



WESTERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Parents

1. THIRD TERM REPORTS:

You will have received your child's Third Term reports. Please note that, with the exception of the Matrics, the report contains marks compiled from third term tests and assignments only – no full scale exam. To monitor your child's progress, marks need to be compared with the grade averages.

Should you need to contact a teacher in connection with your child's academic performance, please do not hesitate to use the email route.

The Matrics now start preparing for their finals which commence on Monday 22 October. Look out for these names amongst the provincial Merit list at the end of the year; they are our top 24 candidates, all with aggregates of over 88%.

Luca Bell
Lara Dalberg
Liam Gurney
Kim Jaeyoon
Karl Meyer-Rodenbeck
Romy Searll
Simon van Riel
Sarah Woolard

Nicholas Bossi
Tess Derrick-Sleigh
Emily Holmes
Aileen Lee
Arin Naidu
Sarah Slabbert
Luke van Wyk
Dalya Zimbler

Samantha Carletti
Chris Gautschi
Jenna Jones
Hannah McDougall
Megan Pinder
Devlin Trafford
Jake Wesselink
Gabriel Zühlke

2. HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:

There is a fair amount of activity taking place during this short holiday period.

Our Girls' 1st Water Polo Team participated in a prestigious tournament for girls' teams hosted by Reddam House, last weekend. They are due to join the Boys' 1st Team at the annual National Co-Ed Schools' Tournament, this year being held in George, during the latter part of the holiday. They will be accompanied by Mrs Mather and Mr Voerman.

The 1st Cricket Team this year host the annual Cape Youth Cricket Festival. Their matches are against Alexander Road, Muir College, Graeme College and Grey High School; Mr Anderson will be with them during the duration of the festival.

Our Transkei hikers take on the breathtaking Transkei hills and beaches. This is the annual hike that our senior isiXhosa classes take on to improve their isiXhosa communication skills. As usual they will be accompanied by Mr Dugmore, and once again, included will be a visit to Zithulele where a large group of Old Westerfordians are doing sterling work in the hospital and with Axium Education.

We also have a group doing a canoeing trip on the Orange River. They will be accompanied by Mr Hutton-Squire and Ms McLaren.

Mrs Mather and Mr Niekerk travel to China along with two of our pupils Sinjin Fanner and Anastasios du Plessis, to visit and strengthen relationships with our partner school in Tianjin. Their trip will include a few days being hosted by the TFLS and a tourist leg to Beijing.

A large group of our Grade 10 pupils will be on a World Challenge expedition to Morocco. They will be accompanied by Mr Daniel, Mr Thompson, Mrs Bosman and Mrs Johnson.

3. CELEBRATION AND VALEDICTORY:

Our annual **Celebration Evening** takes place in the first week of next term, on Thursday 11 October in the Noel Taylor Hall at 19h00. The next morning, Friday 12 October, we say farewell to the Matrics at the very moving **Valedictory Function**. They then start their finals on Monday 22 October.

4. BUDGET 2018:

This is an early notification of the very important Budget 2019 meeting that will take place in the Noel Taylor Hall on Tuesday 20 November starting at 19h00. This is where the full budget for 2019 must be approved, but, more importantly, the school fees for 2019 need to be set. Please make every effort to be part of this vital decision-making process.

5. YEAR END:

Our exams end officially on Wednesday 22 November, however, **the official last day of school is Wednesday 12 December**. Please be reminded that it is a Departmental requirement that **ALL** pupils attend school up to, and including, Wednesday 12 December.

6. MAIN EVENTS:

OCTOBER

Tues 9	School Opens
Thurs 11	CELEBRATION in the Noel Taylor Hall at 19h00
Fri 12	VALEDICTORY
Sat 13	Claremont High School Celebration and Prize-Giving in the Noel Taylor Hall at 14:00
Tues 16	Matric Art Exhibition Opening
Mon 22	Matric Exams start
Tues 23	4 th Quarterly Music Concert

NOVEMBER

Mon 5	Grade 8 to 11 exams begin
Tues 20	Budget PTA Meeting
Tues 27	Carol Service at 19h30 in the Southern Centre

DECEMBER

Wed 12	Last day for Pupils
Fri 14	Last day for Staff

Wishing everyone a very pleasant and well deserved holiday.



Rob le Roux
HEADMASTER