Dear Parents,
As the end of term one is upon us, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

We look forward to welcoming you back on the 2nd May!

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Term 1 Overview. It has been a very busy Term 1 and it has flown by! Our new students have settled in well and have adjusted to life at the College. We have had many exciting activities this term that have contributed to a successful Term 1 for both the students and the staff.

We had two staff members leave this term. Mrs De Vries our CIE English teacher emigrated to New Zealand. We wish her and her family well and thank her for her contribution to the College this year. Our much-loved Coach Alfred Phiri also left to pursue a career with the President’s Award Foundation. We wish him well and much success with this endeavour. We would like to welcome Mrs Roxanne Venter to the College. She has replaced Mrs De Vries. Mrs Venter comes with a wealth of knowledge having taught the Cambridge Syllabus and being an examiner. We hope that she will be very happy at the College.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our staff, students and parents a wonderful break. Travel safely.

CAREERS DAY

We held a very successful Career Day at the College on 29th March 2018. A variety of tertiary institutions were represented and it was a great experience for our students.

Was a huge success!! Thank you to those students and teachers who helped to make this day fun and ensured that we raised a substantial amount of money for a very worthy course.

OPEN DAY

We held a very successful Open Day on Saturday 7th May.

Thank you to all the parents and staff for making this a great day.
JMC 2018 EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Our Johannesburg Mini Councillors and Committee of 2018 joined Councillors from all JMC associated schools at Fairways Primary on the 27th of March for the annual Easter Egg Distribution. This is one of the JMC’s largest initiatives as Easter eggs are collected for over 130 charities. We collected and donated almost 7000 Easter eggs to donate from Summerhill Preparatory School! The JMC, as a whole, collected approximately 349 000 Easter eggs. With these donations, the charities could ensure that children, the disabled, special needs, ill, displaced and those that need special love received a treat this Easter. Thank you for all of your donations. Your generosity is appreciated in helping to add a few more smiles!

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MATHLETICS ACHIEVERS - TERM 1

CONGRATULATIONS to our top Mathletics achievers per grade for term 1. These children will receive their certificates at our first assembly next term.

Grade 1 Alex Pillay
Grade 2 Riley Rajappen
Grade 3 Sven Meyer
Grade 4 Isa Paruk
Grade 5 Melisha Reddy
Grade 6 Tanmay Velagada
Grade 7 Tholoana Seliane

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HOLIDAY CARE – NURSERY / PREP.

Holiday care is available for Nursery and Prep School. Normal hours 07h00 to 17h30.
Early drop off is available at R15 per day. Fees are discounted where possible.
Standard rate R150 p/s p/d up to 10 Students. 11 to 15 students R125 p/s p/d
16 + students R100 p/s p/d
Lunch (R40) or Meals with snacks (R60) optional and available daily.
Please email teressa@summerhill-school.co.za for booking forms and more information.
The Story Skirmish (Grade 4 & 5 or younger) is scheduled for May / June at the Midrand Library. Our Team consists of: Suaney Scott, Gemma Myatt, Nicolene Reddy, Tala Kokash, Kayra Govender, TJ Mitev, Liam Oates. These students are in the process of reading 15 books which need to be completed by the end of the holidays. The library will be open for them to exchange book during the holidays, daily from 9am to 13h00 or at other times by special arrangement. We look forward to our second Story Skirmish!

The Battle of the Books (Grade 6 & 7 or younger) is scheduled for May / June at the Midrand Library. Our Team consists of: Tanmay Velegada, Luben Human, Musenga Mfula, Tinotenda Murangwanwa, Mpilo Simelane, Murunwa Ratshisusu. These students are in the process of reading 15 books which need to be completed by the end of the holidays. The library will be open for them to exchange book during the holidays, daily from 9am to 13h00 or at other times by special arrangement. We look forward to our first Battle of the Books!

