



12 July 2024

Dear parents,

Re: Letter from the Head

You have all heard the saying, “dynamite comes in small packages” – I think that our school fits perfectly into that category.

I shared with you over the past few weeks some highlights in an earlier email and I am just amazed at how our students and staff just keep ticking the boxes of tasks and events completed.

I was fortunate to experience our first primary school involvement with Trident College and their annual Music and Sport Festival. The festival started on Friday evening, 28 June, showcasing dancing, music and so much more which included musical performances from the Primary schools. I was particularly proud of how our students presented themselves on and off the stage and our new uniform really stood out. Our students were true ambassadors for our school – well done.

On Saturday morning, 29 July, the festivities continued when the College scheduled its first Primary school Tag-Rugby event that included boys and girls in the Year 5 and Year 6 group, from SKAL, TPK and TPS students. Students were mixed up into different teams, were given their own team T-shirt (various colours for each team) and a team manager represented by students from Trident College.

It was such a fun-filled morning and many parents tuned up to come and support this event. Positive comments all around could be heard from spectators as this really made students feel part of the bigger picture for Trident College. A lot of planning behind the scenes that involved so many people made this such a worthwhile weekend.

I must acknowledge Mr. Sakanyi and Mrs Fourie for taking care of our students over the 2 days. Your time and involvement did not go unnoticed. Well done to all our students for their contributions over the weekend.

Mr. Clarke, our Executive Head and Mr. Dean Seelinger, Trident College CCA Director must be acknowledged for all the arrangements and contributions for involving our primary school in such a wonderful and festive weekend, thank you for including us. I have no doubt that this could become a permanent fixture on the calendar.

Back home, our students have been writing our first End of Unit tests, as prescribed by the Cambridge Curriculum and feedback from the staff is that our students are performing well.

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students will start their preparations soon for their Puma and Pira tests. I wish them all the best.

I am pushing very hard for all students to be dressed in the new uniform by end of Term 2. I am aware that some sizes and the hats are still outstanding, however, the majority of our students have been wearing the new uniform very proudly.

I have been asked to clarify the type of **grey socks** our students must wear. I am including a screenshot of the type of **grey sock** our students can wear with their new uniform. I hope this will clarify any confusion.



The ankle must be covered please. **No low cut, heel shield, secret socks or liner must be worn.**

Two important dates that I need you to take note of will be the Inter-Schools' athletics, that will be hosted by us here at TPK on Friday, 19 July. The event starts at 10:00 until 14h00.

This is a big event on our calendar and around 300 students will be participating on the day. Please come and support us. It promises to be a fun-filled morning.

All TPK staff will be needed on the day, and it has been decided that **Reception and Early Years will not attend school on that morning of 19 July**. Kindly make the necessary arrangements as teachers will be occupied on the field from early morning.

Our school play "Calamity in the Savannah" will be hosted on Friday, 26 July at 18h00. Our student cast has been preparing for this moment for the past month, so please come and enjoy this special evening with us.

Our popular **Polar Bear Challenge** will commence on **Monday 29 July until Thursday 1 August**. This is an opportunity for parents to take on a challenge with their child, in our local club pool and must be completed every afternoon between 17h30 and 18h15. At least 1 parent must be in the water with their child/children. To receive this most prestigious certificate, you must attend all 4 afternoons and registration will be taken. You can swim 2 full lengths of the pool with your child that can swim, or 4 withs of the pool in the shallow end for beginners and they can doggy paddle across or use a pool noodle or kicking board.

Caution! Slow Down! – Please be mindful when entering and leaving the carpark in the morning and afternoons. We have students entering or departing on foot and I need us to always be on the lookout for them please.

Further to our very busy schedule and term planner, please take note of the following important dates:

08-12 July: Year 6: Paper 1 Progression tests for Math, English, Science has been moved to October.

15 July: Kate Cowling visit (AI and IPC workshop from 13h30 – 15h00 academic staff)

15–19 July: Report preparation

19 July: Inter-Schools Athletics (10h00 – 14h00) at TPK sport field

22-26 July: PUMA and PIRA (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

22-26 July: Report editing (edited and uploaded onto Ed-Admin)

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26 July – TPK School Play @ 18h00 “Calamity in the Savannah”

29 July – 1 August Polar Bear Challenge

01 August – Publish reports

02 August – End of Term 2 (school closes at 10:00)

We have a very full and busy schedule lined up until we close for end of term. Please ensure that you diarise these dates and join us on this journey until end of term. On this busy note, I wish you a wonderful weekend ahead.

Jannie Le Roux

Trident College Festival: 28-29 June 2024 - TPK Rising Stars!



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