

Heads Up

- the nuts and bolts for the week -

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Dear Parents

The second week of February

What an interesting and exhilarating #speakSAup last week turned out to be. The talk by Dr Graeme Codrington was an energiser and renewed such hope in our adult hearts for our young people. The disruptive trends in the world of work position our children for any and every opportunity they desire. Is the pathway easy? No. Can we forge it? Yes. If you want to look up more about Graeme and his work, please see <http://graemecodrington.com/>.

Just as exciting was the “check-in” visit from our school leavers of 2017. It was wonderful to see them all and to hear of their various experiences at the different schools they enrolled at. Changed challenges? Yes. All good? Yes.

Snoezelen Training

As many parents are aware, managing sensory integration in our children is a critical point of focus for the Occupational Therapists and, indeed, the full staff. Strategies to support the children are integrated throughout every school day, in every lesson. We are fortunate to enjoy a Snoezelen Room that gives us another tool to tap into when children are modulated with light and ambiance. Two and a half years ago, we started our Snoezelen journey and this week ahead, we will enjoy training again with Dr Michelle Shapiro whom we have brought out from the Beit Izzie Shapiro Centre in Israel. Michelle is a forerunner in the research and application of Snoezelen and guides us carefully, ensuring that we offer effective and appropriately cautious therapy. The training will affect the school day in that the Occupational Therapists and some Educator, Remedial and Speech—Language Therapy staff will be out of the classroom Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Substitution has been arranged if a class teacher is involved. Therapy is paused knowing that the depth of knowledge your child will receive back from Friday can only benefit. On Friday, we have an open workshop where Michelle will share with professionals not at our school but interested in the innovation.

For more information about Bellavista's Snoezelen: <https://bellavista.org.za/snoezelen/> and if you are interested in attending the Friday workshop or wish to recommend it: <http://bellavistashare.org.za/index.php/en/events/workshops/product/78-snoezelen-therapy-dr-michele-shapiro-23-february-2018>

Sport

The Commonwealth team played against Hirsch Lyons and the game was lost.

Bellavista School's Facebook page

Follow our Facebook page for news bytes, encouragement, parenting tips and sneak peeks into our school day.

Enjoy the week

Alison Scott

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Cricket
King David
Linksfeld

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Professor Venter
12 – 16th March

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Eyetek Screening
this week



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