Dear Summerhill Parents,

Welcome back after the mid-term break! I trust everyone had an enjoyable long weekend.

The last half of the term sees us kick off the first Prep and Nursery PTA fund raiser of the year - The Bunny Raffle! Please follow our Facebook page and Instagram to keep up to date with the wonderful prizes and incentives offered to make this our biggest one ever!

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From the College Principal’s desk ...

**ICTIP**

The College received its accreditation from ICITP which allows our IT and Computer Science courses offered at the College to receive recognition from both employers and universities alike. In some cases, students who have this accreditation are exempted from compulsory computer courses at university in their first year.

**CAREER GUIDANCE**

*Dr Mari Laas*

Our resident career counsellor, Dr Mari Laas will be presenting a talk in the College Hall on **Wednesday 13th March 2019**. Dr Laas has helped many of our students in the past to choose the right subjects and has channelled them into appropriate areas of study based on their assessment. **This talk is very important for students in Grade 8 and Grade 9 and IGCSE2, as they will be choosing subjects next year. Students who are unsure of what course to study after school are also encouraged to attend.**

Please RSVP to Felidia: college@summerhill-school.co.za

**MATRIC LEVY / PA LEVY / LOCKER FEE**

Thank you to the parents who have paid their PA Levy and Locker fee for this year. All Matric and AS2 Level parents, please be reminded that the Matric Levy of R2000-00 has been billed to your account this month.

**CHARITY AT THE COLLEGE**

We will have a number of Charity Fundraising events at the College in 2019. Our bi-weekly Bread Drive has been very successful thus far. Donations in the form of money for bread, peanut butter and jam will be greatly appreciated.

29 March will be our annual Purple Day event. Bracelets are being made by the Charity Club to be sold leading up to this event. On the day we will be selling cupcakes and other delicious food, as well as hosting a colour run. We are very excited to make sure this event will be one to remember! **If you would like to be involved or assist in any way please contact Mrs Herbst - marguerite@summerhill-school.co.za**

**VEGETABLE GARDEN**

We have revived our vegetable garden project and our students are very excited to get started and test their green fingers.
It has been a busy but exciting Term 1 so far. The Softball Teams were off to a great start with a 15-11 win against Curro Academy and 13-2 win against Acts of Education for the Junior Team. Unfortunately, King's College Bryanston proved formidable with the Juniors losing 11-5 and the Seniors 12-7. The always impressive Curro Aurora showed their power again beating the Seniors 15-4. Despite these losses, the players never gave up and displayed fantastic sportsmanship. They have trained hard and hopefully this proves fruitful in their final games against Pecanwood College. Our Swimming squad have been hitting the pool hard and stroke for stroke are shaving time off their personal best. So much so that we have a number of students who qualified for the Gauteng trials this year. A huge congratulations must go to Mateo Losch, Mikah Losch, Travis Taylor, Jenna-Lee Mota, Jayden Larkins, Bronwen Van Hees and Kelly Marais. We wish you all the best for the upcoming trials and know you will do us proud. In terms of achievement at the galas we have competed in, the following swimmers showed they have what it takes:

**FOURWAYS:**
- Open Boys 200m Freestyle:
  - Jayden: 3rd
  - Katlego: 3rd
- JNR Boys IM
- SNR Boys IM: Katlego: 3rd
- SNR Boys IM: Mikah: 3rd
- Butterfly:
  - U14 Girls Kelly: 2nd
  - U15 Boys Mateo: 1st
  - U16 Girls Tahlia: 3rd
  - Open Boys Mikah: 1st
  - Open Girls Jenna: 2nd
- Freestyle:
  - U14 Girls Kelly: 1st
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- Backstroke:
  - U15 Girls Bronwen: 1st
  - U16 Boys Jayden: 1st
  - Open Girls Jenna: 2nd
- Breaststroke:
  - U14 Girls Kelly: 1st
  - U15 Boys Travis: 1st
  - U16 Boys Keanu: 1st
  - Open Boys Mikah: 1st
- SNR individual Medley Relay: 3rd
- JNR freestyle Relay: 2nd

**PINNACLE:**
- JNR Boys IM: Katlego: 3rd
- SNR Boys IM: Mikah: 3rd
- Freestyle:
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  - U15 Boys Mateo: 1st
  - U15 Girls Bronwen: 2nd
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These results show that with perseverance, great coaching from Coach Kenny and Taygan and hard work, our swimmers can only be a force to be reckoned with at the Inter High Gala. Our swimmers will have to be at the top of their stroke as only 1st placements are invited to Prestige. We have all the faith in you and wish you the best of luck!
COLLEGE SPORT

We will be shifting gear from March when Softball and Swimming make way for pre-season training and trials for Netball and Soccer. Dates and times will be communicated.

We are also going to continue with our morning strength and conditioning training. It will be most beneficial for both soccer and netball players to attend these sessions.

Exciting times lie ahead for soccer and netball at the College with the addition of a number of professional outside coaches who are leaders in their fields as well as training clinics. Notification of this will be sent out shortly.

With team work and great foot work we are striving for ball skill prowess!

Yours in all sporty greatness,
Marguerite Herbst
College Head of Sport
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On Saturday, 26 January, Summerhill hosted a welcome tea for our 2019 class moms and dads. Our enthusiastic and dedicated parents enjoyed a wonderful early tea with their respective teachers. Both teachers and parents were given information and tools to take on their roles with confidence.

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**WORLD READ ALOUD DAY - 1 February 2019**

**Summerhill pledges support for World Read Aloud Day with Nali’bali.**

On this day Summerhill joined the pledge to read aloud to 1,5 million children worldwide. In doing so we shared in the responsibility to spread the importance and power of reading aloud and sharing stories with our students. Reading aloud is one of the most important activities we can do with our young children. Not only does it build a strong language foundation, it introduces vocabulary and can help develop empathy, curiosity, critical thinking and creative writing skills.

This year’s story, written by award-winning children’s author, Ann Walton was read by Mr Pötscher at assembly. It was one of the quietist assemblies held as the students listened attentively to the story as it unfolded. Thank you Mr Pötscher for treating our children with a well-read effort!
The Grade 7 students hosted yet another successful Friendship Fun Day despite the gloomy weather. Students arrived at school in beautiful shades of red, pink, purple and white. This being the first civvies day of the year, we had a great turnout. With lots of exciting events planned for the day, students had eager smiles on their faces.

First up, was the brand new tradition of letter delivery to the classes. Some of the Grade 7 students dressed up as friendship fairies, ready to deliver all of the letters to their recipients. Many students were really excited to see our friendship fairies enter their classrooms throughout the day to deliver their special notes to them.

Next up we had our candy sale. Even though it was rainy, our Grade Sevens had a plan. The Grade 7 students went out with umbrellas to escort the students safe-and-dry from their classrooms to the sale. Students could not believe the huge variety of candy that was on offer! So much happiness at the sight of candy.

Unfortunately, the picnic and song dedication could not take place but has been scheduled for another day. Students are excited and looking forward to a lovely break time of song dedications. A big thank you to the grade 7 parents for all their sweet donations. The Grade Sevens managed to raise a lot of money, in this very successful fund raiser.
STATIONERY DRIVE

Summerhill School advocates social responsibility and supporting those less fortunate in our community. As a school, we always try to assist and lend a hand where we can. This term we took on the worthy initiative of collecting old and new stationery for Thakgalang Day Care and Pre-School, who are in dire need of supplies as they have a shortage of resources. On Tuesday, 19th February, we had the privilege of delivering boxes of donated stationery, books, space cases, play dough and other related resources. The principal Mrs M.S Nyalungu was exceedingly grateful for the donations made possible by our generous Summerhill families.

NEW STUDENT WELCOME

With the return of our senior students from their respective grade camps, Summerhill took the opportunity to welcome our new students, formally, to our Summerhill family. They were invited to a ‘New Student Tea’ where they met with Mrs. Rajeev and Ms. Fritz. The students were in high spirits and enjoyed the Summerhill cupcakes, cooldrinks and VIP packages they received. Summerhill is thrilled to be growing our community with these fantastic young people.

FLAMINGO RESCUE

SUMMERHILL STUDENTS FLY TO THE RESCUE TO SAVE THE BABY FLAMINGOS

Since being alerted to the plight of the numerous flamingo chicks which started arriving at Lory Park Zoo, Summerhill students have collected and donated the much needed resources to help with the care of these precious creatures. Due to the adverse climatic conditions, the Kamfersdam in Kimberly started drying up. As a result, thousands of chicks desperately needed to be rescued. In addition to the 900 that landed in JHB, they expect up to 3000 chicks to be flown in and be divided amongst many facilities like Lory Park Zoo to help take care of them.

