

WESTERN PROVINCE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Newsletter

29 January 2021

From the Headmaster's Desk

We would like to welcome all those boys, staff and parents who are new to the WPPS family. We hope that you will have a long and enjoyable association with the school. We hope that you all had a wonderful and refreshing holiday, and now face 2021 with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

We have had a very long holiday and it proved to be very eventful in that the second wave of the Coronavirus hit us around Christmas time. The resurgence led to the Government taking action and placing us in Adjusted Level Three Lockdown. This second wave seems to have been far more intense and has affected far more families, with many reporting the loss of loved ones. The pandemic does not seem to be abating, which is creating frustration, anxiety and anger as we are desperate to return to some form of normality. I really thought that the start of the new school year would be more or less back to normal; however it seems that the pandemic will still be with us for some time.

During the holidays I read 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13 and I was struck at how appropriate the passage is for us in our current situation and, more especially, verse 13. "Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love." It was brought home to me that what we need in these dark and uncertain times was faith, hope and love.

We need to have faith in God. Faith in knowing that he has a plan and that each of us is part of that plan. At this time, we need to turn more to him and place more of our trust in him. We need to let faith rule our hearts and not be brought down by fear and anxiety.

Once we have faith in God, we can then turn to hope. Hope for a brighter and greater future. I loved how an artist changed 2021 into the word hope.



We have come through the disaster of 2020, and have worked frantically just to cope and find new ways of living and working. We have shown ourselves that we can be resilient and that we can change the way we do things - even school! Now that we have plans that we can execute at short notice, we are ready and able to face whatever comes at us. After the blackness of the night that was 2020, a new dawn is breaking and there is great hope that there will be a brighter and better future for us all. As we start this new year, let us live with hope for the future.

Lastly, and most importantly, we need to love. The pandemic has resulted in us being insular, lonely, frustrated, angry and anxious. This has meant that we have not shown the love and care for one another as we should. It is very important to point out that the survival and sustainability of humans is dependent on us working together and showing love, care and kindness to one another.

The love that is being spoken about in this passage of the Bible is described as agape love. "Agape love is a love that loves without changing. It is a self-giving love that gives without demanding or expecting repayment. It is love so great that it can be given to the unlovable or unappealing. It is love that loves even when it is rejected. Agape love gives and loves because it wants to; it does not demand or expect repayment from the love given. It gives because it loves; it does not love in order to receive." David Guzik

Let us as a School commit to having more faith, hoping more for a brighter and better future and then, most importantly, loving each other with agape love this year. Let us use these three words - love, faith and hope - as our overarching theme for the year, and make sure that we use this trying and difficult time to see new ways of being and greater opportunities for the future.

As we move forward at Wetpups, let us create a wonderful school environment where all of our boys feel happy, safe, and secure and that they belong. Our boys will learn and grow optimally and find and develop their potentials in an environment where there is nurturing and care. The social and emotional development of our boys at this time is most important as we as humans need to learn to collaboratively tackle the many problems facing the world. We need serving, collaborative, creative and critical thinking boys who become our solutionaries for our tomorrow.

I hope that 2021 will be a fulfilling and meaningful year at Wetpups - a year when we all learn to have faith, to hope and to love.

SIMON WEAVER



Welcome to our New Staff



Caroline Lunn - Grade R Class Teacher



Colin Zinyeredzi - Senior Prep Librarian



Deidre Harris - Junior Prep Art Teacher



Gabi Porter - Newlands Rd Pupil Support



Thandokazi Mayo - Aftercare Supervisor



Judy Abrahams - Aftercare Assistant



Michelle Potterton - Maternity Post G1B



Anastacia Delcarme - Student Teacher G1B



Breyton Hendricks - Student Teacher G3B



Kirsty Langeveldt - Student Teacher G3D



Luvo Mhlafuno - Student Teacher G7A



Sinethemba Sibiya - Student Teacher G4B

Welcome to our New Staff cont/d...



Stacey Manuel - Student Teacher G1R



Tamlyn van Nelson - Student Teacher G4V



Priscilla Kgama - Student Teacher G2Y



Yandisa Magabela - Student Teacher G6B

Thought for the Week

"You, exactly as you are, are worthy of all the love, kindness and joy in the world."

American singer *Tina Turner*

Headmaster's Assembly

Click on the following link to view this week's Headmaster's Assembly: <https://www.loom.com/share/d3ae671595ef4ef08d2ee0f53022a5d2>



New Boy Orientation



Grades N and R First Day 2021

