



Frances
Vorweg

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Dear Frances Vorweg Parents

This weeks lesson is taken from Proverbs 4:24, "Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech".

My youngest child, Ronan, is a boy who always wanted to be "in the know," and it's amazing what he could hear from a far-off distance. So I was surprised when during a conversation regarding who in our extended family does what, he seemed shocked when I told him my closest friend manages a laboratory. He blurted out, "What? Uncle John manages a lavatory?" Good for a laugh.

Most of us have played the childhood game of broken-telephone, in which one person whispers a short sentence to the next person, and that person whispers it to the next person, and so on. Finally, the last person to hear the whispered message repeats what he's heard, often to gleeful yelps of laughter because the original message has become so garbled. A couple of years ago, I remember doing this with a group of approximately 130 young people on a camp organised by my church denomination. The original sentence was "*James has a big, light-coloured dog. It's very dangerous.*" After more than twenty minutes of passing the message on and 120 repetitions later, the final person said, "James is a big brown dog and he's very angry and dangerous!" Yes, more than a subtle change and quite damaging if it got out!

Considering how easy it is to misunderstand what others are saying, it's amazing how much credibility we give to our ears. Even when there is no maliciousness involved, it's easy for truth to change into falsehood. Now mix a little negative energy into the picture, as when people pass on the latest bit of gossip or speak ill of others, and the potential for mischief and resultant damage, grows exponentially.

We're in the process of building a school of excellence, where children, teachers, assistant staff and visitors can experience the peace, openness, and setting of tranquillity that we want as part of our ethos. As adults we need to be careful not only to control our tongues, but to control our ears, limiting the kinds of things we allow ourselves to hear. School, corridors, car parks, busses, taxis and transport occasions as well as 'over-the fence' talking can become quite negative and the wrong information or wrong impressions created. The next time you get together with friends or travel together in a vehicle or stand in the car park OR USE WHATSAPP TO CHAT, if someone starts gossiping, see if you can find a graceful way to change the subject or make an exit. Do whatever you need to in order to guard your ears, because doing so will also guard your heart, keeping it from passing judgment on others and by so doing, you will build our community into the positive, thriving, effective school community that it can be.

I trust you will take this lesson to heart and apply it in all sections of your life.

Sport

This week, Frances Vorweg girls played netball against our sister school, Destinata. Our girls were complimented on their behaviour and I must say, the learners that attended as spectators were well behaved.

Thank you to the organisers who set-up and arranged the area for the games. Some spectacular was noted, with Andrea Horne, the U/16 goal shooter scoring a spectacular goal. Although we lost in the end, the games were very entertaining.



Farewell

We say farewell to Mrs Sihle Tshike, our Financial Controller who leaves us for a new post at the Oprah Winfrey School for Girls. We thank her for her time at Frances Vorweg, and wish her well in her new position at OWSG. BE blessed as you move along Sihle.

Mr Gerrie Smuts, will be the resident Financial Controller in the post, assisting the school to manage the finances and contributing to the Financial Committee's monthly reporting and controlling meeting. Finances are such an important part of school life and production, and we thank Sihle for fulfilling the role so adequately.



We remind parents that accounts for school fees, hostel accommodation (if using hostel) as well as transport fees for those using such, are sent out monthly to all parents.

Costs reminder:

