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SECOND TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have come to the end of a rigorous term as teachers and pupils faced the reality of the implementation of the content-loaded CAPS system. We trust that you will scrutinise your child's mid-year progress report very carefully. Please be reminded that the Departmental pass requirement for Grades 8 and 9 is 50% for English and 40% for Mathematics.

STAFF MATTERS

We bid farewell to Mr du Plessis, who has taken up a post closer to home and to Mr Ebrahim who will take up a post abroad. Our heartfelt thanks to Mr Pickerill for substituting for Mrs Mullajee. We welcome Mrs Esau, and Mr Matthews. Our congratulations go to Ms Damon and also to Mr Davids on the new addition to their families.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

Livingstone was invited by Afritwin, a British Council initiative which encourages partnership between British and African schools, to develop a partnership with Winterton. Ms Anley and Mrs Arendse initiated the communication between the two schools. Subsequently the project was re-engineered and Livingstone was invited to join an existing partnership between Prince Edward Boys High in Zimbabwe and Torquay Boys in England. In Ms Arendse's absence in the first term, Ms Masters became more involved in the project. She returns on Thursday 26 June after spending six days at Prince Edward Boys in Zimbabwe.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Five Livingstonians, along with pupils from Bishops and Pinelands attended a UCT workshop to learn about the field of particle physics. They ended their day with a video – chat with schools from Brazil,

Italy, Germany and Switzerland. The pupils; Sarah Hendricks, Ayesha Solomon, Habeeba Omar, Ismail Kamish and Timothy Arendse are immensely grateful to UCT and CERN for affording them the enriching opportunity.

The Minquiz Competition took place on 15 May at Wynberg Boys High School. Mas'oud Hassiem, Tahir Ebrahim and Hideaki Kasai claimed third place in the gold category and won R550 as a prize.

This is the third year that Livingstone has shone in the Gold category.

MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

100 pupils entered the South African mathematical Olympiad first round. A record of 42 pupils proceeded to the second round, the results of which we eagerly await. Aneesa Esau received an award for the most points scored by a Livingstonian.

GERMAN

Muiezz Lambarey in Grade 11Z obtained an aggregate of 78% in the National German Olympiad. For this achievement he received a prize and a certificate.

Timothy Arendse in 11Z will be participating in the student exchange programme. He will be in Germany for four weeks during the July vacation. We wish him a safe and enriching experience.

ART

Our school received valuable Art and Architectural Design books from Louis Karol Architects. The book donation ceremony took place on 20 May. Mr Davids and six pupils attended the ceremony. Two Grade 11 pupils were afforded the opportunity to job shadow at this prestigious architectural firm.

ARGUS QUIZ

The senior team consisting of Shameeka Johnson, Na-ilah Samodien, Hideaki Kasai and Keaton Collop had great fun participating in the quiz. They did well enough to qualify for the next round which will be a knock out round. Each week the two top teams

proceed to the next round. We wish them well and hope they make it to the last 16 teams. This year there are 115 schools participating in the Argus Quiz.

The junior squad also fared exceptionally well and just missed out by 2 points from proceeding to the next round. The team participants are: Insaaf Firfirey, Ghaseemah Hassen, Isma-eel Kamish, Fallon Matthews and Shaakirah Ismail

INTERSCHOOL LEADERSHIP CAMP

The SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT (SEEP) and CONCERNED EDUCATION FORUM (CEF) have included **eight** Livingstonians in their interschool leadership camp at Sunbird Centre from 30 June to 2 July. The programme will include skills to improve analytical thinking, inter-personal relations, confidence and communication. The activities range from mini hikes, problem solving tasks, and presentations on global issues.

RCL MATTERS

FREEDOM DAY COMMEMORATION

Mr Ryklief, the father of Nuhr in Grade 12, held the audience enthralled as he articulately traced the history of the Sharpeville massacre, the June 1976 tragedy and the Marikana massacre. He emphasised the importance of guarding our hard-earned freedom.

COMMEMORATION OF 1976

The Youth Day Programme, hosted by the RCL, reminded pupils of the plight of those students who died fighting for their rights, the rights the youth enjoy today. The programme commemorated the events of June 16 1976 with poetry readings, an insightful video as well as musical interludes. These items were a motivation for pupils to aspire to make the most of their youth.

CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY

The CAS has grown in numbers from its birth last year. It broadens pupils' general knowledge about South African social and political issues .

OUTREACH

Thank you from the Welfare Society for all donations received to alleviate the plight of the Marikana strikers.

FIRST AID

14 senior pupils attended a FIRST AID accredited course conducted at the school over two days on 23 and 24 June.

SPORTS

Kirsten Moore in 12P was selected to represent Western Province in Ballroom Dancing. In addition, she was awarded the Junior Sportswoman for the Wynberg District and also for Junior Sportswoman for Cape Town.

