

## Address for Info evening 2018 – Mrs J Fleetwood

- Good evening Ladies and gentlemen, I am Mrs Fleetwood,
- HOD Educational Guidance (Intersen Phase 4 - 7)
- With the help of the Schools Support Based Team, which is made up of all the educators at school, I oversee and look after the emotional and social wellbeing of the learners, and arrange support for learners who are experiencing difficulties academically as well as emotionally, in the form of extra lessons, counselling or any other support that is required. I also take all new and repeating learners under my wing and ensure that they settle in quickly.
- Please may I appeal to you, a parents, to let us know, through the school office, if there has been a traumatic event in the family, or in your child's life, so that we are aware and can offer the support and understanding needed. Should we notice any behavioural or emotional changes that may hamper their learning experience at school, we will be sure to make contact with you. Knowing what the learner is going through does make it easier for us in terms of offering support.
- We understand that some matters may be of a sensitive nature and can guarantee utmost discretion and confidentiality in dealing with them.
- Another aspect of my job is to Liaise with our therapists and educational psychologists to best assist learners in need. If you think your child may have a learning barrier, Mrs Schoombie, our School Educational psychologist will be able to do a scholastic assessment to determine what your child's needs may be, and in consultation with the SBST, a support programme will be implemented.
- Should the recommendation be that your child requires remedial assistance or a referral to a remedial school please enquire as to the correct procedures to be followed in order not to delay the process. Your starting point should be with the class teacher directly, who will then bring the situation to my attention. Together as a team (including yourself as the parent), we discuss and decide a way forward, do any necessary assessments, put all the paperwork in place and then call in the DBST to assist with referral.

- We implemented a character building programme in 2015. This term's theme is *kindness*. We urge you to come on board with this initiative and team up with us by discussing, role modelling and expanding on our theme from home as well.
- An appeal to you, from District directly, is to please make sure that as parents, you have done everything within your means, co-operated as far as attending meetings is concerned, and supported us and your child in every way before making any appeals. District will not support us if we have not intervened and offered support sufficiently. We need to remember, as do our children when they do not meet the promotion requirements, that there are consequences to our actions.
- I will also be Working with Mrs Jonker and assisting her with the discipline of the school and the implementation of the code of conduct.
- With regards to grade 7, I correspond with all the high schools looking for bursary applicants and in providing testimonials, as and when required, so grade 7 parents, please check the communicator regularly for updates and take note of relevant dates for open days and so forth. The first being our High School Expo which will be held here, at CKPS on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. This is open to our grade 6 and 7 parents and learners. There are several new schools attending this year. Please make sure you contact the high school of your choice to find out what their requirements are and how to go about applying online. Each school has different ways of doing things.
- I am also the Grade 7 English Educator and look forward to some creative work from your children throughout the year.
- On that note, I wish everyone a happy and successful 2018 and I look forward to a super year in partnership with you.

Thank you

Mrs J Fleetwood