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A VIEW TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Newsletter 5 of 2019

Greetings as we return to the second term of 2019! A special welcome to our new pupils as well as their families – we trust that you find a home at Bellavista for the time that you are here. Our welcome also extends to Mrs Mandy Hanouch who stands in for Mrs Natalie Herb (Speech-Language Therapy) and Mrs Gillian Herb for Mrs Miridza Erasmus-Mans (Remedial Therapist).

On staff news, Mrs Karen Archer is on maternity leave, Mr and Mrs Smith welcomed their pigeon pair and Mr and Mrs Herb their baby boy. We wish all a happy, content settling of their growing families.

Calling on the Power of One



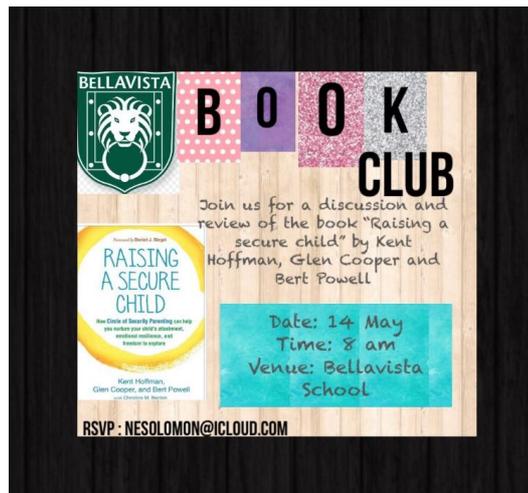
If you read one information byte sent from school this year, let it be the attached document all about *Feed the Monster*. Singularly, the app is the biggest and potentially most impactful input our little school can offer our beautiful, complex, diverse, energising country, South Africa.
#speakSAup #commit

The first newsletter of the term is always about the 'nuts and bolts' ahead. Please note:

Dates to diarise:

7 May- sport begins; PA meeting

8 May- the school is closed (elections)



14 May- the Bellavista Parent Book Club meets at 08h00

15 May- the soccer fixtures get underway

19 May- our ***Parents vs Kids*** event - a compulsory day for the kids where the dads (attempt to) beat the lads in soccer, the mums take on their daughters on the netball court and the juniors compete in fun games with their parents. It's a sporty, fun filled morning where we can get to know each other as families and focus attention between parents and their kids. The day is organised by the Parents Association, who I thank in advance.

24 May – The *McDash* – it is “game on” to see who can set goals, endure the challenge and come out victorious. We believe that every single child can do it! More about the *McDash* will be communicated with you and your child in the next few days!



The full calendar for the term is updated and available on the website and the Bellavista School app.

FYI

- The sick bay has had a revamp! *Thank you to the PA* for funding the facelift!
- The school has had offsite monitoring facilities installed and *cameras* now keep watch across the full perimeter of the property, to identify any unusual activity.
- The *uniform dress code* is EITHER summer OR winter until 27 May 2019 when we will change over to full winter uniform only.
- Our phone system has had a full overhaul and we hope to have ironed out many of the difficulties of the last months.

- The *CEA tool of the week* is now uploaded to the Bellavista School app for your information and engagement. Remember, the more you reinforce these powerful strategies at home, the deeper and more enduring the outcome is for your child.

Admin for you to do

- Please *update the medical information* on your child for our records. We need to be sure that our data is current and up to date in the case of an emergency at school. Yes, it's a little time consuming. Yes, you have to. No, we don't love admin either 😊
- On the Bellavista School app, you will find a *survey relating to your child's experience of cyber safety*. It will take only a few minutes to complete but your feedback will assist us greatly in understanding the challenges (or not) specific to our Bellavista School community. The feedback is anonymous.

Enjoy the week. Be sure to vote!

Alison M Scott (Mrs)

Executive Principal