



"To have life more abundantly"

Circular 4 of 2018

8 February 2018

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that next week will herald the fifth week of school. A reminder that many pupils will have received tasks/ assignments. Please monitor and ensure that they are doing their own work. The consequences of plagiarizing or copying is serious and can result in a pupil receiving zero. For a matric, the matter must be dealt with the School and the District.

While Day Zero has been moved to 11 May, we still need to Manage our water. Please see attached. This is **NOT** a Day Zero Management Plan. Our girls and boys have been addressed about their responsibility wrt water saving at school. All staff will be doing their utmost to save water. If you have any ideas/ suggestions, please submit to bgrant@edgemeanhigh.org.za [Head of Health and Safety]. If there is any businesses / corporates that would like to assist the school, please contact Mr Grant.

Please take note of Mrs Vollgraaff's update of Matric 2017 and her academic note.

Congratulations to our pupils who have achieved in sport and music outside the school.

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Mr RG Lawrence
PRINCIPAL

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MUSIC CAMP

Please take note: the Music
Camp has been postponed to 2nd
– 4th March 2018.

Any queries please contact Mrs
Bekker:
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2017 - TOP ACHIEVERS

Thamera Naicker	-	19 th overall in Metro North District.
Stuart Vidal-Hall	-	1 st in Geography in the Western Cape – 100%.
Amy Perold	-	5 th in Business Studies in the Western Cape.
History	-	EHS top in A's in Metro North District
History	-	100% Pass rate

ACADEMICS

It is a huge concern that certain learners put their heads down during lessons. We would like to get parents on our side when we put a ban on sleeping in class. (Feedback from parents in this regard would be appreciated.)

An appeal to parents to sign and write a comment in **all** workbooks. We need your support.

12 FEBRUARY – 18 FEBRUARY 2018

WEEK A

Monday 12	:	Prospective Grade 8 – 2019 Information Evening @ 19:00 Tours from 16:00 – 18:00
		Matric Extravaganza Tickets go on sale
Tuesday 13	:	Interschool Athletics at De Kuilen
Wednesday 14	:	Civvies Day
Thursday 15	:	Grade 9 Top Achievers' Evening

19 FEBRUARY – 23 FEBRUARY 2018

WEEK B

Monday 19	:	Camps' Bay Athletics Meeting
Friday 23	:	School ends at 13:15 due to Staff Development

WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Edgemean High School is committed to ensuring that all spheres of school life continues normally as possible.

We are committed to the following which will be implemented as at 12 February 2018:

1. TOILETS

- Each Bathroom will only have one basin with running water. Waterless hand sanitizers will be placed in all bathrooms;
- Girls / ladies bathroom: some of the cubicles will be locked, thus reducing the amount of water used for flushing.
- Boys Bathroom will only have two cubicles open, encouraging learners to use the urinal which uses far less water;
- Learners will be instructed not to flush and cleaning staff will be on a roster to check toilets and spray odour remover (Albex toilet spray) and only once a day at 15h45 will toilets be flushed.

2. AWARENESS

- Learners will receive weekly updates in assembly to promote water saving;
- All bathrooms will have signage promoting water saving;

3. STAFF

- Staff will be asked to promote water saving in their classrooms with learners;
- Staff water cooler has been switched off;
- Staff encouraged to bring own drinking water;
- Water cans have been placed under staff aircons to catch water;

4. THE SCHOOL HAS:

- Bought tanks over the last year that has a capacity of 18 000 litres to which our wellpoint is connected and will be used when necessary;
- Secured all outside taps / no showers;
- We are in negotiations with the WCED to repair our borehole which is connected to the Hayward Centre bathrooms;
- Investigating connecting our borehole to other bathrooms;

5. SPORT

- EHS will comply with the cancellation of all cricket matches (except one, which will not be played at EHS) and has implemented an internal league (see last week's circular);
- Investigate the impact that said drought has on winter sport.

From the Head of Discipline:

Dear Parents

It is already the fourth week of the school year and I am only now able to write my first letter for the circular. It has indeed been a very busy four weeks. Thankfully I have been busy with ensuring the smooth implementation of a few new ideas and policies we have put in place for this year and not so much with major disciplinary issues!

