

24 January 2022

Dear parents

Different from a newsletter, the *Heads Up* is intended as a short, snappy communication with things you need to know.

- First plug: **KweZwe!** Please do encourage and facilitate that your child brings a non-perishable food item to school each Tuesday as we support this ECD centre in Alexander.
- Children in Gr3-7 who have chosen **swimming** as an extramural will require a specific towel wrap, marked with their name, to ensure ease of identification of the towel and modesty when they cross the road to the activity.
- The **ASD support group** resumes this week – Lesley Rosenthal, the convenor, will liaise with you directly to confirm if you already participate. If you are interested to find out more, you can reach Lesley on: 082 333 3497
- **Mrs Wetterhahn** is back from the UK and will take handover of her caseload this week.
- The Occupational Therapists and Speech-Language Therapists have another week of **annual assessments** before therapy resumes. Last year, we saw the enormous benefit of these assessments at the front of the year and look forward to the same.
- If your child is new to Bellavista, he/she will be invited to what we call the **START programme** – a series of group sessions with one of our psychotherapists to support the transition to a new school.
- Please do ensure your child's **Medical Form** is returned to the class teacher asap. The emergency contact details and any other pertinent health information is a vital part of our record keeping, especially in the event of an emergency.
- This Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> January is the **Gr5 Sweetie Tuck**. Please note that R10-R20 is more than suitable spend. The purpose of the exercise is the sales transaction for the 'buyers' and 'sellers'.
- **Late collections:** please endeavour to collect your child promptly after school. Fifteen minutes after collection time, the teacher on duty will take your child to the reception where he/she can be collected. Visitors entry rules apply in this instance. When you arrive, you will check in with the COVID screening and then come to collect your child in person. Children will not be sent to the gate, in the interest of their safety.
- **Traffic congestion:** we note that on Wednesday and Friday, there is particular congestion on Wingfield Avenue. To ease the situation, Gr2 and 3 will be ready for collection at 13:20 from the Wingfield gate.
- Is anyone looking for a **lift scheme**, from Sydenham area, both mornings and afternoons? Please call Adina 082 570 8583
- **Mini Council:** Flip Flop Day!! wear flip flops on Friday, 18 February and donate R10 towards CHOC.

Enjoy the week.

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Executive Principal