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why homework is good for you!

Homework has been around for decades. In fact, no one knows when exactly homework started, just that it's been a part of education for centuries. For a long time teachers have been telling students that they must devote at least a portion of their time to their own educational pursuits. As long as there has been homework around there have been students wondering exactly why they had to do that homework.

There are several reasons why homework is important. Here are a few of them:

1. Homework helps you to remember the things you learned in class. By spending some time in the evening doing homework you are reminded of the material you covered in class during the day. This does several things for you in terms of helping you to remember those ideas. We often call this concept "learning by rote" and it is a tactic that has been proven effective for centuries.
2. Homework is also important because it teaches you critical thinking skills. When you do your homework you are often forced to take the material beyond what was covered in class. You are asked to think more critically about the subject matter, whether it is a piece of literature or whether it's a certain type of maths problem or whether it is a science experiment. So, homework takes the learning experience and lets you apply the important critical thinking skills. While you may not use the actual subject matter later in life, those critical thinking skills will stick with you later in life and you will use them on a daily basis.
3. Homework is also important from the teacher's perspective. Homework allows a teacher to keep tabs on a student to see exactly how they are progressing in relation to the rest of the class. It helps a teacher to identify a student who is not keeping up and allows them to give extra help to a student as needed.
4. Finally, homework is important because it teaches children discipline. It offers them an opportunity to manage their time. In a sense, they are forced to "budget" their activities so that they have time to do the things they want to do as well as time to do the things that must be done. In this way, homework plays a small but significant part in the process of growing up and becoming a responsible adult.

While homework isn't the only important part of an education, it is one vital component of the education puzzle.

RCL - CITY YEAR

City Year South Africa have approached our RCL, and we have given the go-ahead, to collect donations for an orphanage situated in Freedom Park. Noah's Ark takes care of pre-school children. They have requested items such as crockery, cutlery, items of clothing & toys in good condition and non-perishable foodstuffs. There is a box available to place donations into and cash donations must be handed to register teachers.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MUSIC CAMP

A lot of fun and hard work in extremely hot Magaliesberg conditions happened on the weekend 12-14 February. The Grade 8's had the time of their lives on Saturday afternoon. First the obstacle course in a heat wave and then swimming with Mr Van der Merwe.

Thank you to Mr de Beer, Ms S. Swart, Ms S van Zyl, Mr van der Merwe and the Grade 12's who worked very hard to make this possible.

I would like to thank the parents for attending our concert on Sunday afternoon and a special word of thanks to Mr Themba Dladla who travelled to the camp site three times to collect children who had a problem with transport. We really appreciate all your help.

MUSIC PTLA

Congratulations to Mr Themba Dladla who was elected as the new chairperson of the Music PTLA. Our next meeting is on 4th march at 18:00 in the hall of the music department.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Feb		
	22	Magazine Photos
	27	Open Day
Mar	4	Music PTLA meeting
	6	Music Concert Exams
	12	Finance Committee meeting
	14	Music Concert Exam
	15 - 20	Festival of Fame
	22	School Holiday
	25	Contemporary Music Show
	26	End of Term 1

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