

Heads Up

- the nuts and bolts for the week -

No 3 22nd February 2021

Dear Parents

As we head towards midterm break this week, our heads up is mostly related to health and safety matters.

Midterm arrangements for the gate to avoid traffic congestion

11h45 GrR Wingfield Avenue Main Gate
12h00 Gr1-2 Wingfield Avenue Main Gate
12h10 Gr3 Wingfield Avenue Main Gate
12h00 Gr4 Wingfield Avenue Pedestrian Gate off Pridwin Field
12h10 Gr5 Wingfield Avenue Pedestrian Gate off Pridwin Field
12h00 Gr6 Venus Street
12h10 Gr7 Venus Street

Sanitising equipment

Please do take the opportunity this weekend to sanitise all stationery and equipment, school bags, etc.

Uniforms

A number of children are wearing takkies with formal uniform on Mondays and Fridays. Please take some time over midterm to equip your child with black school shoes ahead of return to routines next week. We will be toughening up on neat appearances.

Keeping us all safe

Bellavista is approaching the 12-month pandemic mark with relief that our protocols have held us safely thus far and we have had no transmissions of infection on site. We intend to keep it that way, please. Holidays and social occasions create the biggest threat, as seen after the RAGE and December holiday activities sent the country into a "second wave".

Please do deploy every safety measure known as you travel to getaways on the weekend: wear *masks, sanitise, avoid crowded places and spaces*. If you encounter any situation that makes you concerned (a relative or household member reporting symptoms/ an overpopulated coffee shop/ an alert on the COVID app, etc.), please **act on that reserve you feel in the most conservative way possible**, perhaps keeping quarantine or checking things out with your doctor. Certainly, communicate with us and we can guide you according to our comfort in each circumstance.



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I am aware of several Purim events as some of our families enjoy this special occasion on the Jewish calendar. Later in the term, it will be Human Rights Day and then Pesach and Easter. If you are a family celebrating Purim, I trust that you will exercise caution and care in terms of size of gathering and mingling outside of your child's school friends and your family. If you do intend attending an event with people outside of your family 'bubble', inside or outside, please advise us this week even. *In this instance, it is our request that your child is set up for remote learning for ten days from the time of your child's attendance at such event.* We would like then to use this week to get him or her equipped and prepared for that period of learning and teletherapy. Similarly, I am advised of weddings with celebrations involving people outside of the family group. Hereto, the quarantine provision described above (ten days post event) applies. Please let us know via theresa.garden@bellavistaschool.co.za.

It was common cause that the pandemic restrictions will continue into 2021, tiresome as they are. However, we all want to get through this pandemic alive and well. At Bellavista School, we are protective towards precious children in our care who have significant comorbidities. They have been safe at school. We can keep it that way, if we all act responsibly together. As the old adage goes, "It takes a village....".

Enjoy the week ahead and the midterm break!
Alison Scott
Executive Principal



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