

**HSH – NOU MEER AS OIT TEVORE, DOEN ON S DIE
GEWONE DINGE BUITENGEWOON**



VALUE FOR TERM 2 – PAY IT FORWARD!

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Liewe Ouers

Ek moet erken dat ek al beter tye in my lewe ervaar het. Covid 19 en skoolhou is beslis nie kondensmelk eet nie. Soms gebeur goed met 'n rede. Dit ruk jou tot stilstand en dwing jou om jou seëninge te tel. Gister was so 'n dag. Kom ons tel ons seëninge. In vergelyking met ander skoolgemeenskappe, is HSH die land van melk en heuning:

1. Ons het nog net **een** bevestigde Covid 19 geval in ons leerdergemeenskap gehad.
2. HSH se personeel is gesond en elke dag by die werk.
3. Ons kan al ons rekeninge betaal!
4. HSH ouers se ondersteuning dra ons deur hierdie moeilike tye. Julle is 'n groot seën!
5. Leerders se skoolbywoning is uitstekend.

Bottom line – we need to count our blessings every day. We tend to spend too much time on negative issues and in the process we forget about what we need to be thankful for.

1. **Staff**

We are very glad to report that Allan Dreyden, one of our Governing Body members, is making good progress. Oom Rassie, our beloved Velddrif route bus driver, is out of hospital and is making good progress as well. We keep them in our prayers.

2. **Return to school programme**

We are very excited to welcome our Grade 5 group back on **Wednesday, 15 July**. Like the Grade 6 group, they will be divided into two groups and will attend school on alternate days. This is done to adhere to social distancing rules in the classroom and our buses.

Our next groups, Grade 4, 8 and 9 will return to school on **Monday, 3 August**. From this date, all grades, except for Grades R, 1, 2, 3 and 12, will attend school every second day according to a rotating model that will be communicated to parents. Grades R to 3 and Grade 12 will continue to attend school every day. Our biggest stumbling block is the 50% capacity rule on our buses. Another issue is the fact that schools are not allowed to have more than 50% of its learner population on the school grounds at any given time.

Why are we deviating from the return to school programme? Firstly, the Department of Basic Education allows schools to deviate if they adhere to all regulations and have the capacity to do so. Hopefield High School complies with regards to that. Lockdown made it very clear that we have two groups of learners in our school: A minority who coped well

with distance teaching. But the majority of our learners barely coped or did not cope at all. For this group of learners' sake, we need to return to the classroom as soon as possible. For all our learners the first prize is a normal school programme. Some parents might say that for the sake of their sanity schools need to open...

3. **HSH Hub**

HSH nooi alle besighede in die HSH-familie uit om deel te raak van ons nuwe Business Hub. 'n Whatsapp-groep word gestig waar ouers se besighede die kans gegun word om geleenthede te deel en mekaar te ondersteun.

Om aan te sluit, stuur u besigheid se naam en nommer na Elaine Meintjes:
nr.: 066 205 7712.

Hierdie is 'n poging om uit te reik na almal in die HSH-familie. Ons is bewus dat besighede aan die Weskus swaar trek. Kon ons kyk of ons mekaar kan help.

4. **Skoolbywoning**

Ons bestuur 'n stelsel waar leerders aangemoedig word om nie skool by te woon indien hulle enige van die Covid-simptome toon. Die stelsel is egter baie oop vir manipulasie en dit het laas week baie duidelik geblyk. Op Vrydag, 3 Julie was 54 leerders in Graad 11 en 12 afwesig, 'n ongehoorde aantal in die konteks en kultuur van HSH. Ons bestuur 'n akademiese jaar waar **elke** dag van onderrig 'n kosbare kleinood is. Geen leerder kan bekostig om onnodig by die huis te bly nie, veral gesien in die lig dat regulasies bepaal dat enige leerder wat direkte en noue kontak met 'n bevestigde positiewe Covid 19 geval gehad het, vir 14 dae in isolasie moet gaan. Ons besef dat ons in omstandighede leef wat baie uitdagend is, maar kom ons bestuur skoolbywoning in 'n baie verantwoordelike manier.

I want to conclude by thanking every single member of the HSH family for their continuous support in these challenging and interesting times. Be assured that the staff of HSH are always acting in the best interest of our learners and their loved ones. We also promise to be frank, honest and crystal clear in our communication to parents and learners.

Keep safe!

Wehan Fourie (Principal)