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NEWS FROM DRAKONDALE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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DRUMMING FOR DRAKONDALE TEAMBUILDING EVENT



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MORE TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITIES



The initiation weekend was a great success. Saturday morning opened with an incredibly motivating team building event with a company called TALKING DRUMS. Thank you Michael, Tracey and Cyngen for an amazing start to our weekend.

This was followed by in-depth talks on our code of conduct and Mr Gresse carefully explained all the rules. The day ended with a review and practice run of our emergency procedures.

Sunday morning was fun and games! Team-building and confidence-building games included a game of blind fold, wherein the older students were blindfolded and led around the grounds by the younger, newer students. This increases the confidence of the younger students by allowing them to be “in charge” for a short while. It also teaches the older students to understand that leadership comes in all ages.

Other games included “Mime My Name” (which is a quick way of visually imprinting all the student’s names on the other students), “Mary had a little lamb” (which is a game to break down inhibitions and show emotions - it had everyone in gales of laughter), and “UN-TIE ME” (which is a game wherein teams work together to solve a problem.)

Sunday orientation ended with a wonderful talk by Mr Curry on the “Six Days of Creation”.

CHOIR PRACTISE STARTS IN EARNEST



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a good week. The students are settling in well and most extra-mural activities will begin next week. Please bear in mind that there are costs involved with dance, hospitality and craft sessions. You may contact the appropriate person as per the list sent out last week.

Herewith some important notices:

FRIDAYS: School closes at 13H30 - No Choir or Extra-mural.
Should boarders require lunch - A light meal is served at 13H35.

ELEVATE EDUCATION: We have decided to postpone this course until the 24th April. As this is of vital importance to ALL scholars, you will be invoiced accordingly and payment is required by no later than the 1st April 2020.

PAMS (Tuesdays) MIDLANDS YOUTH CHOIR (Wednesdays)

We have had a few requests from some students for earlier suppers or packed dinners on these evenings. It is unfortunately very difficult in terms of our kitchen staff times to organise two separate meals (costly) or separate meal times (would require an additional staff member.) We have compromised by making supper available at 17h30 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for all students, but cannot supply packed meals. Unfortunately, as this is an extra-mural activity, if you have a student attending either of these activities and they cannot have supper at 17h30, you are requested to make alternative arrangements for provision of these meals yourself. (Purchase or other).

FOR ALL BOARDERS - We encourage all parents, wherever possible, to have parental contact at least once a month. If you do not have a standing arrangement for collection every weekend, it is important that you notify Miss Moore if your daughter is staying in/ going out for the weekend by Wednesday 10AM.

HOSTEL MENU - A 2/3 week menu plan will be emailed to you. If there are any meals on there that your son / daughter will be unable to eat for medical reasons, please to notify Miss Moore as soon as possible on receipt of same.



Botes Gresse

**ONE MORE
NEW STUDENT
ARRIVED
THIS WEEK**



**Sinoluhle
Grade 8**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SCHOOL FEES

We are enforcing strict procedures for payments of fees in 2020.

School Fees are due on the 1st of every month IN ADVANCE (including 1 January 2020).

Accounts are sent out on the 23rd of the preceding month. If payment is not received by the 5th of the following month, a reminder notice will be sent, giving you 7 days to comply. Thereafter, you will be sent a blacklisting notice from Accountability. Unless payment is received by the end of that month, the student will be asked to leave the school.

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C.E.O.

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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THANK YOU'S

With massive thanks to the Clarke family (of Indian Ocean Export Company) for their ongoing support and incredible generosity towards Drakondale. (This year the Clarke's have committed to a total of 7 (seven) bursaries to deserving, talented students, who could otherwise not afford to attend Drakondale. These bursaries will carry the relevant students right through their high school careers, dependent obviously on satisfactory standards being achieved.) "There are no words to express our overwhelming gratitude. You are making a substantial difference to the lives of these seven students and they are, in turn, determined to prove themselves worthy. May you be deservedly blessed in 2020."



From left to right: Anton (MD of IOEC), Asmaa, Murray, Rosemary & Peter (Matriarch & Patriarch), Rhanda, Sean & Mary-Ann (McCormick)

EDITORIAL TEAM 2020



Amahle
GRADE 10



Jessica
GRADE 10



Anele
GRADE 9



Jabulisile
GRADE 9



Khanya
GRADE 8



Molly
GRADE 8



Jade
GRADE 8



Kgomotso
GRADE 7

2020 will be an exciting year for our first VOLUNTARY editorial team. Amongst other things, they will be conducting interviews and doing field trip to a local newspaper. These pics are a result of the first lesson : Learning to be confident in front of a camera.