

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



This newsletter brings us to the end of this very busy first term at St. Nicholas Diocesan School. I would like to thank our girls, boys, teachers and parent community for their support and encouragement throughout this term. Some of the highlights for me this term include our Eucharist Service, Parent Contact Evenings (fantastic response from our mums and dads), Valentine Civvies Day, Shrove Tuesday with the pancake races, Gospel Choir Evening, Basketball matches, Swimming galas and our Big Walk. Our girls, boys and teachers have shone in all spheres of school life. This is a very short but busy week at school. The activities include Water Fun Day, Swimming Galas, FP History Day, Easter service, as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Gospel Choir Evening - Our girls and boys performed amazingly well at last Thursday's Gospel Choir Evening at our school. We also had the privilege of having the Gospel Choirs from Cordwalles, Hayfields Primary School, Athlone Primary and Northern Park Primary School. All the choirs sounded beautiful. We hosted 250 singers from the five schools as well as around 400 parents and supporters. Thank you to our mums and dads for supporting this event and I know that you would agree with me that it was a roaring success. A special word of thanks to Mrs Hyland and Mr Jumah who both worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the evening was well-organised and enjoyed by all attendees.

Big Walk – Thank you to every parent, girl, boy and staff for supporting our very successful Big Walk last Friday. The children and staff enjoyed a lovely fun day last Friday and together as a school community, we managed to raise a sum of approximately R 40 000 - thank you!

Water Fun Day - Our Water Fun Day takes place this Tuesday at school. Our teachers have arranged some fun water activities (Pre-primary to Grade 3) as well as a swimming gala (Grade 4 - 7) for our girls and boys. All junior school children must wear their costumes under their school uniforms (Grades 4 – 7) and sports kit (Pre-primary to Grade 3) on Tuesday. This is a fun day and all children will be participating.

Easter Service - Our Easter service is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 March. As an Anglican school, the Easter service encourages reflection on the life, teachings, and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Thank You - As this term draws to a conclusion, I would like to thank our boys, girls, mums, dads and teachers for sharing a common purpose in ensuring that our girls and boys get the best possible education at St. Nicholas Diocesan School. Our teachers have been super amazing and I am so proud to be part of this team of teachers. Our leaders in the junior school, Mr Topper, Mr Khumalo, Ms Brown and Mrs Hyland have ensured that our children and teachers were supported and nurtured well during this team. I am very grateful to Ms Brown and Mrs Hyland for their guidance, support and astute leadership as they deal with the day-today running of our primary school. We have many wonderfully selfless and kind people involved daily in the life of our school; many of them unsung champions who go about their tasks and duties in ways that demonstrate commitment, humility and sincere people-centeredness – these are our ground staff, cleaners and security guards - THANK YOU!

SCHOOL CLOSURE - Please note that school closes this Wednesday, 20 March at 11h00 as per the calendar sent home at the beginning of the year. The aftercare will close at 11h30. Please make the necessary travel arrangements for your children.

May this holiday be a time of reflection and family. I hope that you have time to rest, recuperate and have fun with your sons and daughters.

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

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

“When life takes your wings, God gives you legs,” was the exciting message of Mr Topper who led our Final Assembly today. We looked at the ostrich with its flightless wings, but amazing legs that makes it the biggest bird in the world. That God blessed our beautiful country to be home to this wondrous creature, who may not have the talent to soar to heights like an eagle, but is able to run with speeds faster than a horse. So to must we recognise that we are all unique; blessed with such marvellous talents and instil in our children “An Attitude of Gratitude” for we are all wondrously made.



Final Assembly Certificate and Good Mark Winners!





| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Tuesday, 19 April | FP Water Fun Day Grade 3s to Botanical Gardens Grade 4 – 7 Swimming Gala |
| Wednesday, 20 April | Easter Service School closes at 11h00 |
| Monday, 8 April | Staff return to school Boarders bus from the Pavilion |
| Tuesday, 9 April | Learners return to school |
| Wednesday, 10 April | Experi-Buddies commences |
| Friday, 12 April | Monitor Induction Service |

- Please note that school closes on Wednesday at 11h00!

- School reopens on Tuesday, 9 April!

We would like to wish our St. Nicholas Diocesan School community a happy, blessed and safe Easter.