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HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER #28

TERM THREE

18 AUGUST 2020

Level 2 Lockdown

We have had a very good start to Term Three and it is wonderful to have most of our pupils back at school. This has certainly been a challenging year, but we trust each and every one of our pupils will continue to give of their best and strive to 'Aim High'.

As South Africa moved to Level 2 lockdown, I ask everyone from the Laddsworth family to continue to keep safe.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

AVOID the three C's

- 1. Avoid crowded places.**
- 2. Maintain at least 1.2 distance from others.**
- 3. When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation.**

Always remember the W.A.S.H. rule and avoid the three C's.

Wash your hands often.

Always wear a mask.

Social distancing at all times.

Help yourself and others to stay safe.

AVOID the three C's:

Crowded places.

Close-contact settings.

Confined and enclosed spaces.

Grade 7 Easter Raffle Winners

During the course of the first term, the Grade 7's held an Easter Raffle. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the draw only took place yesterday.

Crossways Travel has kindly sponsored the 1st prize. I extend a very sincere thanks to Mada de Beer for this generous prize.



Congratulations to the following prize winners.

- **1st Prize Winner: Lauren Richmond**
3-Night Cruise to the Portuguese Island on the MSC Musica or MSC Opera cruise ship. (value R7 800 to R8 800 for 2 People, including all meals and entertainment).
**This prize is subject to the COVID-19 travel restrictions.*
- **2nd Prize Winner: Ross Dunbar** - Easter Hamper (value R1 000.00)
- **3rd Prize Winner: Glyn Maullin** - Easter Hamper (value R500.00)
- **4th Prize Winner: Kerry Doyle** - Two (2) Ornamental door stoppers (value R300.00).

Children Leaving Laddsworth at the end of 2020

Parents are reminded that it is a requirement to give one term's notice for any children who will be leaving Laddsworth, excluding Grade 7 learners. Parents, who intend to remove their children from Laddsworth at the end of 2020, must submit a letter to Mr Lambooy **before the end of this term**. This information is vital to us, as we prepare budgets for next year and consider applications we have received for new pupils for 2021.

Hair, Nail and Uniform Inspection

Hair, Nail and Uniform Inspection will take place on **Wednesday, 26 and Thursday, 27 August**. Many of our boys have come back from the Lockdown time at home with hair that does not meet the Laddsworth standard. Please ensure that your son's hair meets the requirements of the Code of Conduct. We are proud of our Laddsworth uniform and ask that all children wear it with pride and make every effort to dress neatly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Individual, 1st Term Sport and Class Photos

Individual photographs will be taken and then digitally combined to form Class Photographs and Team Photographs (for those teams that participated in Sport in the First Term).

The individual photographs will be taken following very strict social distancing and hygiene protocols, by Prestige Photo Centre.

They have had experience by adapting their operating procedure to conform with the necessary Covid-19 regulations, in many schools, and assure us that they are very willing and able to provide the same service to Laddsworth.

The Individual Photographs have been provisionally booked for **Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 October 2020**.

All photos will be loaded onto the Prestige Photo Website for online orders. Parents will be able to choose, order and pay online as we have done in previous years.

Eisteddfod Music Exams - Results

We would like to acknowledge our talented Laddsworth pupils who took part in the recent Eisteddfod last term. Please send your child's results to (pro@laddsworth.co.za) by **Thursday, 27 August 2020**.

D6+ Connect App

- As from the beginning of September 2020, Laddsworth will no longer be connected to the D6 School Communicator App.
- Please load the D6+ Connect onto your Smartphone, as well as your PC, because this will enable you to receive information and alerts more effectively.
- Once you have switched-over to D6+ Connect, please remove the D6 School Communicator App from your device.

Communication – Emailing and D6+ Connect

- The weekly Headmaster's Newsletter is emailed to parents on Tuesdays. If you are not receiving the newsletter, or your email address has changed, please notify Mrs Jager via email: (admissions@laddsworth.co.za).
- Parents are reminded that the weekly Headmaster's Newsletter is loaded onto the resource page of the D6+ Connect each week. It is then the responsibility of parents to read the newsletter in order to familiarize themselves with events of the week.

Microsoft 365

It is with great excitement that I announce that Laddsworth has negotiated a free Microsoft 365 Student Account for every pupil. This will enable the school to communicate far more efficiently with pupils and parents online, should this be necessary in the future.

The staff and I have been working very hard and closely with Troy Rowlands, and his team from Coltek, to implement these new Microsoft systems at the school. However, I believe it will provide many benefits to all stakeholders in the months and years to come and will assist Laddsworth's move into the online communication space.

The personalized Microsoft account will enable pupils to access a suite of cloud-based Microsoft applications including a special closed Laddsworth email account. This will mean that each pupil will effectively have their very own cloud-based personal computer that can be accessed from any Smartphone, Tablet, PC or any device that is connected to the Internet.

This will enable pupils to communicate with teachers and fellow learners within a closed, protected and monitored Laddsworth community via Email, MS Teams, OneDrive, SharePoint and work on documents in Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Consent letters will be emailed to parents by class teachers this week, providing more specific details of the rules, terms and conditions of using this platform.

Kind regards



Mr G Lambooy
HEADMASTER

Thoughts from the Headmaster

“Pessimism leads to weakness, optimism to power.”

William James

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.
Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

Helen Keller