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Dear Parents

The year continues to steam along and in 5 ½ weeks the Grade 7 students will have finished their first year of high school – where has the year gone? The term has begun with great excitement and a lot of activity, particularly with our focus on the Maria Island Camp. Things now quieten down somewhat for the students for at least the next 2 weeks.

As noted below the Grade 6 Orientation Day is upon us in the next 2 weeks, on Friday 16 November. The current Grade 7 students will need to report to the Auditorium when they arrive at school, not the Log Cabin. Here they will meet with Mr Jeffrey Clark, the Grade 8 Co-ordinator who will take attendance and ensure students know how the day will run. The students will use this area as their base for the day. A small group of the Grade 7's will be asked to assist with the Grade 6 students and will accompany the group to their activities rather than be in normal classes. Students will wear normal uniform for the day. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries about any aspect of the day.

It might be a very short term but there will certainly be a lot of activity. Below is a summary of events specific to Grade 7 to help you and your family be as organised as possible:

- Friday, November 16: Grade 6 Orientation Day (the majority of the Grade will be involved in normal classes for the day)
- Wednesday November 21, 7.00pm: Intermediate Production at the Earl Arts Centre
- Wednesday 5 December - Tuesday 11 December: Grade 7 Challenge
- Wednesday December 12: School finishes at 12.30pm. Presentation and Graduation Evening begins at 7.00pm – compulsory attendance

More details about the events listed above will follow but in the meantime, please contact your child's Class Teacher if you require additional information.

Lastly and most importantly, The Maria Island Camp – there are so many great things that happen on this unique experience that it is hard to sum it up in one paragraph. I am sure your children have filled you in on many of the details. This is an event in the Grade 7 calendar that I have been excited to be involved in for the last six years and one that never ceases to provide me with absolute pleasure. The students' conduct throughout the seven days was excellent and they never let wind, rain or cold weather dampen their spirits. While the highlight of the camp for many is making it to the top of Bishop and Clerk (with terrific weather for all this year), for me it is simply being able to share in this special experience with fantastic students, colleagues and parent helpers. I feel privileged every year to watch the students form special bonds with others, achieve their goals, push

themselves beyond their comfort zones and generally have an amazing time which they will remember fondly for the rest of their lives. It is fabulous to help the students work through their own individual challenges throughout the week and finish the camp with pride in what they have achieved. I have included some photos from the camp for your enjoyment.

Until next time, warm regards

J. Bourne

Jacquie Bourne
Grade 7 Co-ordinator

