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Dear Parents

The weeks seem to be flying by so quickly, that before you know it, the next weekend has arrived. So it is that I take the opportunity to share a thought with you leading into this weekend again. Please take some encouragement from this story and the application to our lives.

A mother and her small son were in holiday in a game reserve and walking through the bush when suddenly they were confronted a huge lion on their narrow trail. The mother had recently been reading a book on some teachings of religious leader and now believed that if you showed enough faith no harm could come to you. So, looking at the lion she told her son, "Now you realize that the lion can't hurt us, don't you?" The small boy replied, "Yes Mother, I believe the lion can't hurt us and you mommy also believe the lion can't hurt us. But, what does the lion believe?" In such a situation the opinions of mother and child were irrelevant—only the lion's opinion mattered! (I'm sure you'd like to know what happened, but I've never heard the rest of the story!)



Many people today have well-formed opinions of God. They share them with their friends and workmates and take great comfort in finding agreement. But there is a problem: What really matters is not what I think about God or what my friends think about God. The important question is what does God think? Everything else is irrelevant. Fortunately, we are not left merely to speculate on this matter.

For many people, God is a swearword, an expression when they're angry, a slogan when they're surprised, and a cry when they have a need. And so, it does not matter who you are or where you are, what matters is who God is, when you're faced with the lion in your life. Jesus said, "***I have told you many things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have trouble, distress and suffering, but be confident, undaunted, courageous and filled with joy; I have overcome the world.***" **John 16:33**

Many people will attempt to dictate to God how their circumstances and lives must be managed. The Bible however describes how we should live in order to receive God's blessing and good-will when facing the lions in our pathway. May I end this short thought with these words found in Psalm 34:8 which reads as follows, "**Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**"



School Transport

Buses will run according to the following programme with starting points as follows:

- Orange farm Driver: Bafana
- Ennerdale Driver: Phumlani
- Alberton Driver: Danie
- Eden Park (Wheelchair bus) Driver: Thulani

The bus drivers contact parents regarding learners and allocated space or seats on the various buses. Please note that filling-in an application does not imply that transport will be provided immediately. Also, all learners using bus transport must be in possession of a mask and sanitise on bus entry. Please do not send your child to school if he/she shows any signs of being sick or has a temperature.

We apologise for the bus to Ennerdale not being available this Friday. The driver was sick and could not make the trip. We wish our driver a speedy recovery.

I would also like to call upon parents and individuals who speak in an abusive manner to our drivers. Please note that the driver is a professionally trained person who provides a service for your child to attend school. Parents who continue to be abusive will be asked to remove their child(ren) from the bus service.



Raffle ticket Sales, Draws and Sport Prizes

The spot prize draws for the Raffle Ticket competition were held this past Wednesday (16 Feb 2022). The luck prize winner drawn from the spin box are:

- Angelique Olivier Breakfast/ Lunch voucher for 2 people.
- Cailey Muruvan & Andrea Horn both won a purse from Laat die Voete Klap.

The main prize was also drawn by Amanda who represented Riviera on Vaal. Our thanks to Riviera, The Glen Shopping Centre and Vera Vita for the generous prizes provided in support of the fund-raising drive!



1st prize 2 night stay at Riviera on Vaal Omolelo Mosia. The Riviera on Vaal, Vereeniging is under an hour's drive from Johannesburg making it a great escape from the city. We trust the Mosia family will enjoy the get-away!

2nd Prize went to Saharon Motsepi with a R1 000 shopping voucher at The Glen Shopping Centre





3rd prize was won by Alta Minnaar who will receive a R500 dinner voucher from Vera Vita

The learner who sold the most raffle tickets booklets is Arzandt Kotze (52 booklets) who also won a prize of a R500 Vera Vita voucher.

A huge thank you to our parents that contributed and supported the fundraiser!

Sport



We had a successful day at athletics!! Our athletes were a credit to our school and wonderful examples to others; Athletes were so well behaved, officials were complementing our school!

Our children received:

- 9 Gold
- 12 Silver
- 15 Bronze



The Athletes!

The man who gets everything going ... our very own Starter, Mr Willemse!



Power to the kids.... We're developing winners!

My Child – Our Concern!

A child has special educational needs if they have a learning problem or disability that make it more difficult for them to learn than most children their age. They may have problems with schoolwork, communication or behaviour. Parents can get help and advice from specialists, teachers and voluntary organisations. 'Special educational needs' is a legal definition and refers to children with learning problems or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn than most children the same age.

How schools can help children with special educational needs? A school can usually provide help and sometimes uses specialists. If your child has special educational needs, they may need extra help:

- with schoolwork
- reading, writing, number work or understanding information
- expressing themselves or understanding what others are saying
- making friends or interacting with adults
- behaving properly in school
- organising themselves
- They might have sensory or physical needs that affect them in school.



Special education teachers face a unique set of challenges, and so do the parents of special needs students.

Some of the biggest challenges of working with special needs students are as follows:

- ***Lack of parental support.*** Come on board, we at Frances Vorweg would love to meet and chat with you!
- ***Lack of teacher appreciation.*** Every teacher needs some appreciation – please tell them so!
- ***Too much paperwork.*** Every special needs child needs an Individual Education Plan (or IEP) and each one can be very lengthy. This is all on top of your regular teaching duties which include curriculum planning, progress reports, lesson planning, and more.
- ***Scheduling challenges.*** Many special needs students need for additional services like occupational or speech therapy.
- ***Developing the curriculum*** to suit the learner and his needs within the greater spectrum of the general curriculum
- ***Admin, admin admin...***the bane of a teacher's life

Tips for Parents of Special Needs Children

Even if you are not responsible for your child's education, there are still things you can do as the parent of a special needs child to make things easier on your child's teacher and to ensure that your child gets a quality education:

Manage your expectations. Even if your child has a specific diagnosis, he is still an individual and you cannot expect him or his behaviour to fit neatly in a box. Take into account the reports you get from your child's teacher and do your part in pushing your child to succeed, just don't push too hard.

Celebrate small accomplishments. For some special needs students, every day is a struggle and improvements may not come easily. The more you learn about your child's individual challenges, the better you will be able to identify small successes and, when they happen, they are worth celebrating!

Partner with your child's teacher. In order for your special needs child to get the education he needs, you need to partner with his teacher to bridge the gap between home life and school life. Study your child's IEP so you understand what is happening while your child is at school and ask his teacher what you can do to support his education at home.

Stick to a daily routine. For many special needs children, sticking to a predictable daily routine is a great way to reduce stress and to minimize challenges. If you stick to a daily routine that is one less thing you have to worry about.

Take care of yourself. Being the parent of a special needs child can be exhausting and you won't do your child any good if you don't take care of yourself. Be there for your child when he needs it, but don't forget to take a little time for yourself each day.

A last note

Disagreement or misunderstanding between families and schools is a natural and inevitable part of a system that strives to be inclusive. The existence of "issues" between parents and schools is neither good nor bad. When solutions are sought in a fair and respectful way, it is often possible to resolve disagreements in a positive manner. Make an appointment to see your child's teacher, therapist or one of the school executives, the Deputy or the Principal, we're just a call away!

I trust you will enjoy the weekend and the time with your family.

Every blessing

Mark Lynch