



Dear Parents

I am sure that parents, pupils and teachers are all very pleased to welcome the arrival of our long overdue summer holiday. Once again it has been a very active and busy year and we wait in anticipation for the matric results from our class of 2013. We are fully confident that they will do themselves and the School proud.

Year-end Reports:

Grade 9 reports include two end-of-year marks. In the column under "Final" we have printed the official Grade 9 promotion results based on 75% School-based Assessment (SBA) and 25% Final November Examination, as required by the National Education Department. The last column, "WHS Nov Exam", is the Westerford November examination mark in certain subjects. We believe that this mark is a more accurate indication of what your child should achieve in Grade 10, where greater emphasis is placed on formal examinations.

Top Candidates November 2013 (Alphabetical order):

<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>Grade 9</u>	<u>Grade 10</u>	<u>Grade 11</u>
Yuri Behari-Leak	Jo Ackerman	Meshaan Adelhelm	Sajjaad Ahmed
India-Jane Calland	Muhammad Is-haaq Amien	Farhana Allie	Alexandra Amaler
Kirithi Chetty	Gabrielle Aubin	Kirsten Bloomer	Laurant Balt
Sarah Cranko	Claire Baissac	Jessica Bourn	Kalia Barkai
Gina Cridge	Talia Bernhardt	Grace Brain	Kate Bergh
Anna Dalgliesch	Jacques Blom	Dominique de Villiers	Ryan Broodryk
Ami de Klerk	David Broodryk	Olivia de Villiers	Boros Bubla
Helen Dugmore	Hannah Harrison-Saayman	Aminah Emeran	Joshua Bürgener
Rebecca Edmunds	Katherine Hartzenberg Aeroe	Emil Frieslaar	Fatima Docrat
Laeqah Kassiem	Saara Ismail	Gina Hendrickse	Lisa Horn
Nicholas Lambrecht	Aneesa Kathree	Sarah Lay	Melissa Jenkins
Lindiwe Malefane	Jaime Lehman	Cara Noble	Taskeen Kaskar
Jean Pierre Pellissier	Mira Naicker	Uzair Manack	Cathryn McDougall
Alyssa Schäfer	Shriya Naidoo	Gabrielle Mühlberg	Taariq Parker
Emily Shay	Lara Slabber	Ishani Patel	Miguel Pereira
Mia Todd	Jenna Smith	Caron Rademan	Shilpa Ranchod
Pia Truscott	Sanjiv Ranchod	Julian Ranchod	Georgia Rowley
Joshua von Zeil-Singer	Cayley Tarr	James Robertson	Shazia Soday
Kirsten Welp	Darren Thomas	Larissa Titus	Victoria Sproat
Caitlin Woode-Smith	Kade Tissink	Shea Wells	Ruby Versveld
Angelo Yeo	Mu-aath Upadhey	Kelly Williams	



## Matric Results:

We have been informed by the Western Cape Education Department that the Matric results will be released to schools on Tuesday 7 January 2014 and that they can be released to candidates only at 12:00 on that day. We will post them on the doors outside the Noel Taylor Hall at 12:00. **Please note that candidates will no longer receive their results in the post.** Results will be published in the press and the WCED website on Tuesday 7 January at 15:00. The WCED website address is <http://wced.wcape.gov.za>. Candidates will have to enter their examination number and their ID number. The MEC for Education will release the Provincial results on Tuesday 14 January at 10:00 at a press briefing.

## Farewells and Welcomes:

This year, unfortunately for us, we take leave of three of our teaching staff members. Firstly, **Mrs Lucy Nixon** leaves us to await the arrival of their first child early next year. We wish her well in this very exciting stage of her life. **Mrs Stella Granville** has decided to join her aging mother in the UK next year and **Mr Paul Maree** will be taking up a Mathematics teaching post at COSAT in Khayalisha next year.

