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Dear Parents

In writing this newsletter, I take great joy in sharing snippets of encouragement regarding life and living as well as pointing the way to life (in God) as has become my habit of doing. This week's lesson, thus, is directed at taking the opportunities given to us to share along life's journey.

There's an old Arabian tale of a caravan making its way across the sandy desert. As the men and their animals inched their way across the sand, the camel drivers began to notice small rocklike pebbles. Some of the drivers dismounted and gathered a few of the stones and placed them in their pouches. Others didn't want to add weight to their burdened animals.

When evening arrived, the camel drivers washed their pebbles in an oasis pool and were startled to discover that the stones were actually precious jewels! Early the next morning, the caravan members quickly retraced their steps, expecting to find more of the same pebbles, but the special rocks were gone. The camel drivers who had taken time to gather a few pebbles were grateful, but they were also disappointed that they hadn't gathered more when they had the opportunity.



We can look at these gems in two different ways. First, as God himself. You can have as much of God as you want. All you have to do is choose Him. Like gathering pebbles, make it a point to "gather time" for God. Spend time alone with God. Read the Bible. Get to know God in as deep a way as possible. The saddest thing in life would be to someday think back and say with regret, "I wish I had gotten to know God better." You can, right now! So do it.



We can also see these gems in another way—they can represent a form of kindness. In a sense, you've had the opportunity to scatter a few pebbles of worth during your day today. Did you speak a kind word to the lonely person, to a hurting person, to the person you don't like or are angry with? In the rush of the day, did you stop and pick up a book for someone who dropped it? So, once you pass an opportunity by, you'll never have that exact same opportunity again. Are you making good use of the situations God brings your way? Or, like the camel drivers who were too lazy (or selfish) to pick up the pebbles, do you tend to think, you're too busy or that perhaps when you're feeling different or in a better mood or feeling generous, that you'll pick up some gems of kindness and spread them around so that others can be blessed?

Let me encourage you to make time to read your Bible and pray. Set some goals for yourself. Make a list of ways you can distribute the gems of kindness and God's blessings to those around you.

## Having your Cake and Eating It

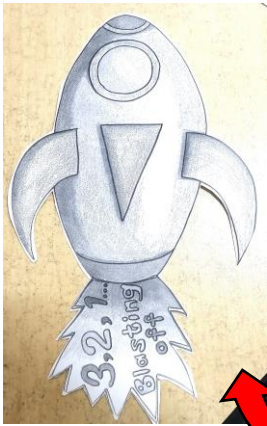
This past week, our learners in the hospitality class spend time completing a cake decorating course. This entailed baking the cake, icing the cake and decorating the cake. THEN, it entailed taking it home...to be enjoyed. Well done to our learners for completing this course. We look forward to seeing more of your creativity in decorating and sharing in the future.



## Foundation Phase Graduation

The foundation Grade R's will be holding their graduation Day on 25 November 2022 in the school hall. The event starts at 08:30 and will be finished by 10:00. Invites will be sent to the parents in due course.

We look forward to seeing our little ones' launching their school careers as they take off like rockets in their gowns and shooting like stars into 'big school' for next year.



## School Bus Transport

School transport is a privilege to have and we are grateful that we can deliver this service to the few parents that have managed to secure a space on the one of the busses. The transport currently costs R500 per child per month!. When compared to private transport, taxi use or other means, then using the school bus is a very low-cost means of transporting your child.

We have noticed that several parents have fallen behind with their payments. Kindly note that should you fall behind, not pay or fail to 'catch up' any outstanding transport fees, your child will be removed from the bus list to give one of the many waiting children on the waiting list an opportunity to utilise this service. Thus we ask parents to pay their transport fees on time!

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 17:30 in the school hall. Should no quorum be found on the evening, the follow-up meeting will be held on the 17 November 2022 at 17:30 in the school hall. Please do your utmost to attend the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> November in order that the school can ratify the proposed budget, the reports can be heard and that school plans for 2023 can be put into effect. See you there!



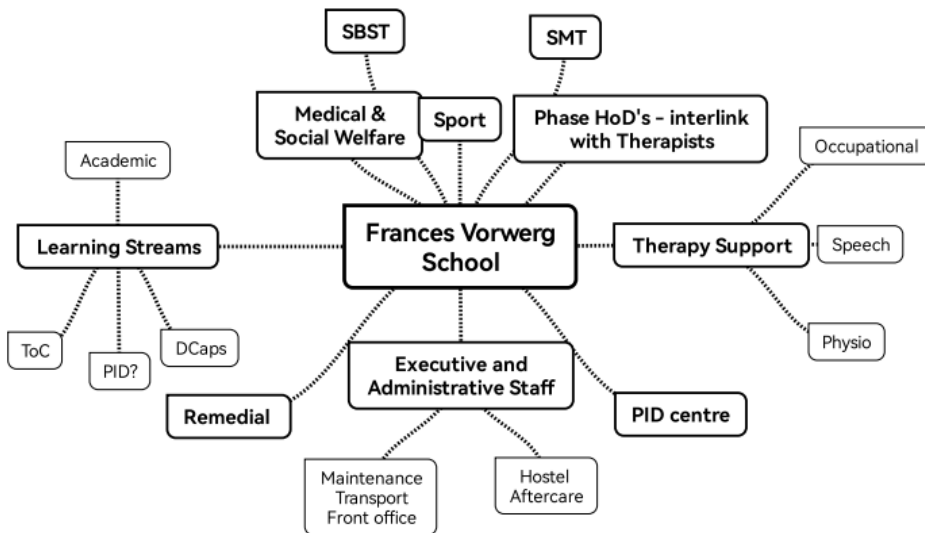
An Example...



### School Books

As we approach mid and end terms dates, as well as exam times, please do your best to ensure that ALL TEXTBOOKS received by your children are returned to the school when called for. Failure to return a textbook will result in you having to replace the book at its new value. So learners in the CAPS and TOC Phases who may have textbooks, not DBE books, will need to return those books when teachers ask them to do so.

### School Setup (diagram)



For those who wish to know what our school setup is like, please look at the following diagram which gives you an indication of how the school functions with its various facilities.

This is the current model, but as we remodel the school into the centre of excellence that it is fast

becoming, the model will change and evolve. Should you wish to know more regarding our school, please visit the school website at: <https://www.francesvorwergschool.co.za>

### In General

We wish all our parents a wonderful weekend and trust that time will be made to look at work and study, especially seeing as Phase exams start on Monday (ToC) with the CAPS following soon after. Please consult with your children regarding exam timetables which were sent home a while ago.

*Mark Lynch*

