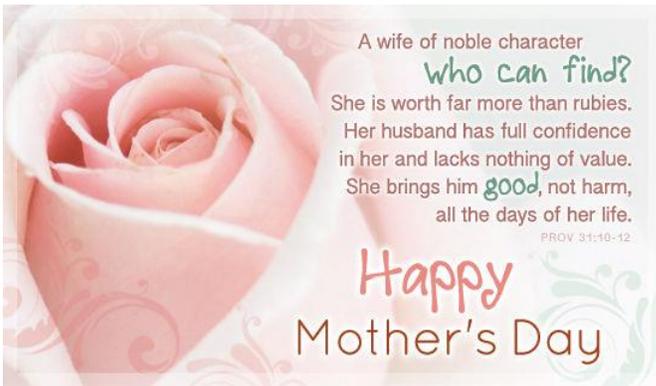


Happy
Mother's Day
TO ALL OUR SUPER MOMS



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE



As we celebrate Mother's Day today, a passage that reveals how special moms really are, is Proverbs 31: 10-31, "The Wife of Noble Character". In this passage it highlights all that wives and mothers do for their families out of love for them, with humility and wisdom.

To all the mothers and grandmothers, I pray God Blesses you abundantly as you selflessly give to your families in so many ways. I pray you are made to feel special and loved not only today but always.

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GENERAL NEWS

Social Media Lockdown Inspirations

Please email your Lockdown Inspirations to clevarelli@thomasmore.co.za so that these photos and video clips can be displayed on our Social platforms.

Admissions

Our Admissions Office is still operating remotely via info@thomasmore.co.za. Interviews with the Phase Heads can still take place via Zoom or Google Meet. Should your family and friends have any queries, they can contact Juliet Hartley on the above email address.

MESSAGE FROM EXCO

Firstly, as we celebrated Worker's Day last week and ironically a return to work for some as we entered lockdown level 4, we wish to thank you for your support in general, of what our staff are doing in continuing to offer quality education for our pupils, and the differing support roles you play in this, depending on the grade of your child. We also thank with much gratitude all those frontline workers at the coal face doing what they can to protect us and fight the battle against Covid-19. We thank them for their self-sacrifice as unsung heroes.

EXCO have met frequently via Zoom and Google Meet and we wish to update you on our current situation. Please note that the information below could, and may change, due to the fluidity of this pandemic. All our decisions are made taking into account any announcements by our President, Minister of Basic Education, ISASA and the Board, and ensuring the safety first and foremost of our children, parents and our staff.

Certain skeleton maintenance staff will be returning to work in the near future and certain administrative and teaching staff may be returning to campus from the 18 May, should the cabinet approve of the Minister of Education's proposals for that date. At this point Matrics will possibly return on 1 June with possibly one or two other grades. As more definitive decisions and dates are confirmed these will be communicated to the parent body. There is likely to be a parent survey going out next week, to assist us in determining which pupils will be able to return to campus, and which will not, either in terms of their own health or having an immunocompromised family member residing with them, or in terms of the parents' work or travel distances. Depending on the outcome of this, there is likely to be a blend of online/home-based and school-based to cater for different groups as we are not permitted to return all pupils to the campus at any given date in the future.

High School: SMELL THE ROSES DAY – FRIDAY 15 MAY

Owing to the High School teachers and pupils working through the two recent public holidays, which the Foundation Phase staff and Senior Primary staff took, all High School staff and pupils will have a school holiday on Friday 15 May. This "Smell the Roses" day is a much-needed break from the academic programme to allow all Grade 8-12 pupils, along with their teachers, some downtime to re-charge and rejuvenate after what has been an overly industrious start to Term 2.

In closing we do wish to pay tribute to all of our Moms or those in mothering roles for Mothers' Day. We honour you, respect you and value the load you carry and all you do to help your families, even when we know at times you feel guilty for the unwarranted feeling that you are not doing enough.

One Flaw in Moms/ Women

*Moms have strengths that amaze men.
They bear hardships and carry burdens, yet hold happiness, love and joy.
They smile when they want to scream; they sing when they want to cry.
They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.
They fight for what they believe in. They stand up to injustice.
They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.
They go without, so their family can have; they go to the doctor with a frightened child.
They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel,
Cheer when their friends get awards.
They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding.
Their hearts break when a friend dies and grieve at the loss of a family member,
Yet they are strong, when they think there is no strength left.
They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.
Women come in all shapes, sizes and colours.
They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care.
The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning.
They bring joy, hope and love.
They have the compassion and ideas.
They give moral support to their family and friends.
Women have vital things to say and everything to give.*

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMEN, IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH. (With thanks to Rebecca LaCount)



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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO DURING LOCKDOWN...



1000 Hills Community

One of our parents, Mrs Reader makes food for the 1000 Hills Community. Her son Jason who is in Grade 8 decided that he should assist and make the children a special treat of popcorn, so Jason has been busy making popcorn for the children in need in the same community which TMC support with their Community and Social Partnerships. Well done Jason, this is a true display of servant leadership.

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#StrongerTogether
#AnInspiredEducation