They will be replaced respectively by **Ms Anne McLaren**, who comes with a number of years teaching experience at Pretoria Boys' High School, **Mr Alexandre Merciris**, a French National educated in the UK and **Mrs Biddy Glenday**, a very experienced Mathematics teacher. We welcome these teachers to Westerford and trust that their stay with us will be both stimulating and rewarding.

We also say farewell to our lab technician, **Mr John Jonathon**, who retires at the end of this year.

## OWA Reunion in London

At the end of November this year Mr Broster and I were very privileged to attend the fourth get-together of Old Westerfordians in London. The first function held four years ago was a bit of an experiment but successful enough to justify the continuation of the event. This year there was, once again, overwhelming support for it to become an annual event. The enthusiasm and vibe were very exciting. Please refer to the newsletter on the web for a full report.

## Uniform

Please ensure that your son/daughter arrives at school on Wednesday 15 January in the correct, formal summer uniform. Also please help us by ensuring that appearance and grooming are appropriate for the first day back at school.

## Term Dates 2014

Please be reminded that our term dates for the first semester of next year have been adjusted. Important dates are as follows:

**Wed 15 January: School starts with an assembly in the Noel Taylor Hall at 8:00 am**

Wed 15 Jan to Thur 20 Mar 10 school weeks

Fri 21 Mar to Mon 24 Mar 4-day mid-term break

Tue 25 Mar to Thur 17 Apr 4 school weeks

Fri 18 Apr to Sun 4 May 17-day Westerford School Holiday

Mon 5 Apr to Fri 27 Jun 8 school weeks

We trust that this will be a most enjoyable break and that you will make the best of the time with your children. To those travelling we wish you well and safe travels.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.

God Bless

Rob le Roux

Dear Parents

### Future IT situation at Westerford

Recently there has been much speculation and debate around the rapidly escalating developments in IT in schools and the roll-out of devices such as tablets and lap-tops to pupils.

At Westerford we are doing extensive research and investigation into the matter and would like to report on our progress so far. At this stage we believe there are three aspects to be dealt with:

1. Connectivity
2. Involvement of teachers.
3. Involvement of pupils.

We are adamant that before any system is introduced we need to be convinced that decisions are made on definite, sound, educational grounds, not because it is the fashion, because it is the trend or because other schools are going a particular route.

#### 1. Connectivity:

We believe this is crucial to the success of ANY roll-out and we have, therefore, concentrated initially on this. The following have been secured:

- a) Through a company called Teraco, based in the Great Westerford building, we have installed a fibre-optic cable which allows us a high speed, reliable internet connection with the capability of a 100 Mb per sec connection. (Not dependent on Telkom's exchange connectors). This connection service is provided free of charge by Teraco.
- b) We have signed a contract with MWeb as our service provider and we will then be receiving 6 Mb per sec (uncontended) initially. This will be monitored and upgrades are available. The cost will be an ongoing negotiation but MWeb have given us the benefit of e-rates.
- c) We are in the process of experimenting with our wi-fi access and at the moment have wi-fi available in the following;
  - i) Admin/Front Office.
  - ii) Staff Workroom.
  - iii) Library.
  - iv) Pupil eCafe in Room 32.

Ultimately it should be possible to have full, high speed connectivity throughout the whole school so that, potentially, all pupils can connect simultaneously.

Whilst this may be desirable ... is it practical? Is it necessary? Is it affordable?

#### 2. Involvement of Teachers:

We believe that it is an accepted fact that we need to equip each teacher with whatever he/she needs to enhance his/her teaching, so as to give the pupils the best possible education.



To do this we will need to get information from each teacher, supply the necessary equipment/device, and ensure that the teacher is suitably trained.

This is a priority and needs to happen immediately.

### 3. Involvement of Pupils:

This needs thorough investigation, careful consideration and a certain degree of caution. We must guard against jumping on the bandwagon and then regretting our actions later.