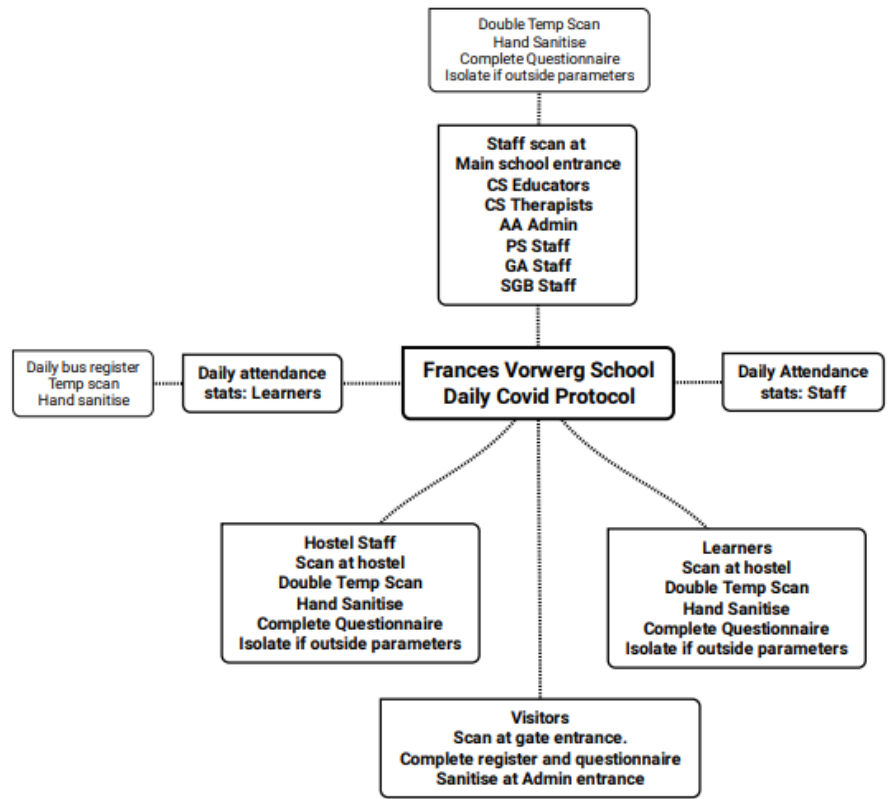


School fees: 1250 per month
Hostel fee: 1600 per month
Transport fee: R500 per month

We express huge gratitude to parents who faithfully support the school through their monthly school fee payment. This is greatly appreciated!

Covid and School Entry

Given that we are still under Covid regulations, I am asking all parents to ensure that their children are dressed with masks on when arriving at school. The rate of infection is rising and Gauteng seems to be the hub infection, according to the statistics we see in the media. The teachers and staff alike are all subjected to screening and sanitising processes when entering the school. Your cooperation with the Covid regulations is highly appreciated.



Transport Annoyance?

“The minibus taxi industry in South Africa is the most popular form of public transportation and is used by the majority of commuters. At least 65 percent of the country’s commuters make use of this mode of public transport while the rest travel by busses. Although minibus taxis are the most convenient form of transportation the industry is however associated with various complaints from commuters, the media and society at large. Most of the complaints are about “violence or taxi wars”, “unsafe taxis” resulting in high accident rates and the manner in which minibus taxi drivers appear to drive, behave, over speed and overload taxis etc. All these complaints are directly related to minibus taxi drivers.”¹

With this introduction in mind, I had the unpleasant task of reprimanding a taxi driver this morning, who for want of a word, was reckless in his driving and negligent in his responsibility of transporting children to Frances Vorweg. I am making a huge plea to all parents to check on the transport used and to ensure that ALL taxis and modes of transport used are safe, that the drivers have licences and that children are not squashed into the taxi and that safety, comfort and courteous driving and road-side manners are used at all times.



Once again, I remind parents of the private transport services offered by Grants Transport who offer responsible transport at very good rates. Contact details: 073-371 5861.

¹ MINIBUS TAXI DRIVERS ARE THEY ALL ‘CHILDREN BORN FROM THE SAME MOTHER?’ By GLORIA SAUTI SUPERVISOR: PROF. DAVID B. COPLAN DEPARTMENT: Department of Social Anthropology University of the Witwatersrand DEGREE: MA COURSEWORK & RESEARCH 2006.

Learner Progress and Reports

School reports for the Foundation, Intermediate, Senior and ToC Phases have been distributed amongst parents. Should you be in need of discussing any concern with teachers and in need of guidance regarding your child’s future, please contact the school, make an appointment with the register teacher or approach the Principals Office for assistance.

Reports are an indication of a child’s progress at school. However, they do not show the extent to which the teacher teaches and the child learns. Join hands with the school...visit us to make your child’s report an occasion of joy. I look forward to seeing you in my office!

Photo Day 2022

Our annual Photo Day will be on 19 May 2022.

PRICE FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS:

- 1 X 15 X 20cm (A5)
- 1 X 10 X 15cm (Jumbo)
- 2 X 4 X 6cm photos
- 1 X Bookmark

PRICE FOR CLASS PHOTO:

- 1 X 15 X 20cm
- R60-00

PLEASE NOTE:

the individual photos, children will only be photographed if payment has been received before 19 May 2022.

Orders can be placed and payments made with the class teacher.

DHD

We often hear about children having ADHD, Well here is one representation of what it is and how it affects our children. The info-graphic is provided for your information only.



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WHAT PEOPLE THINK ADHD IS:

WHAT ADHD ACTUALLY IS:



I trust you will enjoy your long weekend. Stay safe and be blessed!

Mark Lynch