

End of Term 1 Newsletter



Be the Best that You can Be

From the desk of the Headmaster

Dear Cedarwood Parents

We arrive at the end of the first term of 2017 having had one of the longest terms in many years. I am sure that children, teachers and parents alike are ready for a well deserved holiday. May I take this opportunity to wish our Jewish families a blessed Passover and our Christian families a blessed Easter.

This time of year affords everyone, regardless of religious belief, a time to reflect on the meaning of peace and sacrifice. With all the troubles in our country and around the world, I urge our community to take a moment to draw their families closer to them and count their blessings, rather than ponder on sorrows.

Academics

Term 1 has seen substantial development on the academic side of the school. With the opening of the POD, our academic staff have a new resource centre to further expose our children to a variety of tools and sources. The space and what it has to offer has been welcomed and well utilised by staff. As our skills and knowledge about the possibilities of this space expands, we look forward to further use of the centre.

We would like to open up the space for parent usage.

The support department would like to utilise the POD to extend access to learning and support resources for Cedarwood families. The aim is for the POD to become a Toolbox, where parents can use resources to work one-on-one with their child in the POD, as well as receive some input and guidance from a support therapist.

We will begin in the second week of Term 2, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 13h45 to 14h45. There will be two half-hour sessions daily, which parents can book to work with their child. Please email Michelle Servant to book a time on a Monday or Wednesday. mservant@cedarwoodschoo.co.za

As our understanding of learning barriers advances, we seek to employ creative teaching and learning tools to help us help our children. One of the best internationally recognised tools, is the Thinking Schools programme. There are many different thinking skills programmes available, including Thinking Hats, Habits of Mind, Multiple Intelligences and our current practising skill, Thinking Maps. Next term two of our teachers will be attending a Thinking Skills week at Grayston Prep, to equip them to train our teachers to further enhance their teaching skills.

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Academics continued

Further to our academic development, our new support staff have added much value, wisdom and growth to our support department. Our support programmes offer a multitude of approaches to assist our children, no matter what learning barrier they may have. Programs such as RAVE-O (our reading intervention programme), SPIRE (our spelling programme), Nessie (our dyslexia intervention programme), all serve to assist our teachers and children in overcoming barriers which prevent them from learning optimally.

Although essentially part of our extra mural program, the **Homework Club**, is also part of our support offering. I would like to offer some advice about the nature of this offering and how the school views this offering.

The purpose of **Homework Club** is to assist parents and children with the completion and support of homework. Our staff offer supervision of homework and assistance for the children when required. The staff do not check every child's homework for inaccuracies. They check for completion of homework. It is the role of the teacher to check for inaccuracies the next day and to remediate accordingly. We ask that parents read to/with their children every evening, Monday to Friday.

Parent Forum : The Evolution of Sport at Cedarwood

Thank you to Antjie Mynhardt for her valuable input during the recent forum on sport at Cedarwood. A number of interesting points to consider were raised. I will give full feedback next term.

Please do look at the calendar for the next parent forum. These meetings give the school great insight into the needs and opinions of our parent community.

Calendar and Extra Mural roster

Attached to this newsletter is the Term 2 Calendar, the 2018 Term dates and the Term 2 Extra Mural roster. Please select an extra mural activity by ticking one off on the roster return the roster to your child's teacher at the start of the new term.

All of these notifications will be available on the school's website.

Have a restful break.

Mr D Bester
Headmaster

Cedarwood Preparatory

12 April 2017

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ENPOINTE DANCE BOUTIQUE

PRESENTS

WEEK 3 - 8
WEEK 24 - 29
APRIL



HOLIDAY DANCE WORKSHOP
COME JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF DANCE

BALLET | MODERN | TAP | HIP HOP | KARATE
1 TAMCHELE AVE BEVERLY FOURWAYS
LANGHAM LIFESTYLE ESTATE
CONTACT 0636735537
marketing@endpointe.co.za

Summit Soccer School



Come & join us

A Soccer school for boys and girls from the age of 7 onwards.

The programme is aimed at :

- providing opportunities for children to learn fundamental soccer skills.
- More emphasis on fun and enjoyment.
- A step by step guide to learn the following :



Fitness	Heading	Tackling
Rules of the game	Ball control	Goal-keeping
Dribbling	Defending	Team work
Goal-scoring	Positional play	Co-ordination

WHEN : Every Saturday
TIME : 9h00—10h30
VENUE : Summit College Soccer Fields
COST : R100 per session
(Pay as you attend)



For further information, please contact :

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