



Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners

Welcome to the final term of 2018. This is the shortest and busiest term of the year. It is also important for the children as they prepare for their year-end assessment tests and exams which start in just over a month's time. Teamwork, collaboration and communication are keys to getting to the end of this demanding term for all role players including children, parents and teachers.

Your role as parents and caregivers are critical this term. You can assist by:

- ❖ Loving your children unconditionally. This will ensure that your children are in a good emotional space before they leave home for school. They have nothing to worry about and will ensure that they are emotionally ready to learn. A happy child comes to school to learn and not look for attention from other children.
- ❖ Reaffirm your children as often as possible. Regardless of your child's age, never underestimate the importance and impact of your praise and encouragement. Talking about an assignment and showing interest in your child's schoolwork may also help your child maintain his or her motivation and interest.
- ❖ Talk about school at home. Talk about schoolwork so your child can figure out what needs to be done.
- ❖ Set routines at home. Children should be put in structured routines at home to assist them to organise themselves so that there is a good balance of play-time, TV time, homework, reading, etc.
- ❖ Children need the correct uniforms and equipment.
- ❖ Children should be dropped off in school before school starts. This will take away the embarrassment of your child coming in late to assembly or to the classroom whilst all other children are settled down.

Please take note of the term four calendar. There are many activities taking place including sport matches, class trips, prize-giving's, tests and exams and numerous other functions. The teachers and I will try our best to keep the children focused at school and your assistance at home will be greatly appreciated by the teachers, children and I. The sports and co-curricular programme commences tomorrow in earnest. Homework for Grade 4 – 7 will continue every Monday to Thursday from 15h00 to 16h00.

I am looking forward to seeing all our Grade 7 parents, caregivers and children on Thursday evening at school. This is a Grade 7 Parent/Learner Information Evening. Tea will be served from 17h00. The evening should be concluded by 18h30.

Let us all (parents, children and teachers) work together to ensure that our children get the best possible education at St Nicholas Diocesan School.

Deus Ducit – God Leads

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