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Dear Parents and friends

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

With so many things to plan for, we have decided to announce important dates for the remainder of the year to help parents with their planning. Some of the dates may have to change (e.g. the Spring Walk) as they are weather dependent.

◆ **WEDNESDAY 29 JULY: INDIVIDUAL PARENT – TEACHER MEETINGS**

This is your opportunity to discuss your child's progress with his or her class teacher. The meetings will start from the end of your child's school day until 18h30 (to accommodate working parents). You must please book a time with Heather. We will try to accommodate parents with more than one child straight after each other.

◆ **1ST, 2ND AND 3RD SEPTEMBER: SCHOOL PLAY** in the school hall.

◆ **TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER: SPRING WALK** – alternative date if weather is poor: Thursday 17 September

◆ **SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER:** U7 and U8 mini-cricket tournament at Privaatskool Simond

◆ **30 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER:** Grade 7 river rafting weekend (new date)

◆ **1-4 DECEMBER** – Senior Primary exams

◆ **MONDAY 7 DECEMBER** – Edutrain Outing grades 1-7 – to be confirmed

◆ **TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER** – Games evening. We have changed this date, originally planned for 1 Dec, because school is finishing a week later.

◆ **FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER** – School breaks up!

June / July holidays 2010

Opinions are divided about the long holiday in June / July next year. Because no other schools are deviating from the 5-week 'World Cup' holiday, we have decided to follow suit and leave the dates unchanged from what we originally announced (9 June to 13 July).

Concert time: As you are aware, we are having a school concert this year. We desperately need help to make the costumes. We would like at least one volunteer from each class to help with this. We will have a 'sewing day' early next term in the school hall. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help. You don't need to be a professional dressmaker!

CENT COLLECTION FORMS

Today was the due date for all forms to be back, if you have not handed yours in you can do so in the first week of next term. We will announce the individual winners who collected the most money on Friday 24 July. Thank you to all of those who have handed in their forms, we have already raised over R5000 from this initiative. A big thank you goes to Lena-Mari Marx who has had the tedious job of counting all the cents!

Aftercare closing early today

As usual, aftercare will finish at 14h00 on the last day of the school term (today).

Reports

ALL children will receive a full school report today. Please don't forget to collect it from them and sign and return it next term.

JULY SCHOOL FEES

Accounts have been sent out this week for July fees. Please ensure that these are paid in the holidays. Banking details are on the accounts.

School Fees for 2010

The WPS Management committee has confirmed the school fees for next year. Fees have been increased by approximately 10% in line with inflation. The structure is as follows:

Playgroup: R450.00 (3 days per week)
R710.00 (5 days per week)
Grade 0 & R: R920.00
Grades 1-3: R1080.00
Grades 4-7: R1170.00
Aftercare: R380.00 per month, school days only

Pupils leaving at the end of the year

We have a long waiting list for our junior classes for 2010. PLEASE let us know if your child is leaving at the end of the year (or before). If you do not give a term's notice, you will be eligible for a term's fees.

Happy holidays

We hope all the children have a wonderful and relaxing 3 week holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 20 July.

Thank you for your continued support
Warm regards
Mike Aubin and the WPS team

FATHERS' DAY

Our Grade 1's and 2's made Braai spice for their dads for Fathers' day. Whilst they were busy their teacher asked them why they thought we celebrate Fathers' day, this is what they had to say:

- ◆ Because they like meat
- ◆ They love us so much, they will do anything for us
- ◆ To say we love our fathers
- ◆ To tell them to have a happy day
- ◆ Parents spoil us, this is our chance to spoil them
- ◆ To appreciate what they do for us
- ◆ On fathers' day they don't have to work so much

Now that we have been nice to the dads, the moms might enjoy this one:

To all the great mums:

I was out walking with my 4 year old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that. 'Why?' my daughter asked.

'Because it's been on the ground and you don't know where it's been, its dirty and probably has germs' I replied. At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, 'Mummy, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart.' I was thinking quickly. 'All mums know this stuff. It's on the Mummy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mummy'. We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information. "OH...I get it!' she beamed, 'So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy.' 'Exactly,' I replied back with a big smile on my face.

Aftercare oranges

A big thank you to the Castell family for the bags and bags of oranges they gave the aftercare. We are all enjoying them and feeling very healthy too! Thank you.



Lots of excitement for kids at DDDW&G this winter holiday!

**COOKING CLASSES FOR KIDS
MILK & HONEY DELICATESSEN**

Let Mom take a little break & come join us for fun junior cooking lessons! For two hours, twice a week, we will bake, mash & whisk our way through a few practical, delicious & healthy meals that you can easily reproduce at home.



Classes will run from 09:00-11:00, every Monday & Thursday during the holidays

The cost is R200 per class & R180 if you book more than 3 (everything supplied)

We can accommodate a maximum of 8 kids (aged 9 - 13)

Advance booking is required – at least 24 hours

And on the menu...

French toast / Blueberry muffins / Potato wedges with Tuna dip
Creamy chicken / Buzzy Bee cookies / Pizza / Chocolate Brownies
Bacon & Avocado Salad / Baked Bean & Cheese stuffed potatoes
Ham & cheese bread / Focaccia / Mini Apple & puff pastry tarts

These should give you an idea of the types of food that we'll make. I will stress kitchen safety all the time & they will have to do a little cleaning up.

We would also like to feature a different herb or spice every time.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions and book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

☎ Milk & Honey Delicatessen @ 021 872 0967 / Anelle @ 082 4140 694

**SKETCHING CLASSES FOR KIDS
DE CLERQ ART SUPPLIES**

Well known art teacher, Trevor Cleevely, will host a step by step sketching lessons that will teach you the basic principles of drawing.



Classes are from 09:00 -11:00, every Wednesday & Friday this holiday

The cost is R100 per class (everything supplied)

Advance booking is required – at least 24 hours

☎ Corlia or Suretha @ De Clerq Art supply on 021 872 1049

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 June	1 July	2 July	3 July
6 July	8 July	9 July	10 July
13 July	15 July	16 July	17 July
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT
[Preferably for long term; not necessarily immediately]
IN WELLINGTON OR IN ITS VICINITY

[On a farm is also possible]

Minimum of 3-4 bedrooms

Please call Laura at:

072-268 0941; 021-864 3758

THANK YOU