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Introduction

As always, I am flabbergasted at the speed with which time travels to once again bring us to the end of another period of learning, growth, enrichment and fun, all of which interact in order to take our children just a small step closer to becoming responsible, honest and well-adjusted young people.

In my opinion, and I’m absolutely certain this is shared by many, Term 1 at CBPS has been one of the most successful and productive terms to kick-start a new year, and I must commend and thank Mr. Stuart Collier and his remarkable team of educators and support staff on a terrific and successful term.

Term 1 saw the implementation of several unfamiliar and unaccustomed procedures, systems and routines, together with the employment of several new educators and the providing of new and or improved facilities. All was handled efficiently and smoothly to the enormous benefit of our children.

5-a-Side Pitch & Symmonds Field

Amongst the most well received of these, has been the 5-a-side soccer pitch. Heartfelt thanks to Adrian Funkey and Stuart Collier, for facilitating the completion of the field over the December holidays. Our children arrived at school on their first day back to a whole new opportunity that they haven’t stopped enjoying yet! Needless to say, this facility could never have been a reality had it not been for the formidable fund-raising and generous contributions by all parents, including the Rocktober “Did-It-Dads”, the facilitation of the hiring out of the Symmonds Field and donations from CBPS families, a resounding and warm shout-out of appreciation to you all!

Another first this term, was the use of the Symmonds Field for both the inter-house athletics and the fantastic parents bring-and-braai evening. Michele Harvey cannot be thanked enough for the unwavering and tireless effort that she has put in to not only securing a further lease on the Symmonds Field, but also for effectively project managing the upgrade of the gardens bordering the field, the pathway access to the field and the signage on the field, amongst the many other things she undertakes. It cannot be underestimated just how much time, effort and perseverance is required in order to have achieved these tasks. From liaising with Parks and Council to the endless and ongoing communication between parties, the requirements are enormous!

We also have Michele to thank for the new pavement in Kinnoull Road at the rear of the school which further ensures our children’s safety and security when walking to and from school.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH MICHELE!

Admissions Policy & Code of Conduct

The SGB reviewed and drafted a comprehensive admissions policy in 2012. Currently, we are in the process of finalizing the review process of the Code of Conduct. The final document will be distributed to parents during the course of Term 2.

Term 1 Projects

The SGB approved the following purchases and projects during Term 1, funded from school fees and income generated by the tuck shop and Second Hand Uniform shop.

- A lawn mower for maintaining the Symmonds Field grass.
- The upgrade of the sound system in the hall comprising new speakers and a sound console.
- A large trailer for CBPS for the transportation of maintenance items and equipment, especially to the Symmonds Field, and the transportation of waste to the tips, amongst other things.
- The installation of blinds in all the Grade 3 classrooms and Tech/Science Lab to keep out the heat and manage the temperature within the classrooms.
- Two new desktop computers for staff use in the staffroom.
- The purchase and installation of poles in the swimming pool area for the false start rope and backstroke flags.
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• Three spectator stands, one for each house, on the Symmonds Field.

School Fees CBPS is registered as a “fee paying” school. As such, we are expected to manage and maintain the standards of excellence we have set ourselves through income generated from school fees and fundraising alone. Whilst we recognize the need for, and embrace our Financial Aid policy, non-payment of fees translates into the following:

• A reduction in teaching resources
• A restriction in the number of coaches and the quality of sport coaches
• Most importantly, a reduction in the number of staff members and teachers and bigger classes (currently our children are enjoying the privilege of smaller classes in grades 3 through to 5)

In ending... Finally, but not least, I would like to thank those individuals who give beyond the call of duty and repeatedly contribute to improving and enhancing our school. Mandy Thompson (PTA Chair), Carol Bysshe (2nd Hand Uniform Shop) and Helen Byrnes (Tuck Shop), you are all angels! Fellow SGB members, and especially Neil and Belinda for their non-enviable task of managing finance, a huge thank you for your time, expertise and support. As ever, it is great working alongside you all!

Wishing the entire CBPS community a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday...see you in term 2.

Warm regards
Dale Knowles-Gaylard
Chairperson
CBPS SGB