

Dear Parents

World Book Day is celebrated around the world on the 23rd of April 2021. To celebrate books, St Nicholas Diocesan School will be hosting our annual BOOKS 2 U Fair on Monday and Tuesday (19th and 20th April) and our Book Character Dress Up Day on Friday, 23 April 2021. Children and staff are asked to come to school dressed as a character from a book on Friday, 23 April.



BOOKS 2 U FAIR

We will kick off this special week with a BOOKS 2 U Fair at our school on Monday, 19th of April and Tuesday, 20th of April. Children will be given the opportunity to visit the BOOKS 2 U Fair in our school hall and purchase a book. The price of the books will range from R75 to R150.

Read every day

Developing strong reading skills is an essential component of your child's success in school now, and at work later in life. According to research, reading helps build a child's self-esteem, relationships with parents and others, and success in later life. It's recommended you make reading a part of your child's playtime and bedtime routines.

Here are some simple suggestions you can use to help your child develop reading skills:

(Source: AdLit.org)

- ✓ Make sure that your children observe you reading on a regular basis. What you read is not important — when your child sees you reading recipes, magazines, newspapers, books, telephone directories, and other reading materials, it will reinforce the importance of reading.
- ✓ To stimulate reading, keep reading materials throughout the house. This will increase your child's access to books and printed material. Help them understand that reading doesn't only happen at school — it can happen anywhere. Studies suggest that learners who read outside of school are more successful readers and students.
- ✓ If you cannot read easily, talk about the pictures in books, magazines, and newspapers with your child. It is important for your child to observe your efforts in acquiring reading abilities. In addition, ask them to read aloud to you or to tell you about what they have read in their own words.
- ✓ Visit your public library often, and take advantage of the resources offered there. You can get a library card and borrow books from the library for free! Make sure to get your children their own library cards, and ask a librarian for help if you don't know how to sign up for one.
- ✓ Do not allow your kids to watch television until they have done their daily reading.
- ✓ As your child becomes a better reader, talk about what he/she is reading. When your child finishes a new story or reading assignment, discuss the main ideas, new words and concepts, and your child's favourite section. This will help strengthen your child's reading comprehension skills.

It has been proven time and time again, that families that read regularly and set a good example for their children to read are families that have children who excel at school and later on in universities. By taking these steps in your home, you will not only encourage your children to read — you will help them succeed in the classroom and beyond!

Take care and God bless.

Deus Ducit – God Leads

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

