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NEWSLETTER | **16 November 2018** | TERM 4 VOL. 07

From The Headmistress

Mrs Juliet Glover

Dear Parents

The school has quietened down as our older children have settled into their examination routine and the younger children have continued with their usual programme.

Academic excellence at Reddam House

The examination period provides the opportunity to reflect on the academic year and our progress as a school. I spent much of Term 3 in lesson observations and have spent a great deal of time this term in feedback meetings with our wonderful team of teachers. My lesson observations took me from practical dance lessons to station lessons in Singapore Maths and building 3D models in the Grade 7 Art class. I was consistently impressed with the integrated and engaged nature of the academic programme at Reddam House and believe that the Reddam House reputation for academic excellence is well-deserved.

We work to ensure that the Independent Examination Board standards are maintained throughout the preparatory school so that our children enter into the college academically prepared. Our children matriculate from the college and are accepted into top national and international universities where they achieve continued academic success.

Internship Programme

2018 saw the start of the Reddam House Internship Programme. We welcomed four interns into our school in April of this year and have been excited to see their growth and development throughout the year. Growing young teachers is a vital aspect of any school. Teaching is an undervalued profession in South African society and so it is difficult to attract young people into the profession. An effective internship programme encourages young people to join the profession and is a great predictor of teaching success. We will continue our internship programme in 2019.

Mr Mikaylin Rhode was one of our interns this year. He spent time in the classroom and on the field as part of the PE team. Mikaylin was recently appointed into a full-time teaching post at Swaanswyk Primary. Mr Rhode brought energy and youth to the school and we appreciated his contribution to our sporting and academic programme. We wish him every success at his new school.

Staff news

As many of you know already, our long-serving MIC of Water Polo, Mr Grant Mackenzie leaves us at the end of the year to take up a position at St Andrew's College. We thank Grant for his incredible contribution to the Reddam Water Polo programme and the inimitable legacy that he leaves behind. Our best wishes go to Grant, Kelly, Riley and Logan for the exciting new adventure that awaits them in Grahamstown.



Congratulations to Mr Matt Logan who has been appointed MIC of water polo. Matt has worked closely with Grant McKenzie, the current MIC, for many years and so we are confident that there will be a seamless transition in the management of whole school water polo. Matt has been an extremely successful Head of Boys' Sport for a number of years and so we will miss him in the Preparatory School but wish him every success as he takes on his new role.

Mrs Victoria Bennetts, Grade 7 English teacher and Deputy Head of Student Affairs has accepted a position at Springfield Convent for Term 2 of 2019. We are very sad to lose Victoria who has brought her significant experience, passion for academic excellence and administrative skills to her work at Reddam House over the last 11 years. Victoria is skilled at developing positive relationships with children and is well-loved and respected by the children, parents and staff at Reddam House. She will be missed. We wish her every success in her new post at Springfield who are thrilled to welcome her onto their team. Mrs Bennetts is still with us for the first term of next year and so we look forward to one final term with her.

Teachers in 2019

We welcome the following new staff members to our team for 2019:

- Mrs Amanda Gourlay is an experienced Junior Preparatory and Grade 3 teacher and she will join our Grade 3 team. Amanda joins us from Rustenburg Girls Junior where she has taught in the Junior Preparatory for 11 years. Amanda has two young children and is passionate about the holistic education of children.
- Ms Hilary Kleu is an experienced junior preparatory teacher and she also joins us from Rustenburg Girls Junior. Hilary brings wonderful experience with her and loves to teach through art and practical work. Hilary will also join our Grade 3 team.
- Ms Natasha Raats joins us from Wynberg Girls Junior where she has taught in the Junior Preparatory for a number of years. Natasha brings extensive experience with her and has also taught Singapore Maths which will really enrich our teaching. Natasha will join our Grade 2 team.
- Mrs Di Sutherland will join our Grade 6 team and will focus on teaching Social Sciences. Di is well-known to the school because she has taught in a number of supply posts. Di will bring her significant academic knowledge and skills to the post and we look forward to her joining our team.

Hockey Field Floodlights

We are delighted to announce that work will commence soon on the installation of floodlights at the Hockey Astro turf. This enhancement of the hockey facility will allow more turf time for our hockey players, in a sport that has enjoyed tremendous growth over the last couple of years.

Annual Registration

The Annual Review process is now in progress. Yesterday you will have received an email from the school explaining this process and giving you a website link that will take you to the relevant documents:

(<https://sites.google.com/reddam.house/constantia2019>)

There are 3 documents that need to be signed and returned to the school in this regard:

- The Agreement Form
- The Payment Arrangement Form
- The Medical Form



In the event that you are unable to print these 3 documents, copies will be available at the school reception desk. Please note that the completion and return of these documents is compulsory for every student returning to Reddam House in 2019. The completed and signed documents must be returned to your child's tutor teacher / Michelle Gerber / Lisa Paulsen by Friday 23 November. Should you wish to scan and email your documents to the school please use the following email address:

Michelle.gerber@reddam.house or lisa.paulsen@reddam.house – Please prioritise this important and compulsory administrative requirement.

2019 MUSIC DEPARTMENT: TERMLY FEES PAID IN ADVANCE:

R2990.00 per term for eight hour lessons

- R1495.00 per term for eight half hour lessons
- R610.00 per term for group lessons (recorder, violin, cello and drumming)
- R568.00 per term for extra-curricular marimba band (Grade 4 – 7) Students need to audition for this, one hour rehearsal per week after school

Parents are reminded that it is not necessary to re-apply for music lessons if their children are already having lessons. Please just let your child's music teacher know, by Friday 30 November, if they are stopping lessons at the end of the year. If no notification is received by the above date, it will be assumed that they are continuing and a full term's notice will apply at the beginning of next year should they then decide not to continue. This is to enable music teachers to plan their days and hours at Reddam in 2019.

