



19 July 2016

Dear Saints family

I write to remind you of the following 'Rector' campus events taking place this week, to emphasise arrangements for the last two days of term (4-5 August), and to inform you of an earlier closing time for the Corlett gates.

Rector Connect with Parents on Thursday 21 July at 18:00 in the One & All Conference Room

The format of this evening's event will be 'An Open Forum on Race and Racism'. The occasion provides an opportunity for parents and staff to share experiences and insights as we, collectively, engage with the theme of 'race and racism' in our society and how to advance a Saints campaign against racism.

There are other fault-lines of division and stereotyping in our society, including sexism, homophobia and xenophobia. At this point in time, I feel that there are good reasons to focus on race and racism as a priority.

Rector's Campus Action Day on Saturday 23 July at 09:00 at the Dam parking

Following on from the success of last term's event, I invite students, parents and staff to join our 'work party' on this morning. We will be concentrating on the area of the dams, clearing weeds and alien trees, and on litter pickups. The work done will count towards community service hours for students who wish to log them. We will be providing a mid-morning snack and lunch. Please rsvp to rector@stithian.com for catering and organising purposes.

Please bring the following equipment: thick gardening gloves, spades, forks, garden loppers and tree poppers.

4 and 5 August are school days

The 3rd of August has been declared a public holiday to enable participation of voters in the municipal elections. I write to emphasise that the 4th and 5th of August, the last two days of term, are school days with the normal programme of events in place. We look forward to full attendance and participation of our students on these days.

Corlett Gate on Bram Fischer to close at 19:00

In order to improve our access security, we have decided to close the Corlett Gate at 19:00. After this time, please use the other gates, in particular our main entrance off Peter Place.

In conclusion, having just remembered Nelson Mandela and his legacy, may we renew our commitment to being active citizens making a world of difference in our communities, networks and nation.

Good wishes

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