



## The Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

"Pretend that every single person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says, "Make me feel important." Not only will you succeed in sales, you will succeed in life." (Mary Kay Ash)

We live in a WIIFM world, that is: What's In It For Me! The trend in society is that people will help others, or be nice to them, only if they will benefit from it. However, life is not just about me. It is well documented that at the end of their lives, most people regret not spending more time caring for others and building relationships.

This life-lesson forms part of giving your child roots and wings. Roots symbolise the values we teach our children from a very young age and form the foundation whereby they build meaningful relationships. The moment you treat everyone you encounter with dignity and respect, you will change lives around you. Most importantly, you can't touch someone's life without affecting your own. You will feel more alive and experience a sense of fulfilment that you've never experienced before. By doing it, you will make our world a better place to live in.

Last Friday at our assembly, our Grade 6 leaders' theme was kindness and it was heartening to see how they interacted with all the pupils ranging from gr 1 to gr 5. Without knowing what their theme was, I too had chosen to share a story with them which reflects the importance of deeds of kindness. At the past Shabbaton camp, our pupils interacted with each other and reached out to others. This is testimony to the fact that our pupils do care. We just need to remind them from time to time especially at this age, what is really important in life. Instilling and reinforcing values forms a crucial part of our children's education.

Our KMAD portfolio has organised an outing to Mfuleni where our Primary School pupils will interact and assist with running activities for the kids there. This is an opportunity for our pupils to pay it forward as well as an opportunity for them to learn and grow.

The most wonderful part of all these initiatives, is that our pupils are also being enriched, and learning valuable life lessons.

Yours in education

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