

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



SCHOOL UNIFORMS – Our St. Nicholas Diocesan School uniform is very important as it not only promotes a sense of belonging and unity among our girls and boys at school and the broader community but also reflects positively on our school's image. It helps us to instil discipline and a sense of responsibility in our young learners, teaching them the importance of following guidelines and a set of rules as per our school's code of conduct.

As we move into the winter season, I wanted to take a moment to remind our girls, boys, parents and staff about what our girls and boys can and can't wear to school. Our winter uniform consists of the navy safari suit for boys (compulsory) and the blue checkered dresses for girls (compulsory). Additionally, children are allowed to wear their school tracksuits and navy school jerseys over their uniforms for extra warmth. Please note that spencers are also allowed during the cold winter months, but the long spencers will need to be removed once the children take off their tracksuit tops and jerseys as the weather warms up during the day. This is because the spencer is not a part of our official school uniform. Children are allowed to wear their tracksuit tops without the track pants but not allowed to wear the tracksuit pants without the track top.

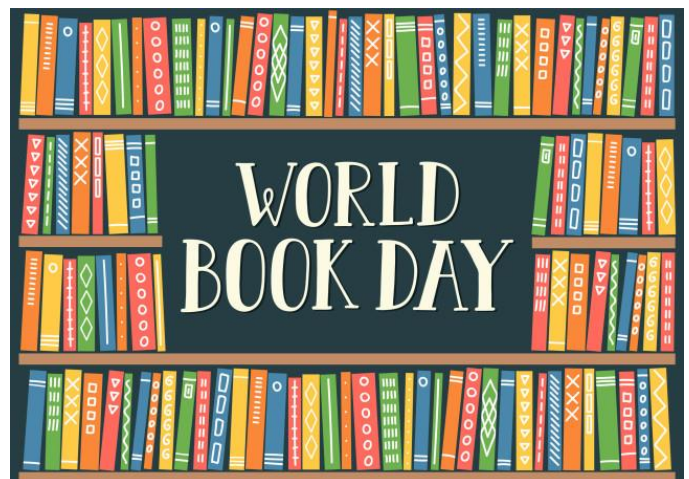
Please feel free to contact me at kamal@stnicholas.co.za if you require further clarity on this.

WORLD BOOK DAY – World Book Day is celebrated globally on 23 April to promote the joys of reading and the importance of learning to read. Reading is critical in improving the literacy rate not only in South Africa but across the world. World Book Day encourages people to engage with books (as opposed to social media) and by doing so, it promotes a culture of lifelong reading and learning. Literacy is very closely linked to education and personal development. Our Foundation Phase learners follow the Time2Read programme which is used in most schools in our sector. The Time2Read programme gives our girls and boys the best tools to learn to spell and read whilst having fun at the same time.

This World Book Day, we will be doing a 'buddy' reading session where our bigger learners will be paired with our younger learners and will be reading to our little girls and boys on Tuesday as follows:

- Grade 4s to Pre-Primary
- Grade 5s to Grade 1s
- Grade 6s to Grade 2s
- Grade 7s to Grade 3s

On Friday, 26 April, all our girls, boys and staff are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Please help your child to think of a character and how they can use what they have at home to make up a costume to wear on that day. Please do not go and buy expensive costumes that will only be worn once. Please note that this is on Friday and not on Tuesday.



