



LEBONE II
College of the Royal Bafokeng

Dear Lebone II Parents and Friends,

I wish to thank my Lebone II staff for their continued commitment to the vision of this unique school, their passion for developing children, their hard work, for walking the extra mile and for their constant focus on developing themselves and their craft. Every effort is valued and appreciated.

As I was recording the detail of this term I realised just how much was done and how busy we all were. Busy but enriched, stretched, nurtured and happy. I have hosted many visitors to our school in this past term and have basked in the positive feedback that I have received regarding our students and staff. I wish to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of everyone in this school over the last 10 weeks. Staff and students of Lebone II continue to set the world alight! Thank you.

I would like to wish our Lebone II Moslem families a reflective and happy Ramadhan. May you enjoy every purifying moment of this period.

Please allow me to share some thoughts with you

This past Sunday was Father's Day. A few weeks ago my father passed away. These two moments have invited me to reflect on many things, but in particular on being a parent. What a mammoth responsibility! But equally, what a privilege and opportunity. Making time to be a father to my children is vital. It seems too easy to be busy, too busy to ensure that one is the guide, the mentor, and the 'hero' our children seek. I also reflected on the importance of valuing every moment with your child or parent, and of saying what you would like to say when you have the moment to do so. Equally, this time made me decide that I need to let my children know that I love them unconditionally and deeply – I need to show this and say this often and with the sincerity it deserves. Our children need involved parents who gladly accept the responsibility of their role. Don't live with regrets.

There certainly are many interesting conversations happening in our country at the moment. At school I am fascinated by the way in which so many of our Lebone children are able to really engage in these discussions and am inspired by their stance on many of the difficult ethical debates we are grappling with. As a school we deliberately invite these conversations. We have to if we are to be producing future leaders, leaders with sound moral and ethical views. We also need to teach young people how to really listen to one another, how to interact in a respectfully thought provoking manner and invite them to seek innovative solutions. Lebone II seeks to provide a platform for this growth. But we cannot do it in isolation. I invite you as parents to assume responsibility in this, along with the school.

I thank all Lebone II Parents for continuing to work alongside our staff as we jointly strive to develop the children in our school. Thank you for attending meetings, interacting with your child's teacher, raising concerns through the correct channels, supporting our sport and cultural activities and for being willing to serve this school. We cannot achieve all that we would like to without you.

I wish you a special time together as families over the next 3 weeks.

Sincerely,

David du Toit.

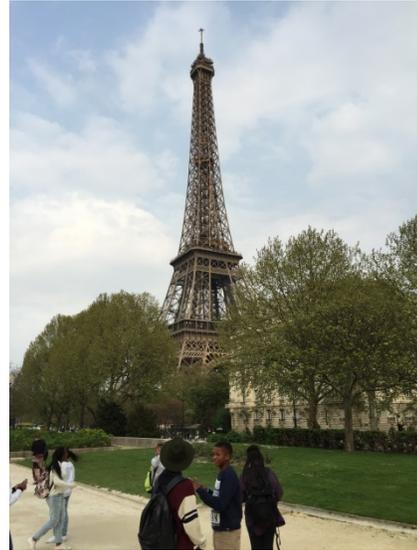
Headmaster's Newsletter

Week ending: 26 June 2015

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

I have chosen a few selected highlights from this term that I would like to share with you. They represent the holistic breadth of our education and also the dual mandate of our school, which is to be a model of excellence and a resource to other schools in the RBN and more broadly.

- On Saturday 18 April 13 Lebone Grade 10 students, together with Rre Cossa and Ms. Elmes departed to a school in **France** on an international exchange experience.



I would like to share a few snippets from a report written by Ms. Elmes:

'In April 2015, we were the first South African delegation to attend the European Festival of Arts and Science at the Saint-Denis International School in Loches, France.

Before and after attending the festival, we had the opportunity to explore the vast city of Paris for a few days. We visited the Sacre Coeur, Notre Dame, Lock Bridge at Pont des Arts, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. We also had a long walk along the Seine River and went shopping in one of the most famous boulevards in the world, the Champs Elysees.

We spent a great deal of time together and really bonded as a group, so it wasn't uncommon for some Parisians to enquire about this "large and happy African family"! Thereafter, Mr. Cossa was called "Pappa" and Ms. Elmes "Mamma"

The festival itself was very educational in a social way, with the main focus being on the celebration of different cultures and their way of life. Besides us, there were also delegations from Germany, Turkey, Latvia, Spain, Poland, Bulgaria and the U.S.A.

