



CAMPS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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9 October 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of the Fourth Term. The first week of this term is fairly hectic with our Celebration on Thursday evening and Valedictory on Friday morning. Celebration is a compulsory event for all pupils, but parents are also warmly invited to attend this wonderful occasion in the life of our school.

Before I address the details of the week ahead, let me take a moment to dwell on the last week of the Third Term. The Monday was a public holiday and on Friday we ended early as it was the last day of the term. This left Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In spite of assuring parents that we would be working in all classes on these three days, our absentee figures were as follows. (Bear in mind that we have 670 pupils in the school).

Tuesday 26 September 2017:	250
Wednesday 27 September 2017:	467
Thursday 28 September:	478...

I have fielded numerous e-mails from parents complaining that these days are being lost for teaching. However, when you look at these shocking absentee figures you can see how hard it is for us as teachers to do new work; when we need to repeat those lessons at the start of the next term for the majority of pupils who decided to take an extra week holiday.

If your children were at home with your permission, could you please follow our normal protocol and send a letter, if not, be aware of the fact that they will have detention on Tuesday afternoon after school (10 October 2017).

In future we will be scheduling camps and outings in the last week of the term.

Celebration on Thursday 12 October 2017 @ 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Celebration at Camps Bay High School is our unique way of doing 'prize-giving'. This is a prize-giving with a difference, where the focus is shared between our prize-winners and the chance for the school to really celebrate our year together. The evening is filled performances that have been features of 2017.

We expect every child to attend, but invite every parent to come and enjoy the evening with us. We start promptly at 18h30 (6.30 p.m.) and plan to finish at 21h30 (9.30 p.m.) for 22h00 (10.00 pm.). Parking will be available at the top and bottom Stop and Drop as well as on our Sports Field. Security will be on duty to safeguard the cars.

Valedictory Farewell Assembly for Grade 12s (Friday 13 October 2017 @ 11am)

On Friday we will say goodbye to our Matric Class of 2017 at a special Valedictory assembly. All Grade 12s are to meet me in the hall at 09h45 (9.45 a.m.) to collect their exam numbers, while parents meet for tea in the Seminar Room. After their exam briefing, the Grade 12s will join their parents for tea until 10h45 when we will make our way down to the DAQ for the 11h00 start of the Assembly. Each matric pupil will receive a graduation certificate on stage from their tutor and grade heads.

Programme for the Week

Thursday 12 October 2017: School will close at 13h00 (1 p.m.) to allow a break before Celebration
Pupils report at 18h00 (6 p.m.) in their respective venues.
All parents and guests to be seated for 18h30 (6.30 p.m.) start.
The expected end time is approx. 21h30 – 22h00 (9.30 p.m. – 10 p.m.)

Friday 13 October 2017: School opens at 09h00

11h00 – Valedictory Assembly

13h00 (1 p.m.) – School closes for Grades 8 to 11

13h00 (1 p.m.) – Matric and Staff lunch

On Thursday and Friday we will run DAY 4 of the school timetable, with periods 1 – 5 on Thursday and periods 6 – 7 on Friday.

In Assembly this morning, I addressed the schools conduct towards the Matrics in the last week and the conduct we expect from the Matrics towards the school. Any 'horseplay' will result in the suspension of pupils involved.

Having said this, I expect a week that is a fitting farewell to a truly great group of Matrics.

Yours sincerely

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