

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



As we continue our commitment to the all-round development of every girl and boy in our care at St. Nicholas Diocesan School, I remind you of our school's holistic approach to education. At St. Nicholas Diocesan School, we firmly believe in nurturing not only academic excellence but also the overall development of each child who enters our school gates on a daily basis. Our focus extends beyond the classroom, embracing the different areas of growth, including emotional, social, and physical development. We have some major events/functions this week that align with our commitment to providing a well-rounded education experience at our school. Here are the details of these events:

1. Wednesday, 13 March 2024 - Foundation Phase Teachers Forum:

- Time: 14h00
- Venue: School hall
- Guest Speaker: Mrs. Tanith von Mayer
- Topic: The Benefits of Regular Reading Mrs. Tanith von Mayer will address our staff and teachers from the Midlands area, shedding light on the invaluable advantages of instilling a habit of regular reading in our children and staff.

2. Thursday, 14 March 2024 - Annual Gospel Choir Evening:

We are thrilled to host our Annual Gospel Choir Evening, featuring performances by talented choirs from Cordwalles, Hayfields Primary, Athlone Primary, Northern Park Primary, and, of course, St. Nicholas. This promises to be a delightful event, and we encourage everyone to attend and show support.

- Time: 17:30
- Venue: St. Nicholas Indoor Centre
- Children to wear their school uniforms
- Parking in Jabu Ndlovu Street
- Finish Time is 18h30

3. Friday, 15 March 2024 - Annual Big Walk Fundraiser:

On Friday, we host our Annual Big Walk Fundraiser. Parents, children, and staff are encouraged to actively participate by collecting as much money as possible. The funds raised during this event will be directed towards enhancing our facilities at St. Nicholas. Your generous contributions will play a pivotal role in improving our teaching and learning services, ensuring a better educational experience for every child at our school. All collection forms are due on Friday, 15 March. Please note that school closes at 12h00 on Friday – please make the necessary travel arrangements for your child.

We appreciate your continued support and enthusiasm for the well-being and development of our girls and boys. Together, we can create an environment where every child can flourish in all aspects of their education.

Kind regards

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

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

This week, Mrs Jorgensen spoke about a very important topic, Honesty. The children gave excellent contributions to questions as well as information about situations where honesty is required. Lying, cheating, stealing and deceit were some of the areas where children admitted that they were dishonest.

Mrs Jorgensen used stories and Bible verses to give tips and advice to help children avoid being dishonest. She also gave an excellent visual lesson by calling up a volunteer to taste a bowl of delicious ice cream. The ice cream represented our honesty. After a bite of the sweet, delicious ice cream, Mrs Jorgensen sprinkled some white granules onto the ice cream and when the child tasted it again, the ice cream was salty and inedible. The salt ruined the taste of the ice cream. She then poured some rainbow sprinkles on top of the ice cream and asked the child to taste it again, he said “No, thank you”. She added some creamy caramel sauce and offered it again. The child did not trust Mrs Jorgensen and again refused to have another taste. An eager Grade 1 child was desperate to eat the colourful tasty looking bowl of dessert but he winced in disgust because the salty flavour could not be covered by sprinkles and caramel sauce.

Being dishonest is the same as spoiling a bowl of ice cream with salt. The salt represents our lies or deceit and no amount of covering up will take away the hurt our actions can cause. We will not be trusted by others if we are not always honest.



KINDNESS badge winners from last week!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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) Foundation Phase Teachers Forum
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) School closes at 12h00

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