So, the questions that we are posing and grappling with and seeking answers for at the moment are the following:

- a) Do we go Android or iOS, i.e. effectively Samsung or Apple?
- b) Do we supply a "device" to each incoming Grade 8 at a cost of approximately R1 million per year? (R 5 000 per child).
- c) Do we expect all incoming Grade 8s to have their own devices and, if so, do we specify what device?
- d) Do we equip a "trolley" or two with approximately 30 devices per trolley to be passed around the school?
- e) Do we operate on a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) system?
- f) How long can we expect a device to last?
- g) Who will be responsible for upkeep and maintenance?
- h) Who will carry the insurance?

### 4. Conclusion:

The first major advancement is that we have employed an additional IT expert to lead us through 2014. Mr Douglas Hobson, who starts on 1 February 2014, has been tasked to do the necessary research so that we can make educated decisions.

We believe that 2014 is going to be a very exciting as far as IT development is concerned and we would like to reassure you that no decisions will be taken without full Board of Governor involvement and without the best educational interest of our pupils at heart.

Yours sincerely

Rob le Roux  
December 2013



## Lost Property

We recently had our quarterly clean-out of the lost property room and it was a particularly large one. The room was overflowing with items collected since the start of the fourth term. Here is a picture of about 9 full black bin bags of lost items. These items are mostly unlabelled school uniform items. Some brand new. That's a lot of clothes. All these clothes are washed and sent to the second-hand clothing store where they get sold back to the pupils. In addition to all the school uniform we also collect boxes full of stationery and casual clothes that all get donated to our sister school Intlanganiso in Kayalitsha.



We want to take this opportunity to ask you PLEASE to ensure that when you or your little darlings return to school next that **every single item is clearly labelled with a name and surname**. It is in fact a school rule that for example the following items have to be labelled: school blazer, jersey, dress, pants, shirts, shoes... i.e. all uniform items.

Thank you, Lost Property Committee

## Garb Gingerbread Man Decorating

Sweets, icing and sprinkles: all the ingredients you need to dress up your "man" and then eat him afterwards.

Going along with their Halloween theme, Garb hosted a Gingerbread Man decorating event on Thursday the 7th of November 2013. Those who took part were given a biscuit in the shape of a gingerbread man to decorate with different coloured icing, sweets and sprinkles. All the participants enjoyed the decorating and eating, as well as the sugar rush.

*Thabile Majodina*



## Thank you!

Aren't these knitted blankets fantastic!

Eleven blankets have been given to a home for abandoned and abused women and children.

Grateful thanks to all those moms, grannies and staff members who knitted the squares. Please continue to knit as this is an ongoing project.





## Claremont High School

Westerford raised R1260 in the Cabaret 2013 DVD fundraising drive (where we invited buyers of the DVD to make voluntary contributions) for Claremont High School. We imagined it might go towards putting on a Claremont High School production but obviously they will put it to where it's needed most!

Thank you to all who contributed.

### FEES 2014

Fees may be paid in one of the following ways:

One payment of **R26,000.00** representing a **R1, 000** discount on the annual fees if paid **by 28 February 2014**;

One payment of **R27,000.00** if paid **after 28 February 2014**;

**Ten monthly** payments by **Debit Order** of **R2, 700.00**;

**Twelve monthly** payments by **Debit Order** of **R2,250.00**;

**Four quarterly** payments of **R6,750.00** payable at the **start** of each term;

**10 or 12 monthly direct** payments at the **beginning** of each month.

When making payment, please note that cheques must be made out to **Westerford High School**, and should be attached to the tear-off Remittance Advice slip from your statement. **If depositing directly, please give your name and school account number as your reference** so that your account can be credited correctly. It would be appreciated if all large cash payments were deposited directly into the school's account:

