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Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of the first term. As Principal, I am privileged to be part of such a dedicated team of educators. Their sense of responsibility, integrity and willingness to walk the extra mile with learners and each other, impresses me on a daily basis. This ensures the continued high standards that we are so proud of at LHS.

The unexpected and sudden passing away of one of our colleagues, Mrs S Cele, has been a big setback for us. Our sincerest condolences are hereby extended to her family and friends. We also wish to extend our condolences to everyone who has lost either a friend or family member recently.

#### Governing Body Election:

Ladysmith High School was one of a few schools in the country that had a quorum present at the first nomination and election meeting, which allowed the election process to take place. Our thanks go to each parent, who went to the trouble of attending the meeting and voted responsibly during the election. The following parents and staff were elected to the Governing Body for the next 3 year term.

Mr B Khumalo: Chairman  
Mr D Potgieter: Vice Chairman  
Mr H Lombard: Treasurer  
Mr H Clark: Secretary  
Mr E Kubheka  
Mr V Moodley  
Mrs DS Ndaba  
Mr D Steele  
Mrs M Taljaard  
Mr H van Zyl  
Mr A Maitland  
Mr D Terblanche  
Mrs T Uys  
Paul Gibson (LRC)  
Elske Rich (LRC)  
Siobhan Taljaard (LRC)

Congratulations are extended to these members. We trust and believe that the interests of each learner will be taken to heart. Our thanks go to Mrs T. Muller, the outgoing Chairperson, and member, Mr M Riga, for their support during their periods of service.

#### Academics:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the first term test cycle was postponed for a few days. As a result the marking, moderating and data capture process was unavoidably delayed. Therefore reports will only be ready at the end of the first week of the second term. You have to discuss the results with your child and, where necessary, make an appointment with the Grade Head to discuss your child's progress.

#### Sport and Cultural matters:

Congratulations are extended to all the swimmers who were chosen to participate in the different galas and open water championships. A number of our tennis players participated in the selection process which placed them in either the NKZN or the KZN tennis teams. Our athletes competed successfully in the KZN championships but, unfortunately, the final results have not yet been received. The winter sports programme has commenced and some of our first teams have already played matches or participated in tournaments. Our best wishes go out to all the teams who are either going on tour or participating in tournaments.

The English Junior Speech and Drama has taken place and the feedback of the learners' participation has been good. The isiZulu Speech and Drama Festival takes place early in the second term and the week after that, the English play "Romeo and Julie" will be performed. A group of senior learners are at work practising for this performance. Please make use of the school's website for more news and information.

In the first instance our school is an academic institution. To achieve well academically, strict, fair and consistent discipline at home, as well as at school, has to be the norm. Our thanks go to the learners and parents who continue to support the school in our endeavours to maintain excellence. Please follow the procedure as explained in the Code of Conduct when a learner is absent from school. All assessment tasks and projects must be handed in on their **specified dates** to prevent the loss of marks.

The school is dependent on the income earned from school fees and we therefore ask that parents should make use of the facilities which have been implemented to make payment easier.

It is our wish that you and every member of your family enjoy a pleasant Easter holiday period.

LHS greetings

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PRINCIPAL