I would like to address the following:

1. I would like to comment on the new hair policy that has been in place since the start of the year. The early signs are very positive. The Grade Heads have reported that the amount of time they are having to spend fighting with both students and parents regarding appearance issues has drastically decreased. This has generally created a more pleasant, positive environment for all. The most pleasing aspect so far has been the fact that despite the lenient new rules, the students have generally speaking not attempted to do anything too outrageous with their hair. It was to be expected that some would try and push the boundaries somewhat, but those cases have been few and far between. Generally speaking, I believe the neatness of our students' hair has improved somewhat from last year despite the more lenient rules. I would like to thank the parents for their support in this matter. Please ensure that this continues and that learners do not try to experiment and push the boundaries as the year goes on.
2. Assembly is the only opportunity we have of addressing the entire student body and is also the only opportunity we have to influence the culture of the school, reinforce our values and respect our traditions. As a result, the decision was taken at the end of 2017 to formalise assembly to a much greater degree. The reintroduction of traditions such as the flag ceremony, the singing of our beautiful National Anthem etc. has already had a positive effect and we believe it gives all at Edgemoor High even more to be proud of. We are going to be extremely strict on discipline during assembly and any kind of disrespect towards our Anthem, the flags, speakers on stage or even the formality of occasion will be harshly dealt with. Any parents who saw the video of the flag ceremony on our Facebook page would probably agree with me that this approach can only have a positive effect on our learners.
3. Two things that have not changed from 2017 is our ongoing fight against drugs and violence at school. In this regard we are pleased to report that after a number of arduous governing body hearings towards the end of 2017, the parents have chosen to remove their children from Edgemoor High. This is a huge victory for the safety of all at Edgemoor High. The fight against drugs will never come to an end, but we are committed to winning more battles than we lose and if any learner is identified as a distributor of banned substances, we will ruthlessly pursue them and ensure that their influence on the rest of our learners is limited. In terms of fighting at school, we have had to suspend four boys this week for what amounts to little more than pushing and shoving. Although this may seem harsh, we believe it necessary for all to understand that we have a zero-tolerance policy towards violence. The safety of our learners is our primary concern and of course we wish all at Edgemoor High to have a pleasant experience at school.

4. I would also like to clarify the school's cellphone policy as there has been one or two incidents over the past few weeks.

Cellphones are to be placed in lockers before school starts at 07:55. Any cellphone found in the possession of a learner will be confiscated (regardless of whether it was on or off). The standard rule is that the cellphone (including SIM and SD cards) will only be returned at the end of the term. There are instances where learners arrive at school late and do not have time to go to their lockers or they forget to do so. In cases such as this they need to speak to their class tutor and/or Grade Head as soon as possible. There should therefore be no excuse for being in possession of a cellphone. If certain mitigating circumstances exist, the Grade Head or myself, may decide to return the cellphone at an earlier date or substitute confiscation with an appropriate punishment. Parents are asked to understand that in these cases the school is making a compromise and that our decision in this regard is final.

Thank you as always for your continued support and the hard work you do as parents. Please feel free to contact me at any time at ldekock@edgemeanhigh.org.za.

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Mr. L.M. De Kock
Head of Discipline

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Jethro Durant who was selected to play this year for the U18 SA Ice Hockey team in New Zealand.

Congratulations to Chad Pearson for being selected for WP U18A Baseball team. The championships will be held in Durban in March.

Well done to the following pupils on their musical achievements and being selected for the Hugo Lambrecht's Junior Orchestra: Caleb Petersen and Tyla Dodgen.
Tyla Dodgen has also been selected for the position of Concert Master/Principal Violin.

WATER

Please note we are still awaiting delivery of our outstanding order from Aquelle. We will be re-looking at whether we will continue this or not.

At this point no other orders are being processed.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**"INTEGRITY is choosing
COURAGE
over comfort; choosing what is
RIGHT
over what is easy;
And choosing to
PRACTICE your VALUES
rather than simply professing
them"**



EDGEMEAD HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

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“DARE TO SOAR”

RESULTS FOR 01 FEBRUARY – 07 FEBRUARY EHS SCORE FIRST					FIXTURES FOR 08 FEBRUARY – 14 FEBRUARY					
	TEAM	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT		TEAM	DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE	TIME
BOYS'	1 st	06/02	Durbanville	8 – 6	CRICKET	1 st	10/02	Vredenburg	VRE	09:00
	3 rd	01/02	Settlers	0 – 14			1 st	13/02	Sutton Valence	TBC (UK)
GIRLS' TENNIS	1 st	06/02	DF Malan	4 – 10	BOYS' TENNIS	1 st	12/02	Milnerton	MHS	15:15
SOFTBALL	1 st	01/02	Elkanah House	6 – 12		1 st	13/02	Sutton Valence	EHS (UK)	15:00
	2 nd	01/02	Melkbosstrand	7 – 3		2 nd	08/02	Milnerton	MHS	15:15
	U15A	01/02	Milnerton HS	7 – 12		3 rd	08/02	Elkanah	EHS	15:15
	U15B	01/02	Milnerton HS	4 – 10	GIRLS' TENNIS	1 st	TBC	Stellenberg	EHS	TBC
					SOFTBALL	2 nd	14/02	Settlers	EHS	15:15
						U15A	14/02	Settlers	SET	15:15
						U15B	08/02	Table View	TVHS	15:15
					Netball	1 st	13/02	Sutton Valence	EHS (UK)	15:00
						U16A	13/02	Sutton Valence	EHS (UK)	15:00
					Athletics	All	13/02	Inter-schools	Parow	08:00



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