**Westerford High School, Standard Bank Rondebosch , Branch Code: 02 5009,**

**Account: 07 151 0176, Swift Address: SBZA ZA JJ (international deposits)**

**Ref: Your school account (or your child's name)**

### **DEBIT ORDERS**

As the School has to upload Debit Orders by the **25<sup>th</sup> of each month**, changes to banking details must be made before that date. Debit Orders are put through parents bank accounts on the **last working day** of each month, starting on **31 January 2014**. Forms may be collected from the Bursars' office

### **FEE EXEMPTIONS**

Parents who feel that they are unable to pay their full fees should make application for an Exemption of Fees form as soon as possible. **Application forms will be available from the Bursar, Mrs Williams, from 13 January 2014**. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence, but are only considered if there is a **full disclosure** of all income. **Applications will close on 28 February 2014**.



## Thank you

Thank you to all the parents who so generously sent flowers and who gave the school a monetary donation for flowers for the year. Not only did they brighten up our office, staff room and entrance, but contributed to the many functions we had this year where flowers were part of the decoration.

# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Matric results issued	8	9	10	11
12	13 Educators return	14 7.30–12.00 Text book collection	15 Pupils return	16	17	18 Prefects camp →
19 →	20	21	22	23 Gr 8 Social	24 Orchestra/ band camp →	25
26 →	27	28	29	30	31 Cyclathon Staff social	

## Domestic worker available

Sadly, our family has to relocate in 2014.

I am looking for a family to employ our domestic worker, NANA for 2/3 days per week. She works for another family on the other days. A most efficient, reliable and trustworthy person. I have references if required.

**Melony Nieuwenhuys** [melnie@mweb.co.za](mailto:melnie@mweb.co.za)



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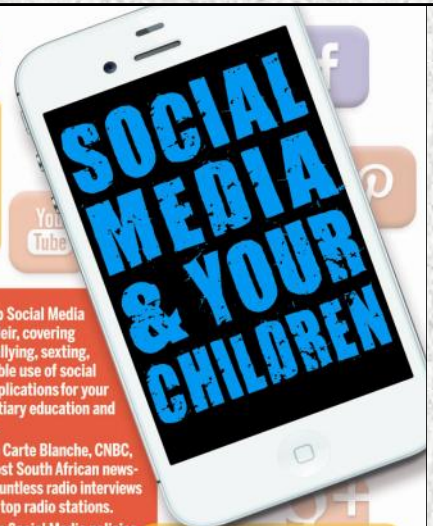
### STELLENBOSCH EVENT

(open to all parents from all schools)  
22 January 2014 : 6 pm  
Rhenish Girls High School Hall

### CAPE TOWN EVENT

(open to all parents from all schools)  
23 January 2014 : 6 pm  
SACS Junior School Hall

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**CAMP YOGO** is an American-type summer camp for youth in grades 4-12 and will take place during the December school holidays. It will be filled with fun and adventure but also full of God and will be held at Back2Basics Adventure campsite. It promises to be an amazing experience so do not miss out. For more information regarding the camp contact **Keenan (OW 2006)** on [info@campyogo.co.za](mailto:info@campyogo.co.za) or you could visit our website at <http://campyogo.co.za/>.

**Family Home Wanted:** New Westerfrd family relocating from Durban in January is looking for a home to rent close to Westerford. Please contact Susie on [076 653 7052](tel:0766537052)

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Group	Contact
Adolescents Grade 8 & 9	Tracey 083 440 7992
Adolescents Grade 10-12	Anthea 082 929 7595
Bereavement	Shiralee 072 175 1383
Divorce	Shiralee 072 175 1383
General Psychotherapy	Monica 021 794 1577
Group Analysis	Thea 076 901 8709
Health Professionals Meet	Lily 082 413 7729
In-betweens Grade 6 & 7	Dave 021 762 3561
New Moms	Linda 021 685 6172
Single Moms	Monica 021 7941577
Skills for Managing Emotion	Kim 076 940 6919
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Women in Mid-Life (50+ yrs)	Lily 082 413 7729
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