

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



Thank you for supporting our Valentine's Civvies Day last Friday. I hope you enjoyed the long weekend with your child and managed to spend some good, quality time as a family.

It has come to our attention that there is a growing concern regarding the responsibility of our girls and boys when it comes to their personal belongings, specifically their uniforms, school bags, and textbooks. Mrs Hyland and the teachers are spending far too much time during the academic day trying to assist parents and children in locating their lost property. We understand that children may occasionally misplace or forget their belongings, but we have observed a rising trend in lost uniforms that are piling up in the school office. This situation not only creates inconvenience for the school staff but also leads to unnecessary costs for you as parents.

We kindly request your cooperation in addressing this matter by instilling a sense of responsibility in your children regarding their personal items. I have addressed this issue with the children on Friday. Here are a few measures that can be taken to ensure the proper care of their belongings:

1. **Mark Uniforms Clearly:** Please ensure that all parts of your child's uniform, including shirts, pants, dresses and socks are clearly marked with their names. This small step can significantly reduce the chances of the uniforms being misplaced and can be returned to the rightful owner.
2. **Label School Bags:** A labelled school bag makes it easy for your child to identify and retrieve their bag quickly. Attach a visible tag or label with their name and class to avoid confusion. Each school bag has a space on the bag to write your child's name on it.
3. **Label Textbooks:** Encourage your child to write their name on the cover of their textbooks. This not only helps in identifying their books but also promotes a sense of ownership and responsibility.
4. **Regular Check-ins:** From time to time, please check with your child about the status of their belongings, especially the essential items like uniforms, bags, textbooks and stationery. This simple practice can reinforce the importance of responsibility.
5. **Returning of Items that do not belong to your child:** I kindly request that all incorrectly brought home items be sent back to school the very next day. This will allow us to efficiently return the item to its rightful owner

We understand that replacing lost uniforms is both an inconvenience (for you and the teachers) and an additional financial burden. Let's work together on this issue to instill a sense of responsibility in our girls and boys, ensuring a smoother and more organised school environment at St. Nicholas. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated, and I believe that with your support, we can encourage our girls and boys to take pride in and responsibility for their personal property.

Kind regards

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

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

Assembly – Mr B Khumalo

On Monday morning, Mr Khumalo led us with a very thought-provoking assembly about "**Actions Speak Louder than Words**". There was a wonderful discussion where the children gave insightful answers and we watched some very moving videos showing people who act in a way that shows true Christian values. It is not good to go to church on Sundays and say that you are a committed Christian but then for the rest of the week, your words and actions are hurtful, unkind or selfish. Do not pray to God for forgiveness of your sins if you will simply repeat those sins when you are no longer in church.

How will other people know that we are Christians?

By our actions and the way we treat others.

Mr Khumalo encouraged the children to take the messages they learn in assembly out into their daily lives. Their actions need to be honest, kind, helpful and show that they are true St Nicolights.



KINDNESS Badge Winners from last week!