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Dear Parents and Guardians

We have reached the half-way point in the first term which means that we have no school on Monday the 25th of February. It is hard to believe how much has already been achieved in such a short space of time both inside and outside of the classroom. Learners have settled well and already achieved much. It is always important for us to remember that education is not a sprint but a marathon and although a good start is important being able to push through when the going gets tough is as important.

It is important that our children learn to persist. Persistence is the ability to maintain action regardless of your feelings. To press on even when you feel like quitting, until you achieve that important goal. Many learners give up too soon because they have wrong expectations of themselves and the outcome. St Nicholas has high expectations of our learners and therefore we set them challenging work to complete. True learning can only occur when you are faced with an activity that you are currently unable to do. Our teachers will then guide the learners through the process of acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to master the new challenge. If your child returns home and says that school was easy we are failing in our job. We want them to be challenged and we want to teach them that they are going to have to put in the work if they hope to master their subjects. Thomas Edison, who failed a thousand times before finally perfecting the light bulb always said that, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration."

We ask all parents to encourage your children not to give up when they face difficulties but to continue doing their best. It is a skill that will enable them to achieve beyond what even they believed to be impossible.

Yours sincerely

Leon Grove

"The value of persistence comes from a vision of the future that's so compelling you would give almost anything to make it real." - Calvin Coolidge