Pay-it-Forward Pencilbox Project

- *If you are fortunate enough to have stationery that you will not need next year, please consider donating it **TODAY!***
 - *Many families cannot fund the basic school supplies their children need.*
 - **Your kindness = A better educational experience for someone**



Items needed:

- Clean, functional pencil cases
- Sharpened pencils and pencil crayons
- Ball point pens
- Rubbers, sharpeners and rulers
- Maths sets
- Kokis, Crayons and Pastels
- Glue and Scissors
- Blank pages neatly removed from used exercise books



Collection point: Lower Library



School Photographs

All your 2018 school photos are available from That's Me Photography - except Grade S1R which will be photographed on 22 November. Please visit www.thatsme.co.za and click on Register (new users) or Login (existing users) to view and purchase your photos. Please contact info@thatsme.co.za with any queries"



MY SCHOOL

The MySchool card application form is available for download for those parents who wish to participate in the programme:

<https://www.myschool.co.za/supporter/apply/?beneficiary=214>

Download the MySchool app here:

<http://www.myschool.co.za/get-your-card-here/myschool-app>



Dates to Diarise – Term 4 2018

Thurs 22 Nov	Grade 4 (2019) Information Evening 18h00
Fri 23 Nov	Grade 4 "Meet the Teachers" / Exams end
Mon 26 Nov	Grade 1 Prizegiving 08h30 / Grade 2 Prizegiving 10h00 / Grade 3 Prizegiving 11h00
Tues 27 Nov	JP Gala
Wed 28 Nov	SP Gala
Wed 28 Nov	School closes at 13h30 / JP closes at 13h00
Fri 30 Nov	Grade 4 + 5 Academic Awards 11h00
Mon 03 Dec	Grade 6 + 7 Academic Awards 11h00
Tues 04 Dec	Laser Show
Wed 05 Dec	Grade 7 Farewell
Thurs 06 Dec	Break up Day 11h00

REMINDER WESTLAKE EMMANUEL EDUCARE SCHOOL

We would appreciate our families assisting us in the following charity drive to assist the **Westlake Emmanuel Educare School** on our doorstep. The acting principal of the school, Ms Hazel Albertus, would be most grateful if every week we assist with the supply of white and brown sliced bread loaves.

Every Tuesday this term each Grade will have a turn to supply bread. The bread must be taken to class and will then be delivered to this deserving school. Ms Albertus then freezes the bread to use daily until the fresh bread arrives the following week. It would be wonderful if you feel you would like to add a container of Peanut Butter, Marmite, Jam or Anchovette. We thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Grade 2	Tues 20 November	Grade 4	Tues 04 December
Grade 3	Tues 27 November		

2nd HAND SHOP: REDDAM HOUSE

Operating hours during exams: mornings only 07:45 – 08:45

GRADE 4 SKILLS TIMETABLE + HOLDING

Monday 19 November	English 2 and NS Activity Day
Tuesday 20 November	Options
Wednesday 21 November	Afrikaans 2
Thursday 22 November	Maths 1
Friday 23 November	SS Activity Day

Grade 4 Holding Classes	
Monday 19 November	Mrs Dunn
Tuesday 20 November	Mrs Scarterfield
Wednesday 21 November	Miss Kerr
Thursday 22 November	Mrs Flitton
Friday 23 November	Mrs Scarterfield



SCHOOL CLOSING TIMES DURING EXAM PERIOD

Examination period: 14 - 23 November: Grade 4-7 close at 11h30.

Grade 4's have holding classes as per table above. Grade 5 - 7 will have holding in Mrs Thomson's room from 11h30 to 14h00.

Monday 26 November: School closes at 14h00

Tuesday 27 November: School closes at 14h00

Wednesday 28 to Wednesday 5 December school closes at 13h30.

Thursday Break up Day 6 December - **School closes at 11h00**



IPAD PARENT CONTROL INFORMATION AND IPAD BUNDLE PACKAGES

On the Reddam App, under the Academic Matters tab, you will find Think Ahead's Presentation to our Grade 6 Parents for 2019 on parental control around the iPad. As well as our roll out plan and the importance of the device in our schools. Think Ahead and Digicape both have Parent Bundle Offers.

Caxtons Textbook Delivery for Grade 1 – 3 Classes

- Please note the date of delivery for these textbooks: **Thursday, 29 November.**
- Caxtons are waiting delivery of the Maths books for these orders.

SPORTS FIXTURES – WEEK 19 - 25 NOVEMBER 2018

DATE	FIXTURE	TIME	VENUE	TRANSPORT
Monday 19 Nov	Sport for Grade 1 to 3 as per normal programme			
Tuesday 20 Nov	Sport for Grade 1 to 3 as per normal programme			
Wednesday 21 Nov	Sport for Grade 1 to 3 as per normal programme			
	Mini Cricket U8 Lions vs Fish Hoek B U8 Tigers vs Fish Hoek C	14h45 - 15h45	Fish Hoek PS	
	Mini Cricket U9A vs Ukhanyo A U9B vs Kleinberg A	14h45 - 15h45	Fish Hoek PS	Bus leaves 14h00 from tennis cts and returns approx 16h00
Thursday 22 Nov	Sport for Grade 1 to 3 as per normal programme			
Friday 23 Nov	Last day of Sport for Grade 1 to 3			
Saturday 24 Nov				
Sunday 25 Nov				

Sports Results

Tennis:

B Team vs Sweet Valley lost 0 - 6

C Team vs Sun Valley won 3 - 1

