



# WOODRIDGE

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

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*Wisdom is not a product of schooling, but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.*” Albert Einstein

Dear Parents

## HEADMASTER’S NEWSLETTER 3, 2012

The half-term break is already upon us. However, for many pupils and staff, this does not signal a short rest. The school is hosting an U13 Cricket Festival which will keep many of us busy. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket team is flying to Pretoria to take part in the Independent Schools Cricket Festival being hosted at St Albans. We also have a large squad of Surf Lifesavers, who will be attending the annual East Cape Surf Lifesaving Championships in Port Elizabeth. A group of pupils who live far away and who are unable to travel home for half term will be going on an Outdoor Adventure down to Storms River. These pupils will be looked after by Mr Marthinus van der Westhuizen. We wish all these pupils success and enjoyment.

## STAFF NEWS

- Congratulations to Mr Jacques Botha and Mr Dave Masterton on completing the half iron man in East London recently.

## CULTURAL NEWS

### Drama

- We can confirm that the College will be doing a musical, ‘*Urinetown*’, in 2012. It seems as if the performances will take place towards the end of July.
- The Interhouse One Act Plays are set to take place on 21 March.
- Congratulations to **Emily Bradley** on being awarded the **Best Supporting Actress** for her role in *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Showtime Awards.
- Well done to **Laura Ritchie** for her role in the production of *Anthony and Cleopatra* recently held at the Opera House in Port Elizabeth.

### Matric Dance

I remind all that the Annual Matric Dance is scheduled for Saturday 31 March.

## Music

- Congratulations to the following pupils who received Trinity Music Certificates in assembly this last week :

<i>Sefela Garekwe</i>	<i>Grade 1 Piano</i>
<i>Jeff Brooker</i>	<i>Grade 1 Piano/Theory</i>
<i>Louisa Stanwix</i>	<i>Grade 1 Clarinet</i>
<i>Shannon de Waal</i>	<i>Grade 2 Flute</i>
<i>Taelo Dimbunu</i>	<i>Grade 3 Saxophone</i>
<i>Thandokazi Dlephu</i>	<i>Grade 3 Violin</i>
<i>Caitlin Birch</i>	<i>Grade 3 Flute</i>
<i>Michaela Kock</i>	<i>Grade 4 Flute</i>
<i>Jessica Potgieter</i>	<i>Grade 4 Piano</i>
<i>David Stubbs</i>	<i>Grade 4 Violin</i>
<i>Abby-Gayle Botes</i>	<i>Grade 5 Piano</i>
<i>Heinrich Cox</i>	<i>Grade 5 Piano</i>
<i>Richard Radke</i>	<i>Grade 6 Saxophone</i>
<i>Ruan Coetzee</i>	<i>Grade 6 Piano</i>
<i>Astrid Lambrechts</i>	<i>Grade 7 Piano</i>

## SPORTS NEWS

### Athletics

- Congratulations to all those athletes who have been taking part in the EP Schools' meetings. A special word for those who achieved first places :

-	<i>Tara Munro</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Girls U19 Long Jump
-	<i>Alina Boehm</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Girls U17 Long Jump
-	<i>Robin Roemer</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Boys U15 Long Lump 1 <sup>st</sup> Boys U15 400m 1 <sup>st</sup> Boys U15 800m

Robin's time for the 800m was a new EP High Schools Championships record.

### Waterpolo

Girls: Well done to the girls' 1<sup>st</sup> team on a very good set of results at the Alexander Road High School Festival

Boys: The talented boys' 1<sup>st</sup> team finished a creditable 8<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams at the prestigious annual Vides tournament held in East London.

### Swimming

Woodridge swimmers have attended a number of gala's thus far this year and

generally done very well. Certificates were handed out at Assembly and the following swimmers deserve special mention :

*Christine Boswell*  
*Chané de Jager*  
*Christopher Dansie*

*Christine Boswell* (Botswana) and *Rhett Thackwray* (Zambia) will be swimming for their countries in the CANA gala to be held in Mozambique in April. Good luck to them.

## **Cricket**

The rain has interfered with fixtures of late. However, the boys played a number of fixtures with mixed results. The stand-out team at this point seems to be the U15's who have had a number of winning results.

The girls' team have also played a couple of fixtures recently and they are battling to emulate the outstanding success of last year's team. Keep working hard at practice and enjoy yourselves!

## **Cycling**

Well done to *Travis McGrath* on completing the EP Herald Cycle Tour.

## **Tennis**

Both boys and girls tennis teams have played a number of matches this term. Results have been encouraging and everyone seems to be enjoying playing the game. The team travels to East London in March to take part in an annual tournament.

## **OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

### **Horse-riding**

The new Woodridge Equestrian Centre is up and running with the club being over-subscribed with enthusiastic riders. Woodridge students have participated in various competitions and congratulations to the following riders on their achievements :

*Jessica Alberts*  
*Megan Ropertz*  
*Katy Alting*  
*Megan Maritz*  
*Catherine Adami*  
*Francesca Dallacasa*

## **LOST PROPERTY**

The pupils continue to be careless when it comes to looking after their belongings. We are working on them being more responsible and putting a system in place to get items back to

their owners. This is only possible if **ALL** clothing and sports equipment is clearly marked.  
**PLEASE WILL PARENTS SEE THAT THEIR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING IS CLEARLY AND PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH THEIR NAMES**

## **GENERAL**

We are very fortunate to have acquired the services of Mrs Veronique Beets at Woodridge as our resident Physiotherapist. She spends most afternoons here and has a special interest in sports injuries. Her services are open to pupils, staff and parents. Appointments can be made through the school Sanatorium.

We all look forward to the Interhouse Gala being held at the College Pool on Thursday 23 February and I wish all pupils and parents a restful and happy half-term.

## **DATES TO NOTE**

- **Interhouse Gala – 23 February**
- **Matric Dance - 31 March**
- **End of term - 4 April (Final Assembly 14h30, Buses depart 15h15)**
- **Term 2 commences - 2 May**

Yours sincerely



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Headmaster