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NORMAN HENSILWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

MATRIC RESULTS 2012: TOP 22 SCHOOL IN THE WESTERN CAPE

Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back to school for the start of the 2012 Academic Year. I trust that you have had a relaxing holiday and that you are now ready to embrace the best that 2012 has to offer. **A special word of welcome to our new Grade 8s and their parents. We pray that Almighty God will bless them in the years to come.**

We have increased our enrolment from 812 last year to 920 as it stands currently. We are bulging at the seams—even with West Campus up and running. Henshilwood is a campus of absolute quality in every respect and I trust that our pupils and parents value the campus and the future it will secure for them.

The year has started off celebrating our successes in the Matric examinations of 2011. I attended the Matric 2011 Awards' ceremony held at Premier Zille's resi-

dence, Leeuwenhof, on Tuesday and Henshilwood was placed in the Top 22 schools in the Western Cape and recognized as a **School of Excellence**. R 15 000 accompanied the award for use by the school. Premier Zille, when congratulating me said: "I have heard excellent things about your school." My response was: "They are all true ma'am". **It is our first time anywhere near the Top 22 and we now have much work to get into the Top 10 within the next two years [that's the target!]**. Rubbing shoulders with the schools who are usually in the Top 20 was an incredibly rewarding experience—**thanks to the excellent teachers and pupils of 2011**. The depth of passes was excellent. However, we can improve on the results — and have every intention of doing so. Congratulations to the Matrics and especially to the star pupils:

1. **Jodee Arendse** 6 As [missed two other A's by 2 %]
2. **Keshini Pillay** 5 As [missed two

other A's by 2 %]

3. **Rosalind Stegmann** 5 As [missed two other A's by 2 %]

Other notable 'A' students were: Kelly Cerfontyne, Robyn February, Brent Idas , Carla Samuels Jodi Clarke, Lisa Isaacs, Rushin Jansen, Nabeel Joseph and Shelley Smith. **The Top 12 pupils achieved almost 50 distinctions between them.**

JODEE ARENDSE



SCHOOL FEES FOR 2012 & DISCOUNTS

School fees have been set at **R 12 000 [R 1 200 per month]** for 2012. This is an increase of R150 per month.

Payment is as follows:

1. **By end of January: 15 % rebate**
2. **By end February: 10 % rebate**
3. **By end Term 1: 5 % rebate**
4. **Ten monthly installments**

of R 1 200 February—November.

A **Capital Development Fee of R 750** per family is compulsory. Parents who pay this by the end of Term 1 get a **R 250 rebate.**

I wish to remind parents that

their choice to send their child to a school of excellence means that, to maintain the excellence, we need to pay our massive wage bill each month—as well as all other expenses it takes to run a multi-million rand campus!

Please pay fees on time to avoid placing the school under financial pressure. Pay now and get your huge discount!

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Henshilwood is a school which takes pride in the appearance of its pupils. I am disappointed that some parents allowed their children back at school after a long holiday looking dishevelled and unkempt. An African proverb says that 'It takes a village to raise a child'. I implore those parents who take little interest in their children's appearance to appreciate the role the Henshilwood Brand plays in education—and how it is valued! It is irresponsible and it compromises the brand when pupils don't look the part. These comments are constructively critical and it is sincerely hoped that we have fewer pupils to have to address on their appearance during 2012. As a Top 22 school we need to look, feel and act the part.

GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS 2012: ADVOCACY

Due to begin on 1 March and must be completed by 23 March.

The following comprise the SGB for a THREE-YEAR period 2012—2015:

7 parent members, 2 educators, 2 pupils [RCL], 1 non-educator, Principal [ex-officio]

The SGB must, from within its ranks, elect the following: **Chairperson** [a parent member]; **Deputy Chairperson** [a parent member]; **Treasurer** [a parent member preferably]; **Secretary** [any member]. We look forward to many of our parents stepping up to the plate and making a significant difference in the life of Henshilwood between 2012 and 2015.

I wish to thank **Mr William Riffel whose term of office as both Chairperson and a governor** ended when his son matriculated last year. He had governed the school with distinction and the SGB will now elect a new Chairperson from within its ranks. The SGB may wish to co-opt another member in anticipation of election to be held in March.

I wish to call on ALL parents who have areas of expertise to offer us e.g. Finances, HR, IT in a future SGB to come forward. We need parents who can represent the entire parent body in the interests of Henshilwood.

WELCOME TO THE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mrs Amansure [seated front][Commerce/Afrikaans], Standing from left: Mr Hey [LO/English], Mr Jakoet [Physical Education/Sports' Administrator] and Mr Nkinda [substituting for Mrs Meyer who is on accouchement leave] [Mathematics].



The school sets high standards in all respects and values a culture of teaching and learning excellence above all else. I trust that the new staff will embrace our culture of excellence and deliver the quality lessons that our pupils richly deserve. Welcome to Henshilwood. May your stay be one of professional growth and happiness.



