



Memo 2017/3

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of Greyton House

**Curriculum Update:** According to the Western Cape Education Department every primary school has to have a 27 ½ hour week; presently we are managing 27 hours a week (which includes the compulsory sport.) In order to comply, I would like to implement a slightly earlier start to each day from next term (07h50) thus making up the 30 minutes outstanding and giving us a credit of 20 minutes. This will apply to all classes R-7 (the Nursery class will still only need to arrive sometime between 8 and 8:30 a.m.)

**Jungle Theatre:** Unfortunately the Jungle Theatre performance will not happen on the 14<sup>th</sup> February as the other schools in the area are not able to attend. However, we are hoping that an alternative date can be set in the near future. The idea behind this theatre production is a community outreach to as many children in the Greyton, Bosmanskloof, Heuwelkroon, Genadendal areas as possible. More details will follow once we know the score.

**Athletics Meeting – de Villiers Graaff School – Villiersdorp: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 16:45 for 17:00** The following pupils have been chosen to represent the school at the above-mentioned Athletics Meeting:

**Ado Haasbroek, Emile Haasbroek, Tegan Hermanus, Abraxas Kaganof, Timothy Young, Alessandra Mutti-Smith, Ella Wilson, Sherwin Willemse, Lilymay Kemp, Toriq Hermanus, Luca Bryce, Ashwin Willemse.**

Please would parents who are considering going across to Villiersdorp on the 16<sup>th</sup> let the office know if they are able to offer transport to other pupils, if necessary. With this in mind, please complete the form attached indicating how many students you can lift.

**High Flyers/Merit Badges:** The staff and I firmly believe that children should be praised and congratulated whenever possible and with this in mind, we would like to re-introduce the once a term High Flyer certificates and the weekly Merit Badges –( the latter being for Attainment in class work particularly) and Effort (which could cover: improved school work good manners, pride in appearance, consideration for others, picking up litter, etc.) The children will keep these Merit Badges for a week and then return them to the school.

**Grade 4-7 Outings:** Our senior class will travel by bus into Cape Town on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

February to see the Chinese Terracota Army Exhibition at the V and A Waterfront. They will be accompanied by Mrs Rogers and Mrs du Toit. This will be followed by lunch and a swim at a nearby safe beach. Hiking and Senior Sport will consequently be cancelled on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

The class will also be going to Wortelgat Camp near the Stanford Lagoon for a two night excursion on Monday and Tuesday 20/21<sup>st</sup> February. Mrs Rogers and Mr Harris will be accompanying the group.

**Grades R-3 (including the Nursery Class) Outing – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** It would seem that the rest of the school will be going on an outing next Wednesday too! The junior classes will visit Amanzi Fruit Farm in Middleplaas; our thanks to Mr and Mrs April for the invitation. Mrs Harris and Miss Francina will hold the fort!

**Community Service:** Plans are afoot to involve the whole school in a community project. The Tygerberg Children’s Hospital has an appeal called “Children who Can for Children Who Can’t” and the staff all agree that this has great merit; alternatively “67 Minutes for Mandela” could also be considered. Any suggestions as to how we get involved in one or other of these projects would be appreciated. We need to start thinking seriously about these ideas so we can co-ordinate our efforts by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term.

**Marketing Greyton House:** Please send to the school office anything of interest that you feel might enhance our Facebook page. It is important to keep the school in the public eye especially after last year’s rather negative headline in “The Sentinel”. Questions are still being asked as to whether the school is open or not!

**Sports Uniform:** Please note that the correct sports uniform is white shorts and a navy golf shirt (plus school badge). A white “T” shirt may be worn with white shorts only if the weather is extremely hot. In order to make it easier for the Grade R and Grade 1 class, they are allowed to arrive in their sports kit on a Tuesday and Thursday; the rest of the school must wear their normal school uniform and change at 12 o’clock on a Tuesday and Wednesday when their compulsory sports activities are scheduled.

**Calendar:** Our calendar for the next few weeks is displayed overleaf. We will keep adding to it as events are confirmed, so please keep checking.

Yours sincerely

Erith Harris  
School Manager

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**REPLY SLIP – TRANSPORT TO VILLIERSDORP – 16.2.2017**

I/we .....will be able to help transport children to  
(Parents name to be printed)

De Villiers Graaff School on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and have room in our car as follows:

Number of students.....with seat belts

Signed:.....

Dated: .....

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>30 January</b>	<b>31 January</b>	<b>1 February</b>	<b>2 February</b>	<b>3 February</b>  Cake Raffle Luca & Eli Bryce	<b>4 February</b>
<b>6 February</b>	<b>7 February</b>	<b>8 February</b>  08h00 Grade 4-7 Outing to Cape Town + 08h30 Grades R-3 & Nursery Class to Amanzi Fruit Farm in Middleplaas	<b>9 February</b>	<b>10 February</b>  Cake Raffle Noly Chinyanga	<b>11 February</b>
<b>13 February</b>	<b>14 February</b>  St. Valentine's Civvies Day	<b>15 February</b>	<b>16 February</b>  17h00 – 19h00 Athletics Meeting at de Villiers Graaff School	<b>17 February</b>  Cake Raffle Alex Asia	<b>18 February</b>
<b>20 February</b>  Grade 4-7 Camp at Wortelgat	<b>21 February</b>  Grade 4-7 Camp At Wortelgat	<b>22 February</b>  Grade 4-7 return From Wortelgat	<b>23 February</b>	<b>24 February</b>  Cake Raffle Morgan Barnard	<b>25 February</b>
<b>27 February</b>	<b>28 February</b>	<b>1 March</b>	<b>2 March</b>	<b>3 March</b>  Cake Raffle Shayden Duminy	<b>4 March</b>
<b>6 March</b>  17h30 Annual General Meeting	<b>7 March</b>	<b>8 March</b>	<b>9 March</b>	<b>10 March</b>  Cake Raffle Christian Dzingirayi	<b>11 March</b>

Governing Body: Dr Tim Quinlan (Chairperson), Gemma Downing, Jeremy Sabine. Hugh Hopkins.

Parents' Committee: Nadine Matthysen, (Chairperson) Belinda Mutti, , Francois Haasbroek, Chantelle Whiley, Morne Conradie