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Dear Parents

We have come to the end of a very busy winter term. Usually there is a general sense of exhaustion at school at this time of term, but not this year. There is rather a great sense of excitement and anticipation as we come to the World Cup. The College has been abuzz with excitement and the Football Fridays have become more and more exciting the nearer we have come to June. Well, ke nako – the time has come! We enjoyed this week a soccer Assembly out on the field with all three schools present together. It was a stirring occasion – never mind noisy! Our pupils are certainly ready for the tournament, let's trust Bafana Bafana are too! We wish our national team well and are confident they will do us proud. May the World Cup go well in all respects and may it be a truly positive milestone in our country's history.

We usually climax the academic programme of the second term with the mid-year examinations. These are now due in July, however. We trust the pupils will prepare well during the month's break and not be too distracted by soccer.

The co-curricular activities of the season past have been excellent in all respects. The various results have been published on a regular basis and so it really just remains for me to congratulate all coaches and players on representing our College so well. I have been proud of the results, more importantly, of the way in which we have competed.

The Matric Dance was a highlight of the term. It was a glittering, gala occasion in every way. It was enjoyed by all of our senior pupils, who certainly each looked the part. The girls were truly beautiful and the boys were not outmatched in any way!

R³, our annual youth week, took place under the leadership of our Chaplain and with the involvement of a number of our surrounding churches. We are grateful to those who participated in the programme and for the significant challenges they brought to our young people.

The Best Speaker competitions, Junior and Senior, were held last week. The standard of speaking and speech content was definitely up this year and some very thought provoking speeches were made. The winners, whom we congratulate, were Joanne Tomlinson (Senior Best Speaker) and Teagan O'Gorman (Junior Best Speaker). Grade winners were Natasha Lewis (Grade 8) and Melissa Veale (Grade 10).

We were greatly encouraged at the support for Talking Parenting, addressed by Pieter de Villiers. A speaker of note, he outlined the characteristics of the postmodern generation and advised on parenting them. The response to his two addresses was extremely positive. We are pleased to have been able to present a speaker of such calibre.

We have some important Mission trips organised for this holiday and the next. Teams of ours will be travelling now to Xai-Xai in Mozambique and then in August to Zimbabwe and Healdtown, the latter in Fort Beaufort. Last year our mission team built a school in Mozambique. This year they return to interact with the local people of the area. In conjunction with members of the HeronBridge Community Church, they will concentrate on developing gross motor skills in pre-school children and will run a soccer clinic for older children. I thank the team in advance for all they will do and am sure they will impact children's lives there in a way they do not yet imagine. May God be gracious to care for our team and to bless the members as much as he brings blessing through them.

The second part of this term runs through July and August. Apart from the necessary focus on examinations it will also have the Major Production as a focal point. The play this year is called *Veracity*. It is a challenging morality play, written by our own Miss Russell and produced by her. The cast and support crew have been hard at work rehearsing. I encourage a good attendance. Tickets have already been announced and are on sale.

It's from here to the goals! Do enjoy the sporting feast ahead.

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Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Klein', with a horizontal line underneath.

David Klein
College Head