LOCKERS, DIARIES AND KARRIMORS

Please take note that we are over-subscribed on the lockers and will place an order. Pupils who have already paid for lockers but have not yet been allocated one will get one in due course.

As far as the diaries are concerned, each pupil

must have a School Diary and must purchase it without delay for R 55. It is available at the front office. Parents are urged to sign the diary daily and to check up on homework entered and homework done.

Karrimors are to be purchased at School and Leisure if you are replacing your current one. The ONLY karrimor that may be pur-

chased new has the school's branding on. All Garde 8s have the new karrimor.

We take pride in our standards and trust that you will partner us in our important role as brand ambassadors.

SOME NEW ARRANGEMENTS

1. **Detention classes:** with immediate effect these move to Friday afternoons between 2 pm and 4 pm. Nothing has changed wrt the code of conduct. Pupils who attend prayers must return after prayers and report to the DT venue. Failure to do so will be construed as serious misconduct.

2. **School times:** although school times have not changed, I wish to request that NO pupils be collected from school before 3 pm. I check daily for litter and graffiti and will hold the entire school back until the clean up is complete. I am sensitive to parents having to wait but refuse to live with graffiti

and/or litter. We have won the war on graffiti and litter [years ago] but there are still small battles raging.

I trust that all pupils will think twice before indulging in matters that are not on the agenda of being focused and determined to succeed.



LAUNCH OF OUR PTA

I am excited to announce that ALL fundraising for 2012 [except the Fashion Show] will be managed by the newly established PTA.

The Grade 11s will no longer be raising funds for their Ball in their Matric year. All fundraising is now in the hands of the PTA. This means that we need to establish grade committees to assist in our drive to raise funds. Targets need to be set and projects need to be managed. Parents and pupils will also know how the moneys raised will be spent.

I urge as many parents as possible to attend the inaugural meeting on

21 January 2012 @ 10H00 in the Library

Together, staff, parents and pupils can drive fundraising to extend further opportunities to our pupils.

PLENARY MEETINGS FOR ALL GRADES IN 2012

In 2012 Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have separate plenary sessions with Mrs Otto and I [including the grade heads and HR teachers]. The plenaries will take the form of information-sharing and will ease the transition into the new grade for your child.

Please take note of

the following dates and times:

Grade 12: 18 January 18H30—20H00

Grade 11: 1 February 18H30—20H00

Grade 10: 25 January 18H30—20H00

Grade 9: 8 February 18H30—20H00

An attendance register will be available. We trust that you value your child's academic year enough to be at the meeting with us.



**GRADE 8 MATHS/
ENGLISH FULL/PARTIAL
SCHOLARSHIP EXAMI-
NATION**

Date: 21 January 2012

Time: 9:30 — 11:00 [Maths]

11:30—13:00 [English]

Venue: Hall

Cost: R 20 to be paid at the venue [to pay the markers]

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

The school reserves the right not to award a scholarship/s should the desired results not be achieved. The value of the scholarship will be determined by the outcome of the result/s and the number of pupils who performed in the category of between 80 % and 100 %. It is a scholarship based on a competitive score achieved. No correspondence will be entered into wrt the results and the recipient/s will be announced at school and in the newsletter.

ATHLETICS NEWS

**INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS
WILL BE HELD ON SAT-
URDAY 4 FEBRUARY
FROM 08H30—15H00**

**A-LEAGUE ZONALS
WILL TAKE PLACE AT
BELLVILLE STADIUM
ON 29 FEBRUARY.
COMPULSORY FOR
GRADE 8s. DETAILS TO
FOLLOW IN DUE
COURSE. THERE WILL
BE A COST FOR ENTRY
AND FOR THE BUS.**

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The quote that I shared with the Staff and pupils on Wednesday, and which will be used as our theme for 2012 is the following:

**“You are what your deep,
driving desire is. As your
desire is, so is your will.
As your will is, so is your
deed. As your deed is, so
is your destiny.”**

The quote is from Dr John F. Demartini's book *'The Breakthrough Experience: A revolutionary new approach to personal transformation.'* It is a life changing book and I recommend the book to all parents and to senior pupils.

The Staff and I are very serious about the platform that we provide to catapult our children into a future of tertiary studies that will make them successful. South Africa needs our youth to remain here, to be skilled and to contribute to making the country a proud place for all of its people. That journey to success started in Grade 1 and will continue throughout the high school years.

We have one shot at high school during the ages of 13—18/19. It is a time of extreme physical, emotional and spiritual change. It is the MOST EXCITING time of our lives. I trust that each pupil will embrace the grac-

es God has given them during the year. We are especially excited about our Grade 12s and trust that every parent will pray for their success this year. They are stronger than last year's group so the pressure is one to produce the goods. Individual targets for each matric must be submitted by Staff on 27 January and each matric will be monitored academically like never before. We will operate on a 'Traffic Light System' [details to follow].

God Bless Henshilwood.

Kind regards

David J. Millar

Principal 2012/01/13