Thanks to a very successful Traveling bookshop and with the school matching the discount commission we received, the library purchased R2700 new books. We are DELIGHTED to advise that besides our recent purchase we have added a substantial amount of new titles to the library and have several hundred more to be added in the holiday and on-going. Our library has more than doubled in size in the last 3 years. This is in physical size as well as books available, making for a greater fun area as well as a better equipped resource for all the students.

Grade 0 to 3 have a 30 minute Library Period once a week in which time we exchange books and have a lesson covering some of the following topics:

**Library etiquette** - How to page (money fingers to choose a page on the top right corner, slide a flat hand down the back of the page to the bottom right corner, page over with a flat hand).

**What is Fiction and Non-Fiction** - Genres (we have done biographies, auto-biographies and Fantasy this term).

Please encourage your child to share what they learn in the library with you, especially the paging technique – it prevents tears and damage to pages. It is important that you help them remember to wash hands before handling the book and ensuring they do not eat or drink while reading.

**Important note: Outstanding Library books have to be in by Wednesday. Books can still be dropped off until Friday 1pm at reception should it be required. A FINE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT R5 PER WEEK / PART OF WEEK OVERDUE** – thus a minimum of R25 – to motivate parents to ensure books are returned this week. **WHY?** No books are to be outstanding during holidays as they are frequently lost or misplaced incurring a Lost Book Fee of R150 or more for the parent’s account. In addition, during the holidays we clean and repair books as there is no time to do this in the term – any book not returned in time will result in this essential work not being done. Therefore a fine of R5 per week or part of week overdue – starting from date due to actual return date, will be imposed to ensure full co-operation in safeguarding the interests of the parent and the library.

We trust that you will have and AMAZING and SAFE holiday and look forward to showing the students our wonderful new titles on the shelves in May.
Senior Inter-House Netball and Soccer

On 29 March, the Senior Inter-House Soccer and Netball event took place. The Falcons, Eagles, and Hawks competed for the bragging rights (and the Interhouse Trophy). The teams were broken up into combined teams of Grade 4 and 5, as well as Grade 6 and 7 teams. The netball matches were 15 minutes long, split into 7 1/2 minutes' halves. The soccer matches were played in an 11-a-side format with 15-minute-long matches. Coach Tristan and Coach Thulani took charge of the soccer games and the netball matches were officiated by Mr. Pötscher, Mrs. Pötscher, Ms. Visagie and Coach Kegan. Each house would play each other twice and received 3-points for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss.

The netball competition was very competitive and was played in a round-robin format. Congratulations to the Hawks who won both the Grade 4 and 5 and the Grade 6 and 7 events. Well done to all the girls that took part and who passed, blocked and scored a point.

The soccer was less one-sided and the Eagles won the Grade 6 and 7 and the Falcons won the Grade 4 and 5, events. The games were frenetic because of the shortened matches and were played at a high level of skill. Well done to all the boys that took part. Thank you to the teachers that assisted on the day and the refs for managing the games.
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HOLIDAY STUFF!!

Nothing strikes fear into the heart of a brave mum like the sound of the words, "I'm bored". Keeping the kids OCCUPIED AND CREATIVE will keep you and them happy – here are some ideas – and remember: GOOGLE IS YOUR FRIEND – LOADS OF IDEAS OUT THERE!

MOVIE BINGE WITH POPCORN

GROW SOME HERBS

FIND SOME BUGS....

GOT LOADS OF LEGO?

SET SOME DAILY ACTIVITIES TO BUILD A STORY BUILD YOUR OWN OOSTACLE COURSE WITH WOOL OR STRING

GET CRAFTY

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MORE IDEAS FROM:
http://www.kidsspot.com.au/school/school-holidays/holiday-activities/12-easy-ways-to-beat-school-holiday-boredom-at-home/news-story/0e6735d5e03c6201cafe7c10a5cd09
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You can register on-line at myschool.co.za or you can download the MySchool App from the relevant App Store.

We use these funds for the betterment of our school, and your support is appreciated!

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