



# WILLOW ACADEMY

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## Term 1 Newsletter 1.3

Thursday, 18 February 2021

Dear Willow Parents

*“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you”*

Isaiah 26:3

### GOING STRONG

I cannot believe that we are already into our third week since the learners returned to school. Yes, I really missed our annual “Get to Know You” Braai, as it has always been one of the highlights of my year. Hopefully, COVID will be something of the past sooner, rather than later, and we can all start to enjoy doing what we do well – to “kuier”. For now though, we will do the best we can with what we have.

### STAFF NEWS

The term started so well that we forgot to share some newsworthy stories about our wonderful staff.

#### Saying goodbye...

We are saying goodbye to our beloved and passionate Grade 1 teacher, Mrs Kira Maritz. She is not just a teacher, but also a sister, a friend, a confidante and awesome colleague. She started her teaching career at Willow Academy and has always been a cheerleader for this school. She and her little family will be relocating to the cold, rolling hills of Scotland.

Her last day will be Monday, 22 February. If you would like to wish her well, please do so by sending a WhatsApp message on your class group. WE WILL MISS YOU, KIRA!

#### Welcoming back...

In the place of Mrs Maritz, we are welcoming back Mrs Tanya Fry. She has been on maternity leave and took a career break to be with her son. She has many years of experience and has so much passion for education. We are pleased to have her back on the team.

## **Congratulations!!**

We have some exciting news! Miss Leonie – one of our Grade 4 teachers – got married during the December holidays, and is now Mrs Constance. We are so glad that she eventually was able to tie the knot, as her wedding had to be cancelled last year due to lockdown restrictions.

Also, our Grade 1 teacher, Miss Hayne, got engaged. We wish her all the best with her wedding preparations.

And we have recently found out that there will be a new addition to the Willovian family, as Mrs Meiring is expecting. We wish her all the best.

## **High School Phase Head**

As of 1 January 2021, Mrs Ilze Kilian has been appointed as our High School Phase Head.

She has taken over the baton from Mrs Maryna Walker, and has already started to make her mark in this new role.

We would like to thank Mrs Maryna Walker for the time and energy she has put into the High School. We wish Mrs Kilian all the best for the journey ahead.

## **WHATSAPP COMMUNICATION**

Staying connected with our parents plays a vital role in our school, so we need to keep the lines of our communication open. Please be reminded of the following rules that must be followed.

1. No advertising, photographs or personal comments are allowed.
2. Only Willow Academy staff and parents are permitted to be part of the class groups. Learners' cell numbers may NOT be added to the groups.
3. Bad language, derogatory comments or inappropriate pictures will not be tolerated. This may result in you being removed from the group without warning.

If we work together we can make 2021 a successful year.

## **EARLY ARRIVALS IN THE MORNING**

With immediate effect, all high school learners who arrive at school before 07h15 will remain at the front of the school. They will not be permitted in the designated high school quad area until a high school teacher is available.

## IMPORTANT DATES (subject to change)

Date	Tasks	Grades
Monday, 22 March	Public Holiday	All grades
Friday, 26 March	Last day of term 1	All grades
Monday, 12 April	First day of term 2	All grades

Blessings



**Mrs C Rademeyer**  
**Principal**