

30 June 2017

Dear Parents

We have come to the end of a very busy and full term which has once again been a term full of extremes.

We are very grateful for all our achievements and blessings, but we also share in the sadness of families and friends who have been affected by illness and death.

May you all enjoy a wonderful holiday and may everyone who is embarking on a long trip, travel safely. We pray that our Heavenly Father will keep every De Hoop family safe in His care.

**Staff matters:**

**Mrs Rita Tolmie**

Mrs Rita Tolmie is retiring after 22 years at De Hoop. This efficient and versatile lady was not only an all-rounder and grade head in the Grade 4 department for many years, but also made her contribution in the Maths didactic class, eisteddfod coaching and many other areas.

We thank her for her wonderful contributions and wish her well-earned rest. We are going to miss you!

**Ms Estie Longland**

Ms Estie Longland is leaving us after 6 months and is relocating to Klerksdorp, where she will take up a teaching post.

This bubbly Grade 4 teacher will be remembered for her role as class teacher, photographer and eisteddfod expert and also for her contributions on the tennis court. Our best wishes accompany her!

**Ms Marial Jordaan**

Ms Marial Jordaan (Grade 3) settled into the De Hoop family with ease and rendered excellent service as a relief class teacher and hockey and mini-cricket coach. She has accepted a teaching post in Robertson and we wish her all the best for her future there.

**Sports Tour**

The time has come for our annual sports tour to Graaff-Reinet where we will participate in the Anne Beagley Tournament at Union High School.

The U/13A rugby and girls' hockey teams leave early on Friday morning, 30 June and will play against various schools over the three day period. Good luck to both teams. We know that they will make De Hoop proud.

### **Date List**

A copy of the date list for next term has been included. Please keep it in a safe place. It is also available electronically on the School Communicator.

### **Sport and Cultural reports**

These reports have been uploaded on the Communicator under Resources. Please have a look at the excellent results our learners have obtained this term. We are very proud of them!

### **PTA Management Election**

The election of the new PTA Management team takes place on Wednesday, 2 August 2017.

### **Clothing Shop**

The clothing shop will be open on Thursday 20 July 2017 from 10:00 – 11:00 and Monday 24 July 2017 from 07:00 – 08:00 for your convenience.

### **School Communicator**

We remind you that the electronic school communicator is our **main means of communication**.

To download this programme onto your computer at no charge, go to our website and you will find the link on our home page. The programme pops up onto your screen every day and you can see what communication has been sent out, as well as what events will be taking place on the school's calendar.

The communicator will also be used to send out urgent messages to you. A pop-up will appear on your computer screen immediately. This programme can be streamlined so that you only receive notices that are applicable to you.

The communicator can be downloaded onto your Android phone as an application. It works very well and is close at hand for you to receive communication from the school.

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