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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This last month saw us welcome Mr Toby Craig as the Headmaster of the College. I extend my personal best wishes to Mr Craig on his appointment and vow to give him all the support he needs in steering our College to another level of being the premier boys' school in the East Rand.

Another busy term has come and gone at a frenetic pace and a lot has happened during this time.

General Maintenance

The annual *Health and Safety Audit* was successfully conducted on Saturday 1 July and this showed a marked improvement from last year's.

The bottom fields' cricket nets were changed from the old fencing and replaced with black-netting which has been repurposed from the black netting initially used in the Indoor Cricket Centre. The bowling lanes will also be resurfaced.

The facelift of the College hall commenced on 29 July 2023 with the exterior of the hall being given attention. The interior will be painted during the forthcoming school holidays.

A number of classrooms have had light fittings changed to LED.

The June earthquake that was felt in Boksburg affected the Senior Primary School roof and a number of classrooms' ceilings. Repairs will be done during this school break.

Parents College Partnership

The Annual General Meeting of the *Parents College Partnership* was held on 20 July 2023. A number of parents from the three phases of the College attended, and a committee was elected into Office.

The committee is made up of the following parents:

Chairman: Taso Spanos

Vice Chairman: Andy Sennwitz

Secretary: Kerry-Ann Scrase

Treasurer: Palinsa Nulesi Borrageiro

Head of Projects:

Nicholas and Lee-Ann Ryan

Heads of Moms committee:

Junior Primary: Jennifer Sterley

Senior Primary: Megan Groenwald

High School: Sonia Spanos

Head of Dads Committee:

Gerry Jennings

Ryan Stopforth

Committee Members:

Tafadzwa Dzumbunu

Tseliso Mohao

Michelle Dennewill

Congratulations to all the elected members, I wish them a successful tenure in office.

The PCP has already been involved in a number of projects around the College and these include the facelift of the Café at the Indoor Cricket Centre, facelift of the Rugby and Hockey 1st teams change-rooms and the painting of the Matric room, to name but a few of their initiatives. For this we are grateful.

General Policies

All the College policies are being updated and loaded onto a Google Shared Drive and will also be made available on the College website.

New policies have been written, these being:

1. Communication Policy
2. Sponsorship, fundraising and donations policy

Hair Policy

A moratorium was put on the current *Hair Policy* pending review. Seven focus groups meetings of all stakeholders, learners, staff and parents were being held in the last two weeks. I thank all the staff who co-moderated these focus groups and gathered all the information which we will use in reviewing the current policy. A big thank you must also go to all the parents who made time out of their busy schedules to attend these meetings. The policy review process will be wrapped up in September 2023.

A timetable for the review of all the College policies is being drawn up.

Learner Sport Uniform Bid Report

A tender bid was invited from the College community as well as the general public. Four companies tendered their bids.

I chaired a panel comprising three internal staff members and two parents; one from the Parents College Partnership and the other representing the parents across the College to adjudicate the bid process.

It pleases me to congratulate *Earlyworx 769* as the preferred bidder and they will forthwith be manufacturing and supplying the learner sport uniform. The design of this sport uniform will remain the same and the quality improved on. Further information regarding this sport uniform will be relayed to the parents. *Earlyworx 769* is a Boksburg based company and we hope this feat will mutually benefit both parties.

Gym Bid

The College called for formal written bids to supply and manage the College gym and this closed on 4 August 2023.

The gym will operate from Indoor Cricket Centre where there is an area for a gym which is currently used by the learners. The College intends to extend this service to the College community as well. The College looks forward to selecting a service provider for the supply and management of the College gym facility. This process will be concluded at the beginning of term three and operations should commence as soon as the formalities are all wrapped up.

The Project is divided into three key tasks as described below:

- Provide training equipment.
- Operate and maintain the assigned facility.
- Ensure complete safety of users as per applicable statutory guidelines

We envisage that this project will benefit our learners and the College community for years to come. I thank all the teaching and ancillary staff for their hard work this term.

As we take a break for a full month, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support to the College. Enjoy time with your sons. To all of you who are travelling, journey mercies. Kind regards

Asani Phiri

Deputy Headmaster

Member of:

