

NOW, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, WE DO ORDINARY EXTRA-ORDINARILY!



HOPEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Liewe Ouers

Ek is op rekord dat die winterkwartale my gunsteling deel van die skooljaar is, want dan kan ek pannekoek op Saterdag in groot hoeveelhede verorber. Die een aspek van die hele skoolervaring wat ek egter nou baie meer mis as pannekoek, is die skouerskuur met ouers op 'n Saterdag. Verder mis ek ons kinders ongelooflik baie! Ek mis selfs my gereelde “teedrinkers” in my kantoor!

My pa het 'n vriend gehad, die legendariese oom Ben Wright. Hy het 'n Jeep Gladiator bakkie gery en 'n Evinrude buiteboord enjin op sy boot. Dis 'n ongelukkige feit dat hierdie twee handelsmerke nie bekend was vir betroubaarheid nie. Oom Ben het egter vas geglo dat enige iets wat breek, in die Kaap reggemaak kan word en as die Jeep en die Evinrude breek, was sy gunsteling sêding: “Moenie worry nie, môre vat ons hom Kaap toe!” Ek wil ouers die versekering gee dat die HSH gees, waardes en kultuur nie gebreek is nie en dat dit glad nie nodig gaan wees om enige iets reg te maak nie, veral nie in die Kaap nie!

1. School Fees

We simply can not thank parents enough for their overwhelming support in the way they pay their school fees at this stage. Your continued support enable us to take care of our most valuable assets, our staff. It also enable us to ensure that HSH will be the very same HSH you have left on 16 March. Please continue to pay your school fees – it is certainly the right thing to do!

2. HSH Virtual

It is amazing to think that in the space of a few weeks HSH has transformed herself to a centre of distance education of note! One can not underestimate the hours and hours of hard work HSH staff put in to make this work. Also praiseworthy is the constant support of our Governing Body. The real stars are our learners who have embraced distance teaching in these challenging times with extremely positive attitudes!

Indicative of our teachers and learners' productivity are the following statistics with regards to distance teaching. We are currently running the following social media platforms:

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| Whatsapp groups | : | 362 |
| Google Classroom groups | : | 85 |

In true HSH fashion, it is very clear that it is business as usual!

3. **HSH gee om!**

Ons spoggerige Verbruikerstudieklas is verseker nie 'n wit olifant tydens die tyd van inperking nie. Tot op hede kon daar al 850 maaltye voorberei word vir behoeftige lede van die Hopefield gemeenskap. Tannie Annemarie, juffrou Marinda, tannie Cathrin, mnre. Jurgens en Visser en hulle gades verdien 'n staande ovasie vir hulle harde werk. Baie dankie vir almal wat skenkings gemaak het en wat nog gaan maak. Hoe gemaak as julle 'n bydrae wil maak:

- Besoek Hoërskool Hopefield se Faceboekblad
- Kontak HSH se bemarker, Anneke Basson, via die skool se sosiale media platforms
- Betaal jou skenking/donasie in die skool se rekening met die verwysing: Sopkombuis
- U kan ook produkte by Hopefield Spar in die Sopkombuis se mandjie plaas.

4. **The road ahead**

At this moment fake news are flying around at the rate of knots and that add to frustration levels. As I am writing this letter, I am confronted with 6 May as an opening date for schools. Then as I am starting this very sentence, I am informed that schools will definitely not start next week. Never a dull moment ... What we do know is that Education minister Angie Matshekga, will have the last say and we need to wait patiently for the lady. I promise to keep everyone in the HSH family informed as soon I have concrete and valid information to share.

School management and the Governing Body will make one commitment to our parents, learners and staff: we will not open our school before we are absolutely sure that we have a safe environment in our school buildings, hostels and buses.

Anne Lanont once said that almost anything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes. All of us are unplugged at this stage of our lives. Let's make the most of it!

Take care of yourselves!

Wehan Fourie (Principal)