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Dear Frances Vorwerg parents

Wow! What a week! Busy...as we get the stone grinding again in order to create and keep our school environment, classes and learning going after the two week break. I'm also hard-pressed to share a though on being happy with our families and particularly our lot concerning our children. We find the following words in the New Testament, "*We are God's masterpiece*." (Eph 2:10)

"I don't believe our son's birth was a genetic accident," said the mother of a five-month-old boy with Down syndrome. "We feel the Lord had a perfect plan." Many mothers, like this one, can speak with this kind of confidence because they have learned the truth that God is the master crafter of all human beings. He has woven each of us together in the darkness of our mother's wombs and made us wonderfully complex (Psalm 139:13-14).

Have you ever complained about one of your physical characteristics? Be honest! Maybe you don't like your big nose or your googly eyes. You might be embarrassed because you think you are too tall, too short, too skinny, or too plump. If only you could look like your friend, you could be a better person, get a better job, and have more fun. But you've probably also discovered that having pity for yourself isn't much fun and certainly don't honour God, our Creator.

So, it's only God's labels for us that hold real truth. The Bible is rich with descriptors that each of us display. We find the words, "handmade by God," "image-bearer of God," "significant," "honoured," "dearly loved child," and "secure in God's hand" and so on and so forth. These are just some of the words that describe God's creative handiwork with people and their children.

In addition to self-imposed labels, we can be hurt by man-made labels. This is especially true for people with disabilities who sometimes appear to be deficient or incompetent even though they are not. These harmful perceptions often lead to name-calling. Covering up God's labels with unattractive words is degrading and offensive, and should not be tolerated. Let's focus on the right kind of labels for the children God has given to us. Read Psalm 139 again and again and then focus on using 'good labels' to give our kids a positive identity in life.

School Times for Easter:

- School closes on 14th April 2022 school operates normal times on Thursday
- Busses will run normally and school times remain the same.
- Hostel dwellers must be fetched at the hostel by 17:00 on Thursday 14th April 2022
- School reopens on 19th April 2022 as per the normal school times

Note: Hostel dwellers to return on 18th April 2022 as per the admission times

Teachers Meeting and term reports

Please note that due to the Departments delayed release of the patch and upgrade of the SASAMS programme as well as the late confirmation and ratification of mark schedules, the First Term report will only be provided after 14th April 2022. However, all marks, progress and class performance may be discussed with the teacher's at the parents meeting this Saturday. Parents are encouraged to attend the parents meeting.

Venues as follows:

- Intermediate and Senior Phase main hall
- Toc Phase Dining hall
- Foundation Phase Classrooms
- DCaps Phase Classrooms

Please note that the teachers meeting starts at 09:00 and will finish at 11:00. Please be courteous, on time and considerate as teachers' time is limited and many parents will queue to see the teachers.

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

The above is all-inclusive for the price of R120-00

PRICE FOR CLASS PHOTO:

1 X 15 X 20cm is R60-00

PLEASE NOTE: With the individual photos, children will only be photographed if payment has been received before 19 May 2022. Orders can be placed and payments made from the start of the second term.

I trust you will have a wonderful weekend

Mark Lynch

