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Psalm 91:1 *"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Good morning, Wembley College family. What a term this has been! To every single scholar, from Grade RRRR all the way through to Matric, I want you to know: I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you. This term was not easy. You faced exams. You got up early for sport. You kept going on the days when you felt like you had nothing left. And you did it. That takes character. That takes grit. And that is exactly what Wembley scholars are made of.

Together, we have lived out our Vision, Mission, and Values. Our mission is clear: *to educate, nurture and inspire scholars to be individuals where they can learn, create, grow and flourish, in a co-educational, family environment, based on an international education system, under a Christian ethos, in a school in the country.* This term, we have seen those words come alive in classrooms, on sports fields, and in the everyday acts of kindness and resilience shown by our scholars.

Our vision is to be innovative leaders in education. Not followers, leaders. We are here to set the standard, to be brave enough to try new things, and to think differently.

And our values: **C-L-I-F-E** remind us of who we are:

- **C**elebrating individuality and cultural diversity
- **L**eadership with enthusiasm (Ductus Cum Alacritate)
- **I**nnovation
- **F**amily values
- **E**ducational excellence

These values have been lived out in abundance this term.

We extend heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the **OISESA evaluation process** in preparation for the upcoming **ISASA Quality Assurance Inspection**. Your time, insights, and commitment affirm our shared belief in continuous growth and the pursuit of the highest standards in education.

As Nelson Mandela once said, *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* And in the words of John Dewey, *"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."* These truths resonate deeply with the Wembley journey this term.

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Junior School Highlights

The Junior School has thrived in a term filled with learning, laughter, and community spirit. Scholars delighted in creative classroom experiences, outdoor learning in the autumn sunshine, and spirited sporting events such as the interhouse hockey and tag rugby fixtures, alongside the ever-popular parents vs scholars matches.

Families joined us for memorable celebrations, including:

- Preschool Mother's Day and Father's Day events
- Junior Primary Family Fun with Figures Maths Morning
- World Leopard Day Open Day

Our youngest scholars embraced imaginative safari adventures, while the addition of two brand-new playground trampolines brought endless joy. These experiences highlight the strong partnerships we share with our parents and the vibrant sense of community that makes Wembley so special.

High School Achievements

This term marked historic sporting milestones and meaningful community engagement:

- **Regional Hockey Representation**
  - U14: Zenande Mncwabe, Amelia Yeadon, Stacey Sims-Handcock, Lindsay Hohls
  - U18: Ilse Duvenage

- **Regional Rugby Representation**
  - U14: Samuell Oellermann, Janco Kruger
  - U18: Michael Silk

- **Provincial Rugby Representation KZN Sharks**
  - For the first time in Wembley history, a scholar has been selected for KZN Rugby U18: Congratulations to Michael Silk on this outstansding achievement.

- **Community Service Initiative**
  Every High School scholar participated in a remarkable outreach project with LETCEE, dedicating time to painting, cleaning, and gardening for the local community. This hands-on service reflected our ethos of compassion, responsibility, and leadership through action, a true embodiment of our Christian values.

- **Cambridge Awards Ceremony**
  We proudly celebrate Laura Niebuhr and Sthabile Mhlongo, who received Outstanding Cambridge Awards at the regional ceremony honouring top academic performances from the previous exam session. Their achievements stand as a testament to Wembley's commitment to educational excellence and the pursuit of global standards.

These accomplishments reflect not only talent but also resilience, discipline, and the spirit of Wembley scholars.

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Middle School Highlights

Our Middle School scholars shone brightly across disciplines:

- **Provincial Netball**
  - For the first time in Wembley history, a scholar has been selected for KZN U13 A Netball: Congratulations to Khloe Dos Santos on this outstansding achievement.

- **District Hockey (Umzinyathi)**
  - Grace Corbishley, Esihle Gumbi, Mary-Kate Pieterse
  - Bodie Barton, Clarke Slatter, James Corbishley, Feziwe Mbonambi, Blake Smit

- **District Rugby**
  - Blake Smit, Kyle Hohls (U12 Midlands non-travelling reserve), Luan Fischer

These accomplishments showcase the depth of talent and commitment across our Middle School.

Behind every successful scholar there is a team of incredible people who make it possible.

To our management and teachers, thank you for your passion, patience, and belief in every child. To our sports coaches, thank you for the early mornings and late afternoons, for pushing our scholars to be better. To our support staff and admin team, you are the backbone of this school, and we do not take you for granted.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership. To our Board, thank you for your guidance and commitment to excellence.

You have worked hard. Now it is time to rest, recover, and recharge. Go home, hug your families, sleep in, and enjoy these well-earned holidays. Those representing provincial and regional teams, as well as National Land Service camps do your best, work hard, and hold Wembley's name high.

Together, we embody the Wembley College spirit: a school where faith, learning, and community flourish side by side.

May the upcoming holiday be a time of rest, renewal, and joy for all our families.

With gratitude and blessings,

William Silk



Executive Head Wembley College