



CEDARWOOD COLLEGE

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Welcome back message from Cedarwood College Head : Dr Phillip Kotze

At the start of any new year, most teachers and parents are focused on their children returning to classrooms. But what about teachers and parents? We spend time getting prepared, inspired, and motivated for the school year? When adults are equipped with mindsets to facilitate learning, children have a fighting chance of getting a good education!

Cedarwood College encourages parents to be active participant in the educational process of their children. The principle of Ubuntu tells us that it takes village to raise a child. The same applies to education and the pathway to getting pupils ready for the "real world".

"Upon the subject of education," Abraham Lincoln firmly stated, "I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in." In fact, research suggests that **adult support** may be the single most important aspect of how children succeed in school and life.

Cedarwood College views parents and teachers as partners in education. As philosopher George Santayana simply said, "A child educated **only at school** is an uneducated child." When both parents are inspired to facilitate learning too, children are the winners.

It is therefore of the utmost importance that parents, with their children and teacher, ensure that education takes place in a holistic manner and that the same values and principles are enforced at school and at home.

The following quotes have three themes in common:

- ☒ They speak to parents and teachers,
 - ☒ They support research in youth development and education, and
 - ☒ They provide impetus toward adult actions that support learning.
- a. "Education...is painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning,... by praise, but above all -- by example." -- John Ruskin
 - b. "The job of an educator is to teach pupils to see the vitality in themselves." -- Joseph Campbell
 - c. "There are two kinds of teachers: the kind that fills you with so much quail shot that you can't move, and the kind that just gives you a little prod behind and you jump to the skies." -- Robert Frost
 - d. "The greatest sign of success for a teacher/ parent ... is to be able to say, 'my children are now working as if I did not exist.'" -- Maria Montessori
 - e. "Education is not to reform pupils or amuse them or to make them expert technicians. It is to unsettle their minds, widen their horizons, inflame their intellects, teach them to think straight, if possible." -- Robert M.

Hutchins

f. "Teaching children to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best." -- Bob Talber

g. "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." -- Benjamin Franklin

h. "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." -- Anonymous

i. "The important thing in life is not the triumph *but the struggle*." -- Pierre de Coubertin

j. "Creativity is especially expressed in the ability to make connections, to make associations, to turn things around and express them in a new way." --Tim Hansen

k. "Always to see the general in the particular is the very foundation of genius." -- Arthur Schopenhauer

l. "Stay committed to your decisions; but stay flexible in your approach." --Tony Robbins

m. "They may forget what you said but they will never forget how you made them feel." -- Carol Buchner

n. "Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them become what they are capable of becoming." -- Goethe

o. "Every truth has four corners: as a teacher I give you one corner, and it is for you to find the other three." -- Confucius

p. "Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers." -- Josef Albers

q. "Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted... but to weigh and consider." -- Francis Bacon

r. "Let the potential artist in our children come to life that they may surmount industrial monotones and pressures." -- Barbara Morgan

I wish our Cedarwood a fruitful year, filled with new challenges and excitement. Let us all embrace the school's motto and "be the best that we can be".

Dr. Phillip Kotze

A large, elegant cursive script that reads "Thank You". The letters are thick and flowing, with many loops and flourishes, particularly in the 'T' and 'Y'.

A huge 'Thank you' to Deborah Schuurman (Kai—3H) for the fantastic donation of a 3-in-1 printer/copier/scanner, a Xerox Phaser 3100 MFP for the IT Department. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Cedarwood College opened the 2014 sports calendar with an exciting inter-schools swimming gala at Christ Church College on the 23RD of January 2014.

Cedarwood swimmers were amazing.

We managed to grab the 1ST position in the U14 boys 50m breaststroke when Maximus Bartlett(grade 7dc) finished the race in only 39sec. Maddy Fish (grade 8d) completed her U17 girls 50m freestyle in only 40sec and won the race.

Other wonderful performances came from:

- Jessica du Toit Gr 7dc in the U14 girls 50m backstroke
- Kaide Milosovich Gr 9w in the U15 boys 50m backstroke
- Brittany Crisp gr 9w in the U15 girls 50m breaststroke.

Well done guys, the College is very proud of you. Keep it up. Above all be proud of yourselves and keep training hard. Other fixtures to look forward to in this month of February are as follows:

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>VENUE</i>	<i>TIME</i>
06/02/14	CRICKET	ORION COLLEGE	1430HRS
07/02/14	SWIMMING	ORION COLLEGE	1430HRS
10/02/14	SOFTBALL	CEDARWOOD COLLEGE	1430HRS
12/02/14	CHESS	ORION COLLEGE	1430HRS
13/02/14	GHSL SWIMMING GALA	SUMMERHILL COLLEGE	1300HRS
13/02/14	CRICKET	CEDARWOOD COLLEGE	1430HRS
14/02/14	SWIMMING GALA	CEDARWOOD COLLEGE	1430HRS
18/02/14	GHSL SWIMMING GALA	CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE	1400HRS
26/02/14	INTER-HIGH SWIMMING GALA	GREENSIDE COLLEGE	1300HRS
27/02/14	CRICKET	ORION COLLEGE	1430HRS

Please note that the above fixtures might be changed or cancelled for different reasons e.g. the weather.

Byron T Nyariri



On 26/01/14 Hannah Lovell represented Cedarwood at the first SANESA Eventing Qualifier on her horse 'Leopard Tree'. Although she was not placed, she rode well and did the school proud. Well done Hannah!

We would like to wish our Equestrian team the best of luck for the SANESA Core League Qualifier on the 23/02/14 at Kyalami Equestrian Park. Come along and support our riders.

LATEST NEWS

NEEDED URGENTLY AU PAIR with own transport from 13/02/14.

Duties will include fetching my daughter from Cedarwood College after school, extra-mural activities and helping with any errands that need to be done.

Hours are not fixed so flexibility is essential. Please contact Angie Lovell on 0823226959



Congratulations

Well done to Hanyani Mokhare and Luke Gascoigne for completing and passing their 2013 Vocational Pathway elective. We eagerly await their INTEC Customer Relations Management certificates. Hanyani is currently studying Business Events Management, and Luke has left Cedarwood to pursue a career in photography. His rare talent was discovered during workweek in October 2013, when he job shadowed a professional photographer.



Parents are kindly reminded that the College drop-off point is next to the wooden shed (not next to office building).

AFRIKAANS Reading classes available Monday to Wednesday before school 6:00 to 7:15. Classroom no 1. Contact Mrs. P. Ferreira.



My stories begin as letters

My pen is my wonderland.
Word water in my hand.
In my pen is wonder ink.
Stories sing. Stories sink.
My stories loop. My stories stop.
My pen is my wonder mop
Drink letters. Drink my ink.
My pen is blind. My stories blink.

Net vier uit honderd mense beseft
that this poem can be read in Afrikaans and English
Contributed by Mrs A. Grové)

Alumni

big hats-off to Ruth Agortimivor who left Cedarwood in 2012 and has since passed her Matric with university exemption and has registered to study her BA in Human resources at Wits this year.



Book Donation

Thank you to Sonja Piazza-Musso for the book donation to Vocational Pathway 10. It is much appreciated.



Swimming Gala at Christ Church

