

## St Nicholas Diocesan School

A Co-Educational, Independent, Anglican, Day and Boarding School for pupils from Grade RR-12

Wednesday, 17 July 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Term 3. I'm sure that all St Nicolights have had a good rest over the winter holidays and are ready for the work that lies ahead. One of the best ways to improve on performance is to analyse what was done in the first half of the year and to look for areas of strength that can be built on and areas of weakness that need to be focused on. To this end we encourage you to attend our Parent Contact evenings next week. Grade 8 and 9 will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July between 4.30pm and 6.00pm and the Grade 10, 11 and 12 evening will be on the Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Studies have shown that one of the best predictors of a student's success is the level of parental involvement. We urge you to take the time to come and speak to your child's teachers to see how we can work together in improving their performance.

Sport for the third term includes basketball and soccer for the girls and soccer for the boys. We encourage all learners to participate in sports to build teamwork skills while remaining physically healthy at the same time.

Mandela Day is being celebrated this Thursday and we are all called on to make a contribution to our communities. Our Matrics will be going to Edendale Primary School to assist them in rejuvenating the school. Grades 8 to 11 will spend 67 minutes cleaning up our local neighbourhood. We hope that you too will be participating in a worthy cause on this day. One of the lessons we can learn from Mandela is that you should never let your circumstances define who you are. Mandela obtained a law degree while on Robben Island and made sure that he remained informed about world events even although he was behind bars. We are all capable of greatness as long as we have self-belief. As the saying goes "your attitude determines your altitude." Let us start this term with a can do attitude that will help us to achieve our goals while at the same time making space to assist those less fortunate than ourselves.

Yours sincerely



Leon Grove