Intiyaaz Abrahams represented Western Province B side for baseball in Perth Australia in May. The side had a very successful tour.

Jason Ronnie was invited to participate in a second division team in France from 1 August to 31 August.

19 pupils accompanied by Mrs Leith and Mr Somers completed an overnight trail on 31 March and 1 April.

Netball Results

U14 : LHS (13) vs Windsor High (4)
U16: LHS(28) vs Windsor High (8)
LHS(10) vs Voortrekker High (0)

U19: LHS(19) vs Voortrekker High (2)
LHS(33) vs Rylands High (3)
LHS(20) vs Milnerton High (32)

Soccer Results

Boys under 14

LIV VS STGEORGES WON 5-1
LIV VS GROOTE SCHUUR DRAW 2-2
LIV VS WINDSOR DRAW 2-2
LIV VS ST. JOSEPHS LOST 2-0
LIV VS GARDENS COMMERCIAL LOST 3-2

BOYS UNDER 15

LIV VS RYLANDS WON 2-0
LIV VS PINELANDS WON 4-3

BOYS UNDER 17

LIV VS ST GEORGES GRAMMER LOST 3-2
LIV VS PINELANDS LOST 5-0
LIV VS ST JOSEPHS LOST 3-2
LIV VS CONS WALDORF LOST 2-1
LIV VS FISH HOEK DRAW 0-0
LIV VS GROOTE SCHUUR WON 2-0

BOYS UNDER 19

LIV VS ST.JOSEPHS –DRAW 1-1
LIV VS PINELANDS LOST 4-2
LIV VS WINDSOR LOST 3-2
LIV VS CANNONS GREEK WON 2-0
LIV VS GROOTE SCHUUR WON 3-1
LIV VS MUIZENBERG LOST 3-2
LIV VS FISH HOEK LOST 2-0

Cricket results

UNDER 15

LIV VS HERZLIA LOST by 1 wicket
LIV VS RHODES WON by 34 runs
LIV VS ARCADIA HIGH WON by 134 runs

UNDER 17

LIV VS CAMPS BAY HIGH WON by 114 runs
LIV VS OUDE MOLEN WON by 81 runs
LIV VS ARCADIA HIGH WON by 58 runs
LIV VS GROOTE SCHUUR WON by 71 runs

HIGH SCHOOL JAM

Livingstone High School has once again been selected to compete in the "Backstage Pass High School Jam" held in the Grandwest Arena. The competition will take place on Saturday, 23 August 2014.

GENERAL MATTERS

A huge **THANK YOU** to those parents who assisted with invigilation in the June examinations. The parents are :

Mrs Gallie, Mrs F. Erasmus, Mrs S. Oosthuizen, Mrs J. Hendricks-Manan and Mr R. Calvert

We would like to encourage more parents to avail themselves for the November examinations.

Please contact Ms Ganie at the school if you are willing to assist.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The cell phone policy of the school clearly states that cell phones are to be switched off from 8:00 am until the end of the school day , and includes the defaulters' class and any extra class taking place after school. There is an increasing tendency for students to walk around during the intervals with ear phones in their ears. This is also unacceptable and the ear phones and cell phone to which it is attached will be confiscated. The school will not be held responsible for cell phones that disappear during the school day.

UNIFORM POLICY

Please be advised that students must adhere to the dress code of the school. Any caps and scarves worn during the winter period must be navy (preferably school design). Any items that do not form part of the official school uniform, will be confiscated.

PARENT REMINDERS

1. Parents must make **appointments** to see teachers. This must be at a convenient time for both teacher and parent. Teachers are engaged in a teaching programme and are not always available at short notice.
2. Parents / Visitors **MUST** report to reception when coming onto the school's premises during school time. This is to ensure the safety and security of all students and teachers.
3. Daily attendance during the post - examination period is vital for scrutiny of examination performance. Teachers also begin new work and absence during this period is detrimental to the education of your children.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Special thanks to those parents/ guardians who are fully paid up or who are up to date with the payment of fees. It remains a concern, however, that some fee accounts are heavily overdue. This places a strain on the school's financial resources and our ability to meet our monthly financial commitments.

Please note :

1. Half the school fees should be paid by 30 June 2014 ;
2. The entire account should be settled by 31 October 2014. If not the account will be handed over for debt collection.
3. Applications for school fee exemption are now closed.
4. We would like to urge parents to make payments via direct bank deposits, EFT's or the debit order system. This would decrease the amount of cash brought onto the school premises which always poses a security risk.

BANKING DETAILS :

BANK : First National Bank (Claremont)

BRANCH CODE : 200109

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 50151490642

ACCOUNT TYPE : Current Account

CONCLUSION

We trust that you will scrutinise your child's June Progress Report very carefully. Look at where he/she is under-performing and implement intervention strategies as soon as possible.

For any further information, please refer to our website: www.livingstonehigh.co.za

School reopens on **Monday, 21 July.**