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NEWSLETTER 1, 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome back to all for another exciting school year. I take this opportunity specifically to welcome the new pupils to Woodridge and hope they have a fulfilling and purposeful stay with us. A special welcome also to our new staff, Mrs Desiré Christian, College Deputy Head, Mrs Lestie Hughes, Music Teacher, Mrs Olivia Brice, English Teacher and Mrs Sue Elliott, also English.

MATRIC RESULTS, 2011

We are very pleased with our 2011 Grade 12 final Senior Certificate results. Lara Meyer was our top achiever with 7 A's, Emma Broadway scored 6 A's and Harry Scotcher, Kate Brink and Ameera Mills all achieved 5 A's. Almost 84% of our candidates achieved results allowing them to study for a Bachelor's Degree. Overall, there was a slight improvement on the 2010 results and we look forward to continued academic progress in 2012.

SPORT

- **CRICKET:** The 1st XI attended two cricket festivals in early January. The first was at Grey College in Bloemfontein. There we played three fixtures, unfortunately losing all three to top schools. Generally, the boys bowled and fielded well, but were let down by their batting. They then moved on to Grahamstown, where they won two games and lost one. We look forward to a good season under the captaincy of Thomas Hobson.

The U15 boys also went to a festival at Somerset College and acquitted themselves rather well, beating Somerset College and St Stithians and losing to Bishops and Rondebosch. Well done to Mr Radloff and his U15 boys.

The first Saturday saw the Cricketers up against Graeme College. The U15's had a good win with the other teams losing narrowly.

- **ATHLETICS: IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please be advised that the Interhouse Athletics meeting has been postponed due to the non-availability of the NMMU Sports ground. We will advise parents in due course of an alternative date.

SAILING

Congratulations to Trent Hawkins on his achievements in sailing in the George Lakes Annual New Year Regatta.

CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

Emily Bradley continues to excel on the stage. During the holidays she received recognition from the PE Musical and Drama Society by being awarded a Best Novice Performance of 2011 and Best Supporting Actress of 2011 for her role as Fixit in Jack and the Beanstalk. Emily has also been nominated for a Showtime Award.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

All the College pupils set off on Wednesday morning for the annual Orientation Camp. The warm weather and interesting programmes put together by the staff ensured challenging and exciting camps.

The second week of the year will see the academic programme kicking in.

May 2012 be an exciting and productive year for all our pupils, parents and staff.

Yours sincerely



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Headmaster