



# Western Province Preparatory School

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## Grades 3 -7 Swimming Standards

### "Awakening Possibility"

Dear Parents, Staff and Boys

At the beginning of each year we, as a staff, set a theme to which we all work towards in the school.

As a staff, we watched a very inspiring DVD created by Ben Zander called "Leadership – An Art of Possibility". In this video, which is focused on new ways of looking at leadership, Ben Zander talks about "awakening possibility". It was this idea that really caught our attention, and prompted us to adopt "Awakening Possibility" as our theme for 2016.

As a school, it is our aim to unlock and awaken the possibilities in each of the boys we teach. As I explained to the boys in assembly on Monday, we are all made by God and each one of us is unique; every person has a different thumb print, iris colour and pattern, and tongue print. We are all one of a kind. Each of us has special talents and strengths, which God has given us to use in his creation, for his glory and for the world. At WPPS, it is our objective to find these strengths in each boy and to assist him, through teaching, coaching and mentoring, to become the best he can be for the world.

In order to become the best we can be for the world and for those around us, we not only need talent and expertise, we also need a good attitude. It is our aim, therefore, to develop such aspects as passion, discipline, determination, resilience, organisation and grit, which are all vital for each of our boys to perform at their best.

Having a skill and a great attitude will lead to our boys being successful in their lives. However, is this enough? What is of greater importance is for us as a school to develop boys who are not only successful but who are also significant. The difference between the two is that those who are successful, use their skills and attitude to better and enrich themselves, while people who are significant in life use them to uplift and empower those around them and the world. We believe that we can produce successful and significant boys if we instil in them values such as respect, integrity, compassion and courage. At WPPS, values education is a very important component of what we endeavour to do for our boys.

The world today is faced with many challenges including global warming, the extinction of species, pollution, war and conflict,

overpopulation, poverty, abuse, economic instability, an energy crisis and huge discrepancies between rich and poor. As humans we very quickly killing our world.

We desperately need to grow and develop our boys to become 'solutionaries' for the future, so that they are able to find and implement solutions to the many problems we face. If we encourage them to use their skills for the world, they will not only become successful, but also become significant. This is our aim in our education of our boys.

As we awaken our boys' skills, strengths and talents, we need to make them aware of their responsibility in assisting to make the world sustainable for future generations. We look forward to awakening and unlocking each boy's strengths during the course of this year.

SIMON WEAVER  
Headmaster

### Parking at WPPS

A few years ago it was decided that parents would be allowed to park on the Mount Royal playground to fetch their sons after school. However, this area is in the centre of the school and is used extensively by the boys as a play area.

We are worried that with all the traffic at pick-up time, boys playing in that area are in real danger of being hurt. The last thing we want is for a boy to be knocked down.

Consequently, we have decided not allow parents to pick up boys from this area. All boys are to be dropped off and fetched from the roads around the school.

In order to ensure that there is more space outside the school, we are going to try to accommodate more staff parking inside the school. This will mean that these vehicles will not be taking up parking spaces the whole day in prime areas outside the school.

Parking at WPPS is problematic and something to which we will need to apply our minds going forward. We will be looking at ways to improve the situation for parents. We trust that you will support us in these new measures. If you have any ideas about how we could do things better, please do not hesitate to contact us.



## Class Reps Meeting

The meeting starts at 08:15 on Wednesday, 27 January in the Centenary Pavilion.

Class reps are invited to attend the Chapel service in the Stansbury Hall at 07:40 beforehand.

## Dads and Lads Grades 1 & 2 Campout

This will take place on 27 February on the Mount Royal field.

Please diarise so as not to disappoint your boys by double booking with something far less important.

Further details will follow in the newsletter.

## Eden Road Notes

### SPORT & EXTRAMURALS

All activities begin 1 February. NO CAP, NO PLAY!

### GRADES N – 2 SPORTS DAY

This event takes place Monday, 14 March, from 08:30- 10:30.

Boys are to wear their sports kit & house T-shirt. Please remember to apply sunscreen.

### AFTERCARE

If your son is registered for Aftercare, but is going on a playdate or is absent, please inform DJ, before 12:00 so that his name can be crossed off the list. If your son is going to Aftercare advise DJ by 12:00 on 021 674 1455.

### ABSENTEES

Please call the office by 09:00 to report your son's absence on 021 674 1455 or email [jacobs@wpps.org.za](mailto:jacobs@wpps.org.za)

### GRADES N & R PARENT INFO EVENING

All parents will meet on the steps at the side of the field near the Pre-primary. Mr Oellermann, Chairman of the Board of Governors, will introduce our new Headmaster, after which there will be a short talk by Mrs Sellier about the library for all new parents. Parents will then meet their teachers in their son's classrooms. Parking will be available on the Mount Royal Field, Gate 7, Riviera Road.

### REMINDERS

Mon 25 Grades N & R Parent Info Evening

Thurs 28 Pre-Primary Family Bring & Braai (Invitation in message books)



Induction of our new Headmaster, Mr Simon Weaver



Grade 4 Reading

## Thought for the Week

"I think we can disagree without impugning other people's motives or being disagreeable."

*President Barack Obama, January 2016 (announcing executive orders on gun control)*