

Tuesday, 30 April 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach the following two weeks in South Africa we are reminded of our difficult past as well as the possibilities for a brighter future for our country. This Wednesday we celebrate Workers Day, first celebrated in South Africa in 1895. It has always been a day when we remember the many hardships that the working class has endured and the brave men and women who opposed the exploitation of workers. The following Wednesday we will cast our votes in the National Elections. Once again we will remember all of those courageous men and women who sacrificed everything to ensure a better future for all in South Africa. When contemplating these two events I am reminded of the central role that education plays in emancipating people from both economic and social ills. The following are some statistics from the United Nations report on Sustainable Development Goals.



- If all children in the world left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty.
- Education builds on itself, creating greater capacity to educate others and nurture a culture that values learning.
- One additional year of schooling increases a woman's earnings by up to 20%
- Each additional year of schooling raises annual average Gross Domestic Product by 0,37%
- A 0.1% improvement in a countries education equality can, over 40 years, raise its per capita income by 23%
- Increasing enrolment rate in secondary education by 10% can reduce the risk of war by 3%
- Higher education levels also lead to more responsible citizens who use energy more efficiently, show greater concern for the environment and come up with more creative solutions to ensure sustainable use of all resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for investing in your child's education and to encourage you to use your democratic right to vote on the 8th of May. Our country needs us to all become active citizens who work towards a better future for our children.

Yours sincerely

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