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Dear Parents

We are nearing the end of the term, and therefore it is important to communicate all the necessary information:

1. Annual General meeting

The invitation to the Annual General meeting went out via e-mail today. It will take place on the 17th of October at the C'est Si Bon Hall. Please take a close look at the procedure for the nomination of new Board members as well as the handling of proxies.

2. Respect

According to me respect is one of the pillars of a good education system, and it is one word that does not have degrees of comparison like rich, richer, or richest. Therefore, I strongly believe that we must treat each other with exactly the same respect. Let's be mindful of our communication, how we interact with each other, the things we say when others aren't around, and the way we uplift or tear each other down in pursuit of feeling better about ourselves. It's all too easy to fall into the habit of being at odds with one another.

Everyone seems to be eager to prove their point and come out on top, but we are a Christian School with Christian values and such behaviour is not part of a Christian environment. Come on teachers, parents and learners of Edugate Academy, we are way better than that. Let us stop telling our kids about a good example, let us start living that example. Let us all sit down during this weekend and do some introspection, and stop blaming other people for everything that is wrong. Instead, ask yourself the question of what you can do to contribute to a positive environment. Remember **WE** create the environment we are living in.

3. Sport

- Cricket

We had a very busy cricket schedule. On Monday the U/11 boys had a T20 match against Outjo, and won. On Tuesday the U/16 boys went to Tsumeb for four games in a Sixes tournament, and won all four of them.

On Wednesday the U/13 girls won against Outjo in a T20, and during the coming weekend the U/11 and U/13 boys teams will participate in Playtime. During the weekend the U/11 and U/13 boys will play in Playtime tournaments in Walvis Bay and Swakopmund respectively. Two of our girls, Laure Raath and Lize Meyer, will match up with Karstveld to play in the same tournament for girls U/16. On the 9th of September, the U/13 girls will play T20 in Outjo, On the 10th the U/13 boys will play sixes and the U/11 boys will play T20, both in Otjiwarongo.

Many thanks to all team managers, coaches and parents who will be part of all the arrangements regarding the above. A special thanks to Mrs Sandra Badenhurst and Ina Fransman who coordinate all the matches. Not an easy task.

Rugby

The Bears, U/19 A team, will compete during the weekend in Windhoek for the bronze medal of the Super League. That's a first for this team, and we want to wish them all the best. It is an outstanding achievement. Especially to Jano Erasmus and Dian Maartens, from our school, who played a huge role in the team's performances during the year.

Hockey

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Our boy's hockey team lost their match against WHS last weekend, but we are still very proud of them. It's the end of their season now, and we want to thank all the boys as well as their coach, Mrs Hanlie van Zyl, for a tremendous effort during the season. They improved with leaps and bounds. Next year we can only be better.

4. Best Wishes

Our best wishes are going to two of our teachers, Mrs Sandra Badenhorst and Janel Marais, both of them being hospitalized during the week. We are keeping them in our prayers and wishing them a speedy recovery.

5. Flinkdink

On Monday evening, Mrs Lilette Mouton presented Flinkdink for Grade 4 to 7 at the school. It was an enjoyable event where seven teams competed against each other. What a nice way of competing and building your knowledge.

6. Quiz Night

On Thursday night, we had a Quiz night, presented by Miss Celine Freyer. It was for all Grade 8 to 10 learners. It was a strong competition where eleven teams consisting of three learners, competed. Very good, but also very funny answers came up, but that made it very special!!! Knowledge can never be taken away from you. Many thanks to both teachers for making sure that this part of our learner's minds also developed.

7. Show jumping

A few of our learners will also participate in a show jumping event in Okahandja during the weekend. We wish them good luck. Enjoy this special bond with your horses.

8. Gymnastics

A number of gymnasts also drove to Swakopmund for a tournament which will take place during the weekend. Best of luck to all of them as well. This is a sport which ask a lot of training and preparation, and we want to encourage them to keep going.

9. Voortrekkers

Voorslagtoetsing is die hoogste toekenning in die Laerskool en kan deur 'n Graad 7 leerling verwerf word. Die toetsing word in samewerking met Suid-Afrika gedoen, en vind hierdie jaar in Windhoek plaas. Voortrekkers van oor die hele land neem deel. Jy kwalifiseer vir die toekenning deur voldoende Gebiedskampe by te woon, spesialisasies te doen, en 'n Beloftekenteken te verwerf. Vyf van ons Voortrekkers kwalifiseer tans hiervoor, nl Mea Meyer, Nina de Jager, Emke Coetee, Jane du Plessis en Ella Venter. Mea en Ella kan ongelukkig nie die naweek meemaak nie as gevolg van sport verpligtinge, maar ons wil vir al vyf hierdie Voortrekkers baie geluk sê met 'n uitstaande prestasie, asook vir Juf Marie Louw wat ure inploeg om ons kinders ook op hierdie vlak te verbeter en te versterk. Dis pragtig. Bou so voort.

10. Education

I strongly believe that we must always have a holistic approach in education. Meaning, that we must develop all aspects of our children. Therefore, I want our parents to encourage learners to participate in as many as possible activities. We have a lot of learners at school only doing academics. That is a very unbalanced situation. How can a child decide what they like if they are not exposed to several activities. Your child can be for example a great sports person, someone for drama, chess and so forth, but if we do not encourage them to take part, then they will never know, and will only be a fifty percent person for the rest of their lives because they never discovered their passion. Children like to be in their rooms, playing games or watching TV. Please parents, encourage them and let them discover the world outside their rooms. By doing that we will ensure that one day they will be a one hundred percent adult with a passion for life. I am only a teacher, but it is my passion, and I love it.

"We are cups, constantly and quietly being filled. The trick is, knowing how to tip ourselves over and let the beautiful stuff out." – Ray Bradbury

Wishing everybody a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards



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