.

Veiligheid bly 'n prioriteit en verdraagsaamheid is die wagwoord. Streng beheer sal steeds toegepas word, ten spyte van moontlike kritiek. Atletiek kan voortgaan en die ander sportsoorte sal volg sodra dit met veiligheid teruggebring kan word, andersins sal ons dit nie eers probeer doen nie.

Eise, dreigemente en slegsê sal ons nie oorreed om veiligheid in te boet nie. Ons sal doen wat ons kan, binne die veiligheidsmaatreëls. Ons het begrip vir alle aspekte, die uitdagings tuis, die finansiële implikasies, die spanning, die sorg, die kwellings, die probleme en ook die gevoel van "genoeg is genoeg!" Ons hanteer dit, ons trotseer die storm en ons het selfs meer hooi op ons vurk, want ons familie is 'n duisend man sterk.

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