

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



## OBITUARY



It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of Mrs. Laura Gallant, our beloved boarding establishment matron. For many years, she selflessly served our boarding girls and boys of St. Nicholas Diocesan School, nurturing them with kindness, compassion, and care. Laura's dedication to her role was unwavering, and her love for the children under her care was super amazing. She created a warm and welcoming environment, making every child feel seen, heard, and valued in our school boarding environment. Her maternal instincts and gentle guidance helped shape countless young lives, leaving a lasting impact on our St. Nicholas school community.

Beyond her professional role at St. Nicholas diocesan School, Laura was a devoted wife to Father Eric Gallant and a loving mother to their three children, Cuan who attended St. Nicholas from 1993 to 2003, Yolanda and Laurel. Laura's granddaughter, Azaria is currently in Grade 1 at our school and Tia completed Grade 7 a few years ago at St. Nicholas. Her family was her joy, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Laura's unwavering faith was a beacon of inspiration to all who knew her. Her devotion to her Christian beliefs was evident in every aspect of her life, and her kindness, empathy, and compassion were a testament to her strong spiritual foundation.

As we bid farewell to this extraordinary woman, we take comfort in the memories of her selflessness, warmth, and love. We offer our deepest condolences to Father Eric, Cuan, and their daughters, as well as the extended family. May they find strength and solace in the knowledge that Laura's legacy will continue to inspire and uplift all whose lives she touched.

Rest in eternal peace, dear Laura. Your love, kindness, and devotion will never be forgotten.

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**WORKERS DAY** – Wednesday, 1 May is Workers Day in South Africa. This day is celebrated to honour the working-class community and the struggle for this working-class community to have fair employment standards. The day is therefore dedicