



WOODRIDGE

COLLEGE AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL
more than a school...an experience

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"It is a greater work to educate a child, in the true and larger sense of the word, than to rule a state."

William Ellery Channing



FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

A very warm welcome back to everyone! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and wish you all the very best for 2012. Also, a very special welcome to all our new families who have joined the Woodridge community this year. We hope that your association with the School will be a long and happy one. Please remember to contact the front office if you're if you're not sure of procedures.

We welcome new staff this year. Mrs Pienaar, who has been part of the Woodridge staff on a part-time basis, will now take over the Library on a more permanent basis. Mrs Genee Reed will be teaching Grade 4 and her husband, Cliff Reed will be a Grade 7 class teacher as well as teaching the Grade 6s. Cliff and Gen are the proud parents of an 8 month old daughter, Abigail. They both grew up in Grahamstown and, after qualifying at NMMU, taught at Westering Primary. They are keen sportsmen and enjoy outdoor activities.

Mrs Gonda Kotze joins the Music Department as a class music teacher and will also be teaching individual music lessons. Gonda has moved around quite a bit having grown up in Kimberley, studied at Stellenbosch, worked and lived in London for 2 years, returned to Cape Town and last year, decided to try the

Eastern Cape out! She joins us from Addo Primary. Gonda is married to Jaco.

We have had some changes in the front office. Mrs Dalys Radloff is now my PA and Mrs Gail Smith, a College parent, is the new secretary.

We also welcome a new intern student, Natasha Watson, who will be studying teaching. Natasha is an ex-Preppie who matriculated last year from the College. Mr Gavin Lottering is a 4th year student at NMMU and will be carrying out his practical year with us.

GENERAL INFO:

As in true Woodridge tradition we have moved straight into the one-night orientation camps with the Grade 6s & 7s. Next week, Grades 4 & 5 will have their turn. Mr Teeton has emailed all parents regarding these arrangements for these camps.

On Friday, 20 January, we will be holding our Family Camp. Further information regarding this will be sent separately.

We are moving straight into the extra mural programme which started today. Children are reminded to bring their sports clothes, swimming costume and towel every day. Please note that school officially ends at 16h30 from Mon-Thurs. If children are going home after the first session of sport, please could you inform me in writing (St Francis early bus excluded). If children have a second session of extra-murals they are expected to fulfill these commitments.

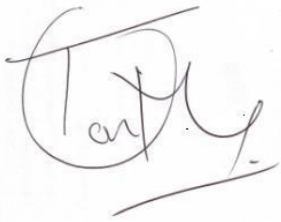
Children have been issued with stationery

packs. Please note that they need to take the whole pack or nothing at all. Should they not wish to keep the pack, please return them to school. The amounts for the packs will be charged to your school accounts.

During the course of this week, children will receive certain work books. These will also be charged to your accounts.

The Parent meeting has been changed to next Tuesday, 24 January, at 6pm. All parents (Gr 1 – 7) are encouraged to attend this meeting as the class teacher will share important information with you

Once again, we wish everyone a successful year. Please keep in mind that if you have any concerns to please bring them to my attention.



**MR T VON BERG
HEADMASTER**

**FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL: PRE-
SCHOOL, GRADES 1 & 2**



**GRADE 3 – STRAIGHT INTO
OUTDOOR EDUCATION WITH
'CREATIVE WORKS'**

