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Unicorn News

Delighted

I am delighted that we decided to open and stay open. Not an easy choice when weighing up the pros and cons, but it has gone off relatively problem free. I am also delighted that the numbers of both those infected and those becoming infected are falling in the country. This will ease the stress on an already overburdened health system – which is excellent news for our country. It also means that we can try and introduce some form of normality for our staff and pupils. The President has made it clear that we need to try and get the economy back on track and to do this, people need to go back to work. In an ideal world, I suppose, having one parent at home to help with online teaching would be great, but the reality is that both parents work these days.

Our pupils have enjoyed coming back to school. I would like to thank the parents who have heeded the calls from their doctors and health care professionals, to observe any and all isolation and quarantine periods.

So, to help keep things improving, let us all...



Compliance

We are also very proud to announce that Unicorn Preparatory has been issued with our 2021 COVID-19 certificate of compliance.

Cultural Chit Chat

The ATKV has invited us to participate in their annual ATKV Redenaars Kompetisie. The entry fee is R200 per child, and the closing date is 26 February 2021. Please contact Mrs du Preez for further information.

Veritas Speech Competition

The Veritas Speech Competition information afternoon is still going ahead as planned. Mrs Anriette van Wyk and Mrs Martinette Muller, both experts in the field of public speaking, will facilitate this session. All Grade 1 to 7 parents whose children are interested in participating in the Veritas Speech Competition must email Mrs du Preez by noon tomorrow. This will enable us to prepare the Hall in advance and adhere to COVID-19 regulations.

Sports Craze

Despite the devastating effect that Covid-19 has had on sports last year, our Unicorn blessings proved that you can overcome anything if love something enough. A huge congratulations goes out to the following pupils who have qualified for the swimming Level galas (South African hosted galas). The following swimmers have obtained qualifying times for this season:

Dario Wasley



Achieved Limpopo colours in Biathlon during the 2019/20 season.
Qualified for Level 3

Theunis Botha



- Achieved Limpopo colours in Biathlon during the 2019/20 season

Josh Kuisis



- Qualified for Level 2

Notices:

- **Cupcake delivery**

We have allowed birthday cupcakes to be brought to school, as long as they are covered by plastic wrapping. We understand that it is difficult for children to carry these cupcakes from the car but there are teachers on duty who can help. If you are ordering your cupcakes from an external supplier, these suppliers may bring the cupcakes, covered, directly to the front office. They need to adhere to the protocols set out by the school as well.

Sport Vision Lessons

Sandi Wood will be offering Sports Vision lessons on Wednesday afternoons for the Foundation Phase pupils. Sports Vision therapy helps to elevate the child's all-round sporting and visual abilities necessary to lead to peak performance. In light of the fact that flyers are not permitted to be distributed in hard copy at the moment, the application form can only be accessed electronically. Please click the link below (in PDF format) if you wish to register your child for sports vision therapy or if you would like further information.

Friendly reminder...

IF your child presents with the following please do NOT send him/her to school



Temperature exceeding 37.5 degrees Celsius



Sore throat



Persistent dry cough



Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing



Loss of smell and taste



If you are aware that your child has been in contact with any positive Covid-19 cases, please seek medical advice before sending him/her back to school.

Knowingly exposing others to Covid19 is an act of crime.

If your child has either been diagnosed or presents with symptoms of COVID-19, please avoid sending him/her to school until he/she has been isolated in accordance with the Department of Health Guidelines. The pupil may return to school after 10 days quarantine and it is not necessary to be re-tested.

Regards,

Ian Houston
Headmaster

