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HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER #25

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21 JULY 2020

St. John's DSG Head's Discretionary Merit Award

Congratulations to Isobel Armstrong who was awarded the St. John's DSG Head's Discretionary Merit Award for 2021. This important award is to honour and acknowledge pupils who excel academically or on the sports field and is only awarded to a limited number of pupils at St. John's. We are extremely proud of Isobel and she will be a wonderful credit to St. John's DSG next year.

Expression of Thanks

I have observed how Social Distancing, Screening Procedures, Disinfecting and the Wearing of PPE have now become the norm. The learners have cooperated fully with the staff and are adapting well to their "new" surroundings. I thank them for trying so hard under these difficult and restrictive conditions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the incredible effort that they have made in ensuring the pupils safety. Staff have embraced the challenges of this pandemic and have gone beyond the call of duty to make sure that the new Standard Operating Procedures are being strictly adhered to.

Currently, we have an average learner attendance of 89%. I'm extremely grateful to parents who have placed their trust in us to educate and look after the safety of their children.

Although there has been much media speculation about the Unions wanting to close schools, we have our deviation notification in place, and will remain open.

The Department of Education will be meeting with cabinet today, **Tuesday, 21 July**. I will inform you should there be any changes to the current Gazetted Laws.

Staffing News

I am happy to share exciting news that Mr and Mrs Pienaar are expecting their first baby in January 2021. They are very excited and are well prepared for their new arrival. Mrs Pienaar will be with the Grade 7's until the end of the year.

We wish Mrs Pienaar all the very best for her pregnancy and the exciting new adventure of parenting that lies ahead.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Tips

In the efforts to keep children as safe as possible, I ask that Laddsworth families continue to follow these guidelines:



Do's and Don'ts of Wearing a Mask at School

Before putting on a mask, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.

Ensure your mask is correctly placed over both your mouth and nose, with no gaps.

Avoid touching your mask while wearing it. If you do, please clean your hands with alcohol-based sanitizer or soap and water.

Do not remove your mask at anytime, except when you are eating your lunch.

Do not swop or share your mask with anyone else.

To remove the mask; remove it from behind. Do not touch the front of your mask. If you do, please wash or sanitise your hands immediately.

Please wear a clean mask every day. Masks must be washed daily with soap and water to prevent bacterial build-up.

- Always wear a clean mask daily.
- The school sanitizes your child's hands on entering and leaving the school, and every time they enter the classroom. However, you may wish to provide your child with their own bottle of sanitizer to use should you feel the need.
- Please remind your child to wash their hands often with soap and water.

Drop-off and Collection

- To alleviate the traffic flow, **Grade 4's** will be dropped off and collected from the **bottom gate**.
- **Please note that Brindy Road is a two-way road.** I appeal to parents to be considerate to the residents who live in Brindy Road.
- **Please don't arrive early and park.** Some parents have been arriving before the collection time of the Grades before them. This causes the carparks to become very congested and results in the second group of parents blocking the first group from collecting their children.

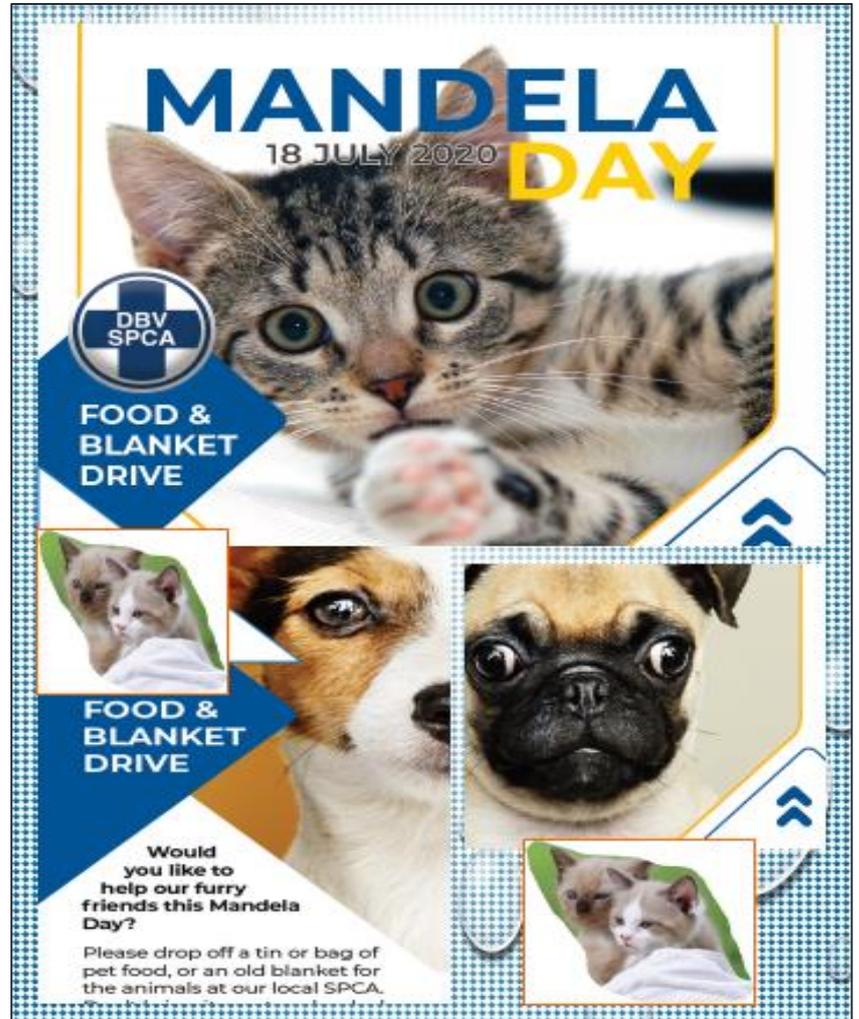
Mandela Day SPCA Collection of Food and Blankets

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Mandela Day SPCA collection of pet food and blankets.

Laddsworth will be continuing with the SPCA collection initiative until the end of July. Please support our furry friends by dropping off of a tin of pet food or biscuits, or perhaps an old blanket for the animals at our local SPCA.

Please do not bring items to school. Kindly utilize the collection points at the following venues:

- Hilton Quarry SuperSpar
- Merrivale SuperSpar.



Kind regards

G. Lambooy

Mr G Lambooy
HEADMASTER

Thoughts from the Headmaster

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

Robert Brault

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty;
not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

Charles Dickens