We met many interesting people from all over the world and realised that even though we are all very different, we are also very much alike. We discovered the value of appreciation and respect for differences in appearance, language and thoughts and have forged valuable friendships for life. '

- In this past term we have worked hard to prepare for the implementation of our **Technology in the Classroom** roll out. We are very excited that our Grade 7 to 10 students will be using tablets or laptops in the classroom from the 21st July 2015.
- The Upper School Science Department once again organized and hosted a hugely successful and interactive '**Mole Day**' – a day of focus on the Sciences! We invited a few local schools to join us on the day as we sought to expose students to the wonder and excitement of science. My thanks go to Mrs. Immelman and her team.
- The annual **Science Expo** once again created a platform for our students to show off their research and planning skills, and their scientific interests and thinking. I wish to congratulate our students – I certainly saw some very interesting projects, and many attempts to find sustainable solutions to some of the challenges we face in our world today. We need to continue to inspire students to explore the depths of their thinking.
- As a school we have been hosting a **SANBS Blood donor** site for 7 years. We know that this is a crucial service to our fellow mankind. On average we have about 35 donations each time that we host a drive. I urge you to chat to your child about the importance of this service and to urge them to donate. To donate you must be over 16, healthy and weigh over 65kg.
- Our annual **Marvelous Moms breakfast** was a huge success. The new format seemed to be a real hit –moms and children enjoyed the interactive activities and popular "coffee shop". The Moms raised an amount of R28 412.45 for the school.
- Our aftercare service has now formally been taken over by an outsourced company, Sherpa. The programme has begun well with Sherpa implementing a very structured programme. There were some teething problems with parents and students unsure of certain signing up procedures but there seems to be much greater calm now. Your child's safety is vital to us, and thus it is non-negotiable that your child needs to attend aftercare if they are not home or involved in a structured sport programme in the afternoons. We need to know where all children are so that we can fulfil our role as in loco parentis. Please support the school in ensuring your child's safety and a structured afternoon learning environment.
- Parent Interactive Evenings (PIE) in the Lower School were well attended and allowed parents to interact with one another and with staff, dealing with interesting topics – Bullying for Gr. 5 and 6 and a
- Maths evening for Gr. R-6
- We believe that learning needs to happen outside of the classroom as well as inside, and support the knowledge that learning needs to be an experiential experience. To this end we continue to aim at creating exciting learning experiences for our students by taking them off campus and into the real world. Trips included outings to farms, retail stores, the Pretoria Zoo, Kgaswane Nature Reserve and Job Shadow experiences.

SPORTS NEWS

We literally hit the ground running this term, with hockey, soccer, netball and chess taking the spotlight from the start.

Some of the highlights were:

- Participation in a variety of leagues in both the Lower School and Upper School
- Hosting league matches on our campus for all sports. This was a great opportunity for our school to bring visitors onto our magnificent campus. In this regard I would like to thank:
 - **Ground Staff and Operations Department** for ensuring that our facilities remained prepared and of a high standard.
 - **Mrs. Vanessa Hammond** for running the tuck shop on the sports field for all of these events.
- Sagewood College High Schools tournament
 - u/15 Boys were runners up in Soccer
 - u/19 Girls achieved 2nd place in Netball
- ISSA (Mafikeng) u/11 & u/12 Tournament: our players did us proud in this Soccer and Netball tournament

Rustenburg Soccer League:



U/19 Boys – Champions



U/19 Girls – Champions

- Mohammed and Zara Amanjee earned gold in numerous **Judo** tournaments this year. They are both **ranked No. 1** in South Africa in their respective age groups.

Chess

- Interprovincial chess tournament: Joshua Price Gr. 7 – Bronze Medal, Jeremy van der Westuizen Gr.7 – Silver Medal, Matthew van der Merwe Gr. 4 – Bronze Medal, Ntuma Moagi Gr. 4 – Silver Medal.
- **Rustenburg Schools League: u/15A Team Gold Medal; u/15B Team Gold Medal; u/17A Team Silver Medal; u/19B Team Silver Medal**

Hockey

- North West Medium schools league: u/14 Girls, u/14 Boys and u/16 Girls ended top two in their respective pools and went to Play offs.
- **U/16 Girls** won the Play offs and will be going to the Noordvaal tournament as **North West Champions** where all the big, medium and small school winners will play. (Noordvaal represents all the regions north of the Vaal River including Limpopo).
- U/13 A and B league continues in 3rd Term. All Lebone teams are top two at this stage.

NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL TEAMS

We congratulate the following Lebone II students who were selected to represent North West in hockey:

Nikita Graetz (u/12); Keoratile Segoe (u/13); Keamogetswe Ramoroa (u/13); Luke Dungan (u/13); Kico Manjinja (u/13); Silke Graetz (u/14); Kea Spooner (u/14); Jack du Toit (u/14); Timothy Richards (u/14); Inga Titus (u/14); Munaka Sefanyetso (u/14).



CULTURAL NEWS

- In May we hosted a fabulous Beginner Students' Music Concert. The Music staff were so excited by the quality and confidence of our students. Thank you to the parents who came to support on the evening.
- 2 students have been selected to the **North West Youth Orchestra** – Keoratile Segoe and Angela Mathibe.
- 5 flute students attended the Lovemore Flute Ensemble Day at Roedean College in Johannesburg.
- Congratulations to our **Chamber Choir** on getting through to the **ATKV National Choir Competition Finals** which will be held in Port Elizabeth in August. We wish them well for their tour to PE and then for their performance in the Finals.
- Our **Debating Team** also deserves congratulations. They were crowned the **Champions of the North West** and will now move on to the National Finals later in the year.
- Thank you to Mr. Stephen Kotze, our Director of Performing Arts, for assisting with the coordination of a One Act Play competition for our local RBN schools. The finals will be hosted at Lebone College early in Term 3. This is exciting as it allows us to fulfil our mandate of assisting the RBN schools in their development and also allows us to fulfill our goal of becoming the Centre of Performing Arts in the North West Province.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF ...

- Our **General Parent Meeting** will be held on **Monday 20 July at 17h00**. Information regarding this meeting has been posted on D6. I sincerely hope that many of our parents will be able to make it to this meeting.
- **Parent Service Organisation elections** will take place on **Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July**. Thank you to those parents who nominated parents to serve on this committee. Thank you to the parents who agreed to be nominated. **We will post information regarding the 18 nominees on D6, on our website and via email.** Each Lebone parent will have the opportunity to vote for parents whom they would support to be on this committee. I realise that it is difficult as parents do not all know each other that well. Please try to find out more about the nominees so that you can make an informed vote. The PSO will have to work hard to ensure that parents do get to know one another.
- We host a **5km parkrun** every Saturday morning at 08h00 on our campus. The numbers are growing but we do want to see more people enjoying a morning walk/run on our beautiful course followed by a tea or coffee in our Phatsima Café. See you there! It is a great place to meet other parents. If you are a Discovery Health member then you get points each time you complete a parkrun.

STAFF NEWS

We have had to bid farewell to three staff members during this term. We wish them each well on the new path that they are following. I thank them for being a part of building this school and for serving our Lebone II Community with passion and commitment:

Mme Portia Mahuma (Grade 1 Teacher) will be moving to teach in a Primary School in Luka at the end of Term 2. We wish her well and know that she will take the lessons learned at Lebone to enrich her new school.

Rre Thabo Sekudu (EdAdmin Administrator) has resigned to take up an entrepreneurial opportunity in Rustenburg. We wish him well in his endeavours.

Rre Tebogo Molefe (Operations Department) left Lebone earlier in this term to continue with his studies.

We have welcomed a number of new faces onto our Lebone II staff in this term. It is exciting to have these staff members on board – they believe in what this school is doing and what we dream of becoming:

Mme Tumisang Katane is our new Receptionist.

Rre Thendi Mokowe is our new PA for our Operations Department.

Rre James Letlape will join our Operations Department as a Handyman.

Mrs. Carol Giovanonni has been appointed as our new Grade 1 Teacher for the start of Term 3.

Ms. Chenelle Jacobs is an Intern in our Afrikaans Department.

I would like to thank **Mrs. Danett Winterburn (Lower School Art)**, **Mme Philisiwe Mawhayi (Grade3 Class teacher)** and **Mrs. Rae-Julie Paxton-Raffa (Grade 2 Class teacher)** who have served our school in the capacity of Locum Teacher whilst the regular teachers have been away.

