



Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff

At St. Nicholas Diocesan School, we believe in a holistic education embracing sporting, cultural and other development, but the academic thread is the golden one which runs through our programme and gives focus to every day and week. The responsibility of educating our girls and boys holistically is a shared one between parents and teachers (the school).

As partners in your child's education, I want to use this week's newsletter to share an important and powerful perspective that can profoundly impact their journey through life – the importance of encouraging your children to dream big. At St. Nicholas Diocesan School, we believe that education goes beyond textbooks, assessments and tests - it is about fostering a mind-set that empowers our girls and boys to imagine and pursue a future filled with boundless possibilities. Children (and adults) should be encouraged to dream big and if we can succeed in doing this, it can set the stage for our girls and boys to achieve extraordinary things in life.

Here are a few reasons why instilling the habit of dreaming big is crucial:

1. **Fostering Creativity and Innovation:** Encouraging your children to dream big sparks their creativity and imagination. These qualities are the driving force behind innovation, problem-solving, and the development of new ideas that can shape their future endeavours.
2. **Building Resilience:** Dreams often come with challenges, but facing these challenges head-on teaches resilience. As parents, you play a pivotal role in helping your children understand that setbacks are not failures but opportunities to learn, adapt, and grow stronger.
3. **Setting Ambitious Goals:** Dreaming big involves setting ambitious goals. By guiding your children to set and pursue these goals, you are instilling in them a sense of purpose and the determination needed to overcome obstacles and achieve success.
4. **Encouraging Lifelong Learning:** Dreams inspire a thirst for knowledge and continuous learning. Encourage your children to explore new interests, seek out information, and remain curious about the world around them. This mind-set will serve them well in their academic and professional pursuits.
5. **Instilling a Positive Mind-set:** Dreams foster a positive mind-set that sees opportunities instead of obstacles. By teaching your children to focus on the possibilities, you equip them with a valuable perspective that can shape their attitude towards challenges constructively.

I will be talking to our teachers about encouraging our children to dream big. I encourage you to do the same - share stories of your own experiences, highlight the importance of perseverance, and help create an environment at home that supports their dreams. Together, let's inspire our children to dream big and empower them to turn those dreams into reality. By doing so, our girls and boys can contribute significantly to the world we live in and hopefully live out their dreams.

Kind regards

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

Assembly – Ms Maxine Simkiss

“Control your anger or it will control you” was the topic of our Junior School Assembly this week done by Miss Simkiss. In a world with so much anger and hatred this is a vital skill which we need to instill in our children at an early age. From how our children cope and react to situations that cause anger at home and school, to the leaders of our world who wield the power to create wars, we as a St Nicholas Community need to make a stand and teach our children the values of compassion, respect and self-control. Our Lord has given us direct and simple advice about anger-response in the Bible which all of us need to take to heart to make our world a better place. So let us start with the small steps of, “stop and think before I act”, which will hopefully swell to a great wave of change in our beloved country and further into the world.



KINDNESS badge winners from last week!

Annual Big Walk – Friday, 15 March

- Collection forms are due by Friday, 15 March 2024
- The school will close at 12h00 on Friday, 15 March 2024
- Children to wear their House T-shirts and School PE shorts with takkies
- Please send money for children to buy goodies at school (R30)



<i><u>Date</u></i>	<i><u>Event</u></i>
Friday, 8 March	Grade 2s to Botanical Gardens
Tuesday, 12 March	U10 & U11 Boys Basketball vs Richmond (A)
Wednesday, 13 March	U13 Girls Basketball vs. Richmond (H)
Thursday, 14 March	U10 & U11 Girls Basketball vs. Richmond (A) Gospel Evening at St. Nicholas (17h30)
Friday, 15 March	Annual Big Walk (School closes at 12h00) U13 Boys Basketball vs. Richmond (H)



Sports Results



Basketball vs. Clarendon

Team	Clarendon	St. Nicholas	Result
U13C Boys	2	6	Win
U13B Boys	4	4	Draw
U13A Boys	14	15	Win