



# St Nicholas Diocesan School

A Co-Educational, Independent, Anglican, Day and Boarding School for pupils from Grade RR-12

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

It seems that for the past months all we have talked about is the pandemic, the looting and the economic difficulties in our city and country. I thought that I should use this opportunity to focus on all the positives that have been taking place in these difficult times.

Women's month celebrations during September culminated in a prayer service led by Revd. Hammond and a pledge by the St Nicholas community to fight Gender based violence in all its forms. Our Anti-GBV Committee raised R3500, which will be donated to the Abrina Esther House.

Although formal sports have not resumed yet our Friday club hour is being used to ensure that our learners remain active. This week the Grade 8 and 9 learners will be participating in our inter-house athletics trials. It has been many years since St Nicholas learners participated in the long jump, high jump, and javelin but thanks to the hard work of Mr Bailey, we will give learners the opportunity to test their athletic skill.

While some grades were on the athletics track, others were learning the valuable skill of orienteering. Map work and compass use are often reserved for learners taking Geography but we encouraged all learners in the grade to participate in this fun activity.

Our Grade 12 isiZulu learners attended a performance of their set work "Iqonde kuphi Lindlela" at the Durban University of Technology. We hope that this inspires them to reach much higher when it comes to their final isiZulu Exam. Our Grade 11 Dramatic Arts learners headed down to Durban to watch an Athol Fugard production at the Playhouse. This was followed by a question and answer session with the Actors and Director.

Spring Day in South Africa is always a hit and miss with the weather. Who would have guessed that the weekend before the start of spring we would have snow in Hilton. Many of us rushed up the hill to play in the snow with our kids and Mr and Mrs Zulu piled the boarders into the school vehicle and took them up the hill for some fun in the snow. Our Matric Dance Committee held a bright and colourful Spring Civvies Day that brought out some interesting dress choices.

Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September saw our Matrics write their final Trials paper. We are extremely grateful that all papers were written and that no Covid cases were recorded in the grade. Next week is our final week of term three. Our Grade 10 learners will be going on their annual camp to Babanango where they will learn about the rich history and culture of the area. Grade 11s will have to wait until October before they attend their leadership camp at Emseni but they have already started to show their leadership potential as they take over the running of the school from the Matrics who have been focusing on exams.

Our disposition is always affected by what we choose to focus on. If we only focus on the negative events that surround us, we are sure to feel depressed and deflated but if we choose to focus with gratitude on all the positives in our lives, we are sure to be lifted to far greater heights.

*"It's your attitude that determines your altitude"- Zig Ziglar*

Yours sincerely

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