Lory Park Zoo received over 70 flamingo chicks, with more expected. The community have come together and dedicated their time to nurture these flamingos with shelter, feeding every 2 hours, warmth, love and hope. Summerhill School students, parents and teachers collected towels, food, cleaning agents, etc. to assist them in any way possible. The school took some of the donations through on Monday, 4th February, and will be continuing to collect further donations. Lory Park Zoo is appreciative of the generous donations thus far.
PREPARATORY SPORT

Cricket, Softball and swimming season is in full swing. Despite all the stormy weather, we have been able to fit a few games between all the thunder and lightning. Here is a round up of the sports for the past month:

SWIMMING

Buffelspoort Platinum Mile 'Fun' Swim

Summerhill sent a small group of swimmers to the Buffelspoort Platinum Mile 'Fun' Swim in the North West province. Our swimmers impressed and recorded the following results from the 600 m swim:

- Michael Rainbird - 11:53
- Kelly Marais - 13:20
- Rileigh Makhele - 13:41
- Neeharika Sohan - 13:59
- Kamogelo Miller - 14:03
- Robert Nelson - 15:33
- Hannah Rainbird - 18:08

A big THANKYOU!!! to Coach Kegan and parents for coming through and supporting.

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Gala @Steyn City

Unfortunately, the bad weather has forced us to miss out on two galas. However, we participated in one gala hosted at Steyn City School. Our swimming team placed second behind Cooper College and the following swimmers won their events:

- **Cole Penny** - Individual Medley - Junior Boys, Breaststroke - U11 Boys, Freestyle - U11 Boys
- **Diego De Sousa** - Individual Medley - Senior Boys, Backstroke - Open Boys, Breaststroke - U11 Boys, Butterfly - Open Boys
- **Naima Chitonga** - Breaststroke - U9 Girls, Freestyle - U9 Girls
- **Rileigh Makhele** - Breaststroke - U11 Girls
- **Kamogelo Miller** - Freestyle - Open Girls

Summerhill also won the relay team event, the 4 x 25m Mixed Medley Relay - U11

**Well done to all our swimmers!**
INTERHOUSE GALA
On Thursday, 21 February the Summerhill hosted our annual Interhouse Gala event. Falcons, Hawks and Eagles battled it out to be crowned the 2019 swimming champions. All our students had a chance to swim at least one race to gain a point for their houses. We then concluded the event with races between our strongest swimmers. Well done to Falcons house, for winning the spirit trophy and the actual event.

A special mention to Diego De Sousa for breaking the school Opens Boys’ Butterfly record. He beat the previous time 18.55 sec with a time of 17.76. Amazing, Diego!
CRICKET
Our cricket teams have been very active and have recorded some good results so far this season. Here are some of the fixtures, with results and special mentions.
Well done to all our players on these fantastic results! Let’s hope the weather holds back so we can win some more games.

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MINI CRICKET
Our grade 2s took part in their first Mini cricket matches at Pinnacle College Kyalami during the course of this term. Our future Proteas play against different school teams and had a chance to demonstrate their cricketing abilities. Thank you to Coach Bongani, Coach Thulani and Mr Morris for training and accompanying the team on these special occasions. HOWZAT!
Our Junior and Senior softball girls have only played one match so far this season. The other matches have been cancelled due to bad weather.

The teams squared off against Pecanwood at home. Despite playing a stronger teams our girls showed some good skills and enjoyed the experience. Well done to all our ladies who took part.

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David Bolton
Head of Sport
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Dear Parents,

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Despite the gloomy weather, we managed to celebrate Friendship Fun Day with our friends and favourite teddy too.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT NURSERY YEAR?
What I imagine you expect from us:
That your child receives an excellent, holistic education.
That your child is treated with love and respect.

What we hope to achieve:
Happy children with good manners and values.
Independent children.
Children who are ready to face scholastic challenges of the next grade.

What you as parents can do:
Form a partnership with us and support us.
Avoid car park and children’s party gossip.
Do not talk about your child in front of them.
Never speak negatively about your teacher or the school in front of your child.
Help where and when you can.
Look at your child’s work on display.
Reinforce our key values.
Encourage your child to be independent.

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