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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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From Mr Maartens's Desk

Thank you, Chelsea Preparatory

Thank you, once again, to all our parents who supported the School by participating in the School Governing Body Elections this week. As a school, we are immensely proud of the fact that we had the support of 330 Chelsea parents who arrived to vote on Tuesday. This was a remarkable achievement and I wish to express my gratitude to all parents who cast their vote in this year's election. The School Governing Body is a Statutory Body of parents, educators and non-educators who work together to promote the well-being and effectiveness of our entire school community and for this reason it was important that as many people as possible were involved in electing the new School Governing Body.

Congratulations to Mrs Alison Brown, Mr Duncan McDonald, Mr Sandile Mnguni, Mrs Cathy Whittle, Mr Bradley Herselman, Mr Faizel Cariem, Mrs Sandy Williams and Mrs Gillian Scott who were all re-elected and to Mr Craig Charter and Mrs Helen Bredenkamp who were both elected onto the Board for the first time.

I wish to thank the outgoing members of the Board, Mr Evan McIntosh, Mrs Debbie Maritz and Mrs Pauline Johnston sincerely for their time spent on the Board and for their valuable contributions and service rendered to Chelsea Preparatory School. Mr Evan McIntosh was not available for re-election due to work demands and leaves an incredible legacy behind in his role as Finance Committee Chairman over the past six years. Mr McIntosh played an instrumental role in all the new construction and capital projects in and around the School and needs to be acknowledged for his strong financial leadership over the past six years ensuring that Chelsea remained financially secure even through the most difficult of times.

The new academic year began with 96% of our pupils going online for the first two weeks before schools officially re-opened. I am very grateful to Mr Craig Balt for his involvement in setting up the online platform and to all our class teachers who embraced the online teaching during the two weeks prior to schools re-opening. Should schools, once again, have to close for any reason we are well equipped to switch back to our online platform. The new, gazetted school calendar still provides for the required 40 weeks of schooling this year as from the official start on 15 February 2021.

Well done to Mr Cariem and the entire Sport Department for their efforts in ensuring that sport continues to play an important role in our children's lives whilst at school. The Sport Department is to be commended for the creative and ingenious ways in which they have overcome the many obstacles and challenges encountered due to COVID-19 regulations. We look forward to resuming inter-school matches once the amended regulations have been released, and will continue with our internal programme until such time. Unfortunately, as difficult as it is, no spectators are permitted at any sport practices or matches. Please understand that this is not a Chelsea decision but dictated by the Disaster Management Act and the gazetted regulations as received from the Department of Education. We certainly look forward to the day when we can welcome parents and supporters back to the side of our sport fields.



GRANT MAARTENS (Mr)
PRINCIPAL



Events & Fixtures

12 March 2021 - Friday

13h30 to 16h30 – U9A vs U9B Cricket

13 March 2021 - Saturday

07h00 to 08h30 - Mini Netball U8 & U9

CPL - Leopards vs Tigers

08h00 to 12h00 - CPL – Cricket & Netball

17 March 2021 - Wednesday

Grade 3 – Ushaka visits Grade 3

19 March 2021 - Friday

Junior Campus – Hair Check

21 March 2021 - Sunday

Human Rights Day

22 March 2021 - Monday

Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL

23 March 2021 - Tuesday

Grade 2 - Rainforest day and show

24 March 2021 - Wednesday

Senior Campus Class & Individual Photos

14h15 to 15h45 - CPL – Gala No. 2

25 March 2021 - Thursday

CPL - Leopards vs Tigers

14h15 to 17h30 - CPL - Cricket

26 March 2021 - Friday

Grade R - Sunglasses and Sandals Day

Voting for Service Team Leaders

13h30 to 16h30 – U9C vs U9B Cricket

CPL - Leopards vs Tigers

14h00 to 17h00 - CPL - Cricket

Dates and times are subject to change.

“Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it.” Lao Tzu



Our EcoKidz and Eco Warriors Making a Difference

Junior and Senior Campus Pupils getting involved in their veggie gardens

From the Junior Campus, Chelsea Eco Warriors...

An awesome day of fun, learning and laughter was experienced by the Grade 3 learners from Mrs Daniel's class.

From digging the soil, planting seedlings, picking ripe and green tomatoes and chillies to capturing baby snails. The fun in the veggie garden ended with cool refreshing ice cream. It was a lovely day out in the sun.



From the Senior Campus Environmental Service Team, AKA, EcoKidz...

It's a new year and that means new service team members. This year's Environmental Team members are: Jenna Smith, Morgan Williams, Jade Fisher, Shaun Wilson, Miguel Vos, Ayesha Essack, Olivia Seed, Sara Clement, Mlimuli Mzimela, Jayden Smith, Chanel Oliver, Jessica De Witt, Yusuf Noor Mahomed and Tayla Prato. We are so excited for this year and have some extremely fun things planned.



After a very long lockdown and very little gardening happening in our veggie garden, we arrived to quite a mess. With a little bit of hard work and team-work, we started to see some progress. It was great being able to add value to our school by making sure the garden is looking great.



Water means different things to different people. World Water Day, 22 March 2021, is about what water means to people, its true value and how we can better protect this vital resource. The Chelsea EcoKidz would like to challenge and encourage the **whole Chelsea Family** to be more conscious of how much water we use.

Easter is almost here. In order for us to raise funds for the upgrade of our garden we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Egg raffle. Tickets will cost R5 per person. More info to follow...

Shirley, The Eco-Squirrel has loved watching boys and girls, moms and dads arrive and leave school this week. Check out the message Shirley has for you in the mornings and afternoons.

From the EcoKidz 2021, we would like to wish you all a happy year.

"I felt my lungs inflate with the onrush of scenery – air, mountains, trees and people. I thought, 'This is what it is to be happy'" Sylvia Plath



The Values under the spotlight are:

Kindness
Make a Difference
Environmental Awareness

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