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Dear Parent/s/Guardians

1. Welcome

After what has been a traumatic and uncertain time in our country, we welcome each learner back to the third term. We pray that the rest of the year will continue uninterrupted and we look forward to continued academic rigour in our commitment to ensure that each learner receives the required support to ensuring learning success.

During our "lockdown" teachers and Grade 12 learners have been engaging with one another on google-classroom and other e-platforms to ensure that their academic progress remains on track and that they are prepared for the final NSC examinations at the end of this academic year. I want to thank teachers for their commitment and innovation in ensuring that our academic programmes remain on track.

Grade 8 – 11 learners will receive academic support in the afternoons and with the revised school calendar will ensure that they receive all the necessary support to meet the assessment standards for the remainder of the year.

2. Co-curricular programmes

Within the parameters of the Covid protocols we will commence with our co-curricular programmes as from 2 August 2021.

3. Reports

Reports will be issued to learners on Friday 30 July 2021. Learners who are experiencing challenges with the academic work will receive letters inviting parents to meet with teachers so that we are able, together with you as parent and the learner to ascertain how best we can support the improvement of results.

4. Finances

Covid and other economic challenges have had a devastating effect on all of us. We do appeal to you that you keep your fees up to date to enable us to function adequately.



The extract below was published in the Catholic Schools communique to us during the week of Mandela's birthday and during a time when our country found itself in upheaval. I trust that you may find some encouragement from this reflection.



This week Graca Machel said, "The political violence, racial tensions, and the debilitating lawlessness we are experiencing have no place in this beautiful country. And all during the week of Madiba's birthday! I cannot sit quietly as the land of his birth wages war with itself. In my desperation, however, I take heart in the recollection that we have been through troubled times before. And I am reminded of Madiba's indomitable spirit which was a beacon of light for us through that darkness.

If we allow it, his legacy can anchor us as we navigate this storm and guide us to a brighter shore. And I am sure that from up there where he is, he is watching this beloved country of his. And in his resolute determination, which has always guided us in the darkest hours of our history, he reminds us that we can overcome any challenge if we keep focus on what is just, what is right, and the unfinished work of what has to be done to bring us closer to an existence of dignity for us all."

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Looyen".

Dr R. Looyen (PhD)