



Back to school ... has a completely new meaning....

Just to say HI!

Dear Grade 9's,

I want to start by saying I miss all of you...YES, I never thought I would hear myself saying that, but I REALLY do. I am wondering if you are ok, healthy and still having a sparkle in your eye. I cannot wait to see you again!! But I will wait a little while longer...for now we will be meeting on this platform.

Look, these are extraordinary times we find ourselves in and therefore it requires extraordinary measures from my side as well as from yours. But we can do this!! Are you in??



A few tips:

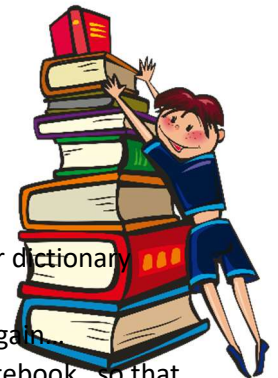
The success of this homeschooling period is dependent on the following:

- **Your attitude:** tuning your mind into understanding...telling yourself 'I can do this' ... and then really focussing and applying your mind.

What does it mean to apply your mind...

E.g. you read a sentence and you did not understand what it meant...

- Read it again...slow and out loud.
- Make sure you understand the meaning of each and every word...use your dictionary.
- Go and look for additional sources of information (your textbook, the internet) that might explain / state it differently – try understanding again.
- *If you still do not understand* – write your question down in a separate notebook...so that you can ask your teacher when you have the opportunity.
- **Your willingness** to learn new things in new ways: this is one of many things that makes us as humans special.
- **Your self-discipline:** Doing your work as you get it and not falling behind
- **Your work space:** Create a workspace where you can work (preferably quiet) where you can work...and NO this is not in front of the TV!!
- Switch off your **social media** notifications while you are working on your phone. Do not mix work and play...you need to focus!!
- Set up a **routine and a timetable** for yourself – what time is waking up, what time will you start working, which subjects do you do when, what time is bed time.



Let's gooooooo!!