

CONSTANTIA KLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's address to the Parents at the AGM held in the hall at 18:30 on Wednesday 25 October 2017

The year 2017 has been a fast-paced, challenging year with many achievements of which we are, justifiably, proud. We are grateful of the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of our learners and can safely say that the CKPS staff and Parents played a huge role in affording our learners the opportunity to excel. The various SMT members will expand on this in their presentations.

I am saddened to remind you of the passing of Mr. J Richard, HOD Extra Curricular, in August. His passing is mourned by all who knew him. Mr. R v Dyk has stepped into this position as Acting HOD and has done a commendable job of filling the void.

We commenced the year with 1100 learners and our numbers remained relatively stable throughout the year. Our anticipated enrolment figures for 2018, to date, show a minimal increase over that of 2017 – projected enrolment is approximately 1120.

Unfortunately we are still finding it a challenge to convince some of our Parents to honour their financial commitments to the school. A number of Parents have already indicated that they will be applying for exemption from the payment of school fees in 2018 and it is going to be up to the SGB to continue managing this situation, and to institute legal proceedings, without fear or favour.

Due to curriculum delivery pressures, the school will revert back to a 7 day, 8 periods a day, cycle in 2018. We are happy to report that we have sufficient textbooks in all the grades for 2018 and each teacher has a set of text books in the class so that our learners don't have to carry their text books around.

At present we have 28 GDE employed and 9 SGB employed Educators, as well as 9 SGB employed teacher interns. Sadly, Mesdames Schlebusch, Smith & Enslin, as well as Mr. Macnamara, will be leaving us at the end of the year and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. We are also saying farewell to our interns, Mesdames Visagie, da Silva & Stoop, who are qualifying at the end of the year and will be taking up teaching positions in 2018.

Due to the dispute between the unions and the department, regarding post establishments for 2018, we are unable to finalise appointments in the vacant posts but will keep you informed via the school's newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to thank, and commend my entire staff, the SGB and the FRC, for a successful 2017 and look forward to the excitement and challenges of the New Year.

I will now hand over to the SMT members to report on their respective departments – Mrs. Schlebusch