

# MANAGING DIRECTOR NEWSLETTER

30 YEARS OF QUALITY PRIVATE EDUCATION



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It is hard to believe that half of the year has already passed and that we are full steam ahead into the last half of 2023.

Nelson Mandela said "There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return."

With the 18th July behind us, it was lovely that we could celebrate and remember the incredible Nelson Mandela once again. The spirit of the 67 Minute challenge has taken the world by storm over the last couple of years and has become a significant event around the world. Our school also actively participates in this initiative.

The concept of developing emotional intelligence has become the norm in education. It highlights the importance of what a balanced education must include. We must develop learners who can go out and make a difference in the world. To do this we need to create opportunities for them to learn how to be empathic, understanding and caring young adults who want to effect change.

This is something that needs to be taught, encouraged, enhanced and promoted at every stage of a child's educational journey. To be kind and to understand the needs of those around us, must never go out of "style" – it must become a way of life. We must care. For ourselves, our friends, family, community, and our country.

We are proud to say that the staff and learners of our school are continuously giving their time to various charities in their immediate communities. To truly give of oneself and to actually give of your time to make a difference can be a very powerful way to serve. We are creating opportunities for our learners to give of themselves, find their passions and to realise that they, in their own unique ways, can make a difference.

As a school our management and staff also do our best to care. We care for your children as if they are our own. We are their parents when you are not there. That is why we exist, to take your place when you have to work or take care of your households. We care – for our staff, our learners and for you.

I would like to leave you with the words of Mahatma Ghandi "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

*Yours sincerely, Dr B Fournie*

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