

Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners



St. Nicholas Diocesan School is a very busy place where children come to learn and play. The children, staff and some parents are very actively involved in the sport and co-curricular program at our school. The children are enjoying their soccer, netball, chess and choir. Our Grade 1s and 2s played their first hockey and soccer matches this week and I wish to commend our boys, girls and the staff for their energy and commitment. Our boys, girls, staff and certainly I are encouraged by the support we are getting from our mums and dads for our Open Day, Sports matches, Cordwalles Choir Evening and Parent Evenings. I always say that educating children at St. Nicholas Diocesan School is a three way process – it involves the children, staff and you the parents.

This next month is another very busy period at school. Please take note of the following:

Tuesday, 21 May 2019 – Grade One to Grade Three Parent Contact Afternoon

All Grade One to Grade Three parents are invited to come and have a chat to the class teachers to discuss your child's academic progress. This is an important afternoon and I encourage all parents to attend. These are one on one sessions that could prove to be very beneficial to the children. I look forward to seeing our Foundation Phase Parents on Tuesday.

Tuesday, 28 May 2019 – Holy Mass including Prayers for Assessments (7h30)

Our Chaplain, Father Thapelo will be conducting Holy Mass as we prepare for our half year assessments. This will include all Grade Four to Seven children and staff.

Tuesday, 28 May to Wednesday, 5 June – Assessment Tests and Exams

Our Grade Four to Grade Seven assessment tests and exams begin on Tuesday, 28 May. Children should be encouraged to read their Geography, History and Natural Science notes on a daily basis and to revise Maths concepts. Please ensure that you provide a conducive environment at home for your child to study and do homework.

Friday, 31 May 2019 – TEKKIE TAX DAY and Feed the Babies Collection

Our Junior School children and staff will be supporting the Tekkie Tax Day on Friday, 31 May. Children will be allowed to wear their takkies to school on this day. Children and staff will pay R10 for this privilege and all funds collected will be donated to the Feed the Babies organisation. This is generally very well-supported at school and I hope the support will continue this year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Monday, 10 June	PADI talk to Grade 7s	Grade 7s
Wednesday, 12 June	Hooked on Books	Pre-primary to Grade 7
Tuesday, 18 June	Epworth School Play	Grade 5 - 7
Thursday, 20 June	Polar Bear Day	Pre-primary to Grade 7

Deus Ducit – God Leads

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kamal Rugbar'.

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

What Happened this week?

JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Mrs Mulligan led our Junior School Assembly last Wednesday. The Bible story of Namaan (2 Kings 5) was told to the school to illustrate the importance of obedience to God's instructions. The children were taught the Ten Commandments last term and this lesson in the Bible illustrates that knowing what God says is not enough to access His benefits. We have to obey and live out what He says in order to receive the promises. Namaan was afflicted with leprosy, an incurable disease. When he heard that God could heal him he thought he could pay to receive his healing. However, the story shows how when he simply obeyed the instructions to wash himself seven times in the river Jordan, he was miraculously healed. God's Grace is free and when we obey we receive all of His promises and blessings.

CORDWALLES CHOIR EVENING – Tuesday, 14 May



Our choir sang beautifully and looked stunning at the annual Cordwalles Choir Evening last Tuesday. The children and Mr Jumah were amazing. I wish to thank all the parents for supporting the children at Cordwalles. Children always feel special when their parents support them at events like these. I felt extremely proud of our children, their performance and their behaviour. I received this message from a parent from another school:

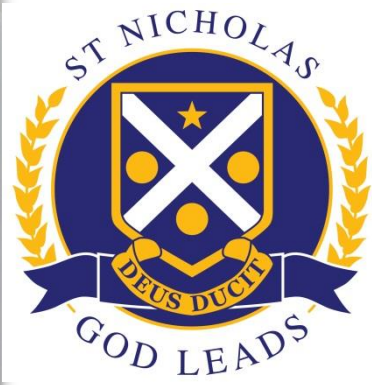
“Hi Kamal. Hope you are well. I have been meaning to message you all day to say that your learners stood out last night with their very good behavior. I was really very impressed!! Well done to you and your staff”

HEAD'S CURRICULUM MEETING – Thursday, 16 May at St. John's DSG

This beneficial meeting enables Heads and HODs of ISASA schools to work together on ideas and solutions to problems on topics that affect our schools today. This week's meeting focused on emotional well-being of staff and learners and the importance of thinking through emotions before reacting. We also had a hands on experience with project based learning and how to encourage all children to be involved in problem solving and using critical thinking to solve personal, school and community problems.

SPORTS RESULTS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Results</u>
	<u>U13A Girls vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Lost 0 - 2</u>
	<u>U11A Girls vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Lost 0 - 1</u>
	<u>U10A Girls vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Lost 0 - 1</u>
	<u>U9A Girls vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Drew 0 – 0</u>
	<u>U10A Boys vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Won 5 - 2</u>
	<u>U11A Boys vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Lost 0 - 4</u>
	<u>U13A Boys vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Lost 0 - 4</u>
	<u>U10A Boys vs. Pelham</u>	<u>Drew 1 – 1</u>
	<u>U11A Boys vs. Pelham</u>	<u>Lost 0 - 4</u>
	<u>U13A Boys vs. Pelham</u>	<u>Lost 0 - 4</u>
	<u>Grade 2s vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Drew 1 – 1</u>
	<u>Grade 2s vs. Clarendon</u>	<u>Lost 0 - 1</u>
	<u>Grade 1s vs. Bisley</u>	<u>Drew 0 – 0 & 1 - 1</u>
<u>Grade 1s vs. Clarendon</u>	<u>Won 4 - 0</u>	
<u>Chess</u>	<u>Seniors vs. Howick</u>	<u>P12 W4 L8</u>



Congratulations to Phila Mbikwana on being placed 2nd at the Boulder Creek Spur Singing Stars Competition.

