

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



I extend a hearty welcome to our girls, boys, parents and staff as we embark on another exciting year at St. Nicholas Diocesan School. It is wonderful having our corridors, classrooms and playgrounds filled with happy and cheerful children and staff. The school is looking beautiful and we are very grateful to our magnificent maintenance and ground staff for their efforts.

We welcome all our new girls, boys and their extended families to our St. Nicholas Diocesan School community. A special welcome to our five new members of staff in our junior school – Mrs J Nyanisa and Mrs N Chetty (grade 7 teachers), Mrs R Topper (part-time Afrikaans teacher), and our two interns, Ms Sithole and Ms Ngwena. I take this opportunity to wish our school community the very best for the year ahead. Let us all work together to ensure that our children at St. Nicholas Diocesan School get the best possible education this year.

Communication

Communication is key to the teaching and learning process in any school. Our parent contact evenings take place next week (pre-primary to Grade 3 on Monday, 22 January at 17h30 and Grade 4 to Grade 7 on Tuesday, 23 January at 17h30). Please make every effort to attend these parent contact meetings next Monday and Tuesday. You will also be receiving a weekly newsletter from me which serves to keep you updated and informed as to our daily activities in our Junior School. All communication will be done via WhatsApp and email. This will be discussed at next week's meetings.

Sport and Co-curricular Programme

Our sports and co-curricular programme commenced on Thursday, 18 January. Please have a look at the programme and ensure that your child packs the correct kit for the appropriate days. Our term one calendar and sports programme were sent home yesterday. Please take note of match days and other important school functions.

School Code of Conduct

The School Code of Conduct was also sent home yesterday to all Grade 4 – 7 parents. Our pre-primary to Grade 3 parents will receive their copies of the code of conduct on Monday at the parent contact evening. Please read through carefully (with your child) as this is a very important document. Please can I ask that all Grade 4 – 7 parents sign and return the reply slip to the child's class teachers by Friday, 19 January or Monday, 22 January.

Morning Drop-off and After School Pick-up

Please note that all children must be picked up from the aftercare gate in Jabu Ndlovu Street. This is the safest place for you to pick up your children. Similarly, all children must be dropped off in the mornings at this gate. It is unsafe for children to be walking through the car park as their safety will be compromised. Children should be fetched daily at 14h00 if they are not involved in the co-curricular programme. On practice and match days, the children should be fetched at 15h00. Children who aren't picked up by 15h00 will be sent to homework – Grades 4 & 5 in the library and Grades 6 & 7 in Mrs Goosen's class.

I look forward to meeting you next week during our Parent Contact Evenings.

Kind regards

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

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)