Mme Mavis Ntsheki (LS Setswana Teacher) had a knee replacement operation recently. We wish her well in the recovery process.

Mrs. Marie Reynolds has been in **Japan** to visit schools and a university as a part of her ongoing development and to enhance the work that she is currently doing on her Master's degree.

In September **Mrs. Adel Hartley** will be going to the **USA** to **Teaching Excellence and Achievement Programme** as a Professional Development opportunity for which she was selected following an application and interview process.

We have two students from **Harvard University** with us for the next 6 weeks. They are **Adhana Asfaw** and **Robert Osei-Bonsu**. It is such an exciting culmination of liaising between Professor Sue Cook at Harvard and ourselves. Yes, this is the beginning of a Lebone-Harvard relationship! The aim is to have Harvard students here annually, serving our community, enriching our students, developing themselves, and so much more. Our aim of inspiring our students is what fuelled this project – how could we get Lebone students to interact meaningfully and over a sustained period with young people who are studying in the finest institutions in the world? This is step one!

I would like to congratulate **Mr. Hanno Prins** on being awarded his **PhD in the Psychology of Education**. This brings to a close his research on "A model for the facilitation of constructive communication between teachers and learners in a secondary school".

We are very proud of **Dr. Prins**. In fulfilling this dream he has modelled what it means to be a life-long learner. He is one of many staff who are studying, continuously seeking to develop, finding balance in life and seeking to enrich the conversations that happen regarding education in our staffroom.



Message from our 'WELLNESS COMMITTEE'

The burden of diseases of lifestyle, including cardiovascular diseases and type 2 diabetes, is growing in South Africa. This trend is also growing amongst our youth. Physical activity and fitness levels are on the decline and the nutritional status amongst our children is also a worrying factor. It is disturbing that sugar is the most commonly eaten food item. Disappointingly, South African children have the highest reported smoking rate on the African continent, with 21% of the youth currently smoking.

At Lebone, we undertake to develop your child holistically. We have therefore made a decision to undertake the Vitality Healthy Schools Challenge in order to achieve Vitality School status. The Vitality Schools Programme is a free, curriculum-based health and wellness initiative offered by Discovery Vitality. It is based on a simple philosophy: create a school environment that promotes nutrition and physical activity and you'll encourage the school's learners to live a healthier lifestyle that will continue into adulthood. As many of you will have noticed, we have kick started this challenge by no longer selling sugary drinks at our tuck shop. We are also in the process of implementing a non-smoking policy, as well as nutrition and physical education policies.

We intend on making health and wellness a priority at Lebone College. There will be regular messages on the d6 communicator to encourage and educate our families on how to lead healthier lives and make good choices. We hope you will walk this road with us.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3	
JULY	
5 – 10 July	Lebone Leadership Festival
12 – 16 July	Aspiring Teachers Summit and Leadership Workshop
Monday 20 July	Boarders Return Boarders' Report distribution Parent meeting Staff Return
Tuesday 21 July	Students in class Report distribution
Fri. 24 – Mon. 27 July	Lebone II Art Exhibition
AUGUST	
Mon. 3 – Sat. 8 Aug	Chamber Choir Tour and ATKV National Final in Port Elizabeth
Tuesday 4 August	US SLC elections
Monday 10 August	Public Holiday – no school
Friday 21 August	Inter house Drama
Thursday 27 August	Ensemble Music evening
Friday 28 August	SLC induction
Saturday 29 August	Nashua Soccer Festival hosted by Lebone II College
SEPTEMBER	
Tue. 1 – Tue. 8 Sept.	Grade 10 Camp
Mon. 7 – Mon. 21 Sept.	Grade 12 Prelim Examinations
Thurs. 10 – Fri. 11 Sept.	Lower School Production – <i>'Hoodwinked'</i>
Mon. 14 – Fri. 18 Sept.	Grade 5 Mpumalanga Trip
Wednesday 16 September	Internal Music Exams
Thurs. 17 – Sun. 20 Sept	Grade 11 Hilton College Festival
Saturday 19 September	Maithaitai Trail Run
Wednesday 23 September	Lower School Heritage Day Braai
Wednesday 23 September	School closes for end of Term 3
Sun. 27 – Wed. 30 Sept.	Grade 11 History Trip
27 September	Exchange group to Spain depart
29 September	Exchange group to USA depart
Thurs. 16 & Fri. 16 October	Grade 12 Dinner and Valediction

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