"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."
Walt Disney

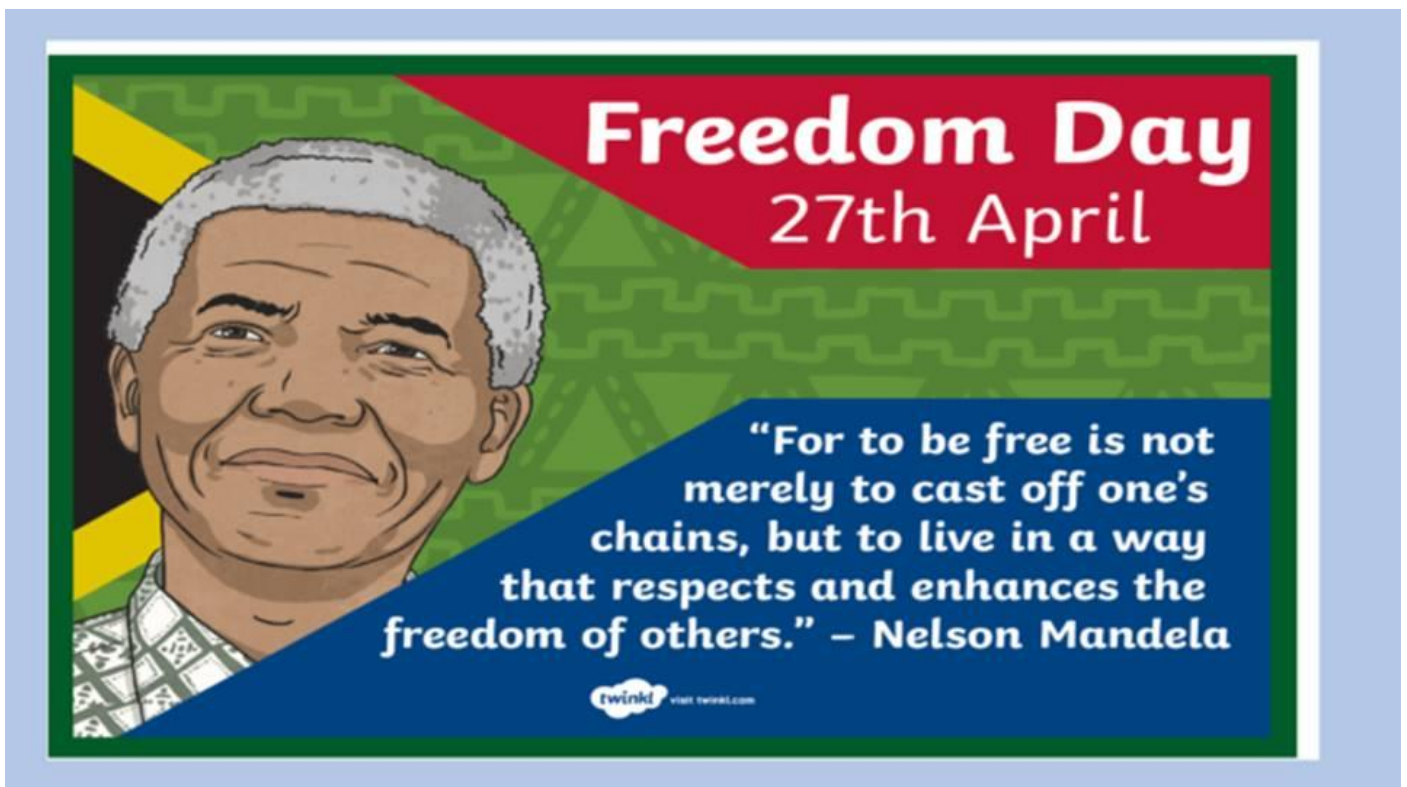
Kamal Rugbar

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Primary School)

Assembly – Ms J Brown (Freedom Day)

What a wonderful way to open our Monday assembly with song, dance and rejoicing in the presence of our Lord in this week of Freedom Day celebration. Ms Brown shared a little history of the importance of Freedom Day with the children and then went on to explain Rights and Responsibilities. According to our Constitution, we have the **right to freedom of action, speech and thought**, but how do we use these powerful skills parallel to St Nicholas's values? She challenged the children to think and evaluate how these skills affect others and the impact they have on those in their daily lives.

It is so graciously put in Proverbs 22:6 ” **Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.**”



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<i>Monday, 22 April</i>	Chess vs. Cowan House (A) U13A & u13B Boys Soccer vs. Merchiston (A)
<i>Tuesday, 23 April</i>	World Book Day – Buddy Reading morning
<i>Friday, 26 April</i>	Book Character Dress-up Day Cross-country at UKZN U10A, u11A & u13A Boys Soccer vs. Pelham (A)
<i>Saturday, 27 April</i>	Freedom Day



KINDNESS BADGE WINNERS!

Open Day - 2024

Please note that our OPEN DAY takes place on Saturday, 11 May. This is a compulsory school day for all primary school children. Please diarise this date. We encourage all our mums and dads to invite prospective children and parents in your community and families to join our St. Nicholas family.

Children and parents are expected to be in school at 07h30 and the morning will end by 11h00.