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Dear Parents

Variety…

We come to the end of a busy and very successful First Term in the College. It has been frenetic at times but this is all part of being at Clifton and, in this regard in particular, I would like to thank the parents for the support that you have given your sons and the school.

The Matric Dance – the theme being a '50's Diner' - on Saturday evening was a huge success. Despite the humid conditions, the boys and their partners really looked glamorous and got fully involved in the evening. Thanks must go to the Committee of Staff and especially to Mr Mohamed, Mr Foxcroft and Mrs Garcia for all of their hard work.

The last two weeks has seen the change of sporting seasons. We have opened the season by playing hockey and rugby (chukkas) against Michaelhouse. The games played were played in a positive spirit and were also typical of early season games. A number or positive performances were also evident and bode well for the season ahead.

The production, 'Of Mice and Men', was superb. Mr Boniaszczuk (Director) and the cast worked exceptionally hard over the course of the term to stage this play. We are indeed fortunate at Clifton in the passion shown to Dramatic Arts by the boys and the staff. Some of the individual performances were outstanding.

Staying with things cultural: Two of our boys, Guy Edmondson and Ethan Chetty, will be representing South Africa, at the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships, in Pittsburgh, USA. They will be accompanied by Mr McCabe. We also have four Grade 10 boys, Damien Stichelbout, Adrian Gourley, Ashir Parusnath and Simon Holmes, representing Clifton at the annual Youth Summit, hosted by Dominion High School in USA in starting on 1 April. They will be chaperoned by Mr Howieson. We wish these boys the best of luck and we are sure that they will be good ambassadors for Clifton and South Africa.

The holidays are also going to be very busy for a large number of boys who are going on hockey, rugby, tennis and golf tours respectively, in particular, the First Hockey XI and development squad, who are going overseas to Holland, the First Rugby XV and First Tennis team who are going to the St Sithians Boys' Festival. We wish them well and thank all concerned sincerely for their support of these ventures.

On the academic front, the Matric entries have closed. All entries have been sent to the IEB so that the IEB can plan the examination session at the end of the year. An early reminder is that the whole College will be writing examinations in the Second Term, starting on Tuesday 24 May. This has proven very beneficial especially to our Matric boys who need a welcome dose of reality and need to get practice in preparation for their Trial Examinations and Finals. Please note that these examinations are also written before the end of the term to facilitate the changeover to Semester Two subjects in Grade 8 and 9.

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The First Term reports reflect the marks achieved and commensurate the effort that your sons have made during the term. These marks are based on continuous assessment (CASS) and count towards the CASS mark at the end of the year. Please peruse these reports carefully and discuss them with your sons, remembering that in your discussions you should be helping them to set realistic goals without imposing your own goals and ideals. Support, encouragement and guidance are essential.

The Grade 8 boys have settled down well and are a happy and committed group of boys. They are making their mark in the classroom and on the sports field.

The Second Term starts on Monday 4 April. Boys wear their full school uniform during the Second Term and have been reminded about coming to school neatly dressed and groomed. Please ensure that the necessary haircuts are made. A number of compulsory attendances for home rugby and hockey matches will take place next term. Further information will be conveyed closer to the time.

We bid farewell to Mrs Stephenson at the end of this term as reported earlier. We wish her well and thank her for her contribution to Clifton. Mrs Jordaan will also be going on maternity leave at the beginning of the Second Term and we wish her well.

We take this opportunity to wish our Christian families a blessed Easter.

In conclusion I would like to thank all staff, parents and boys for your continued support of the school and for the collective efforts that allow us to be as busy as we have been this term.

Enjoy the well-deserved break with family and friends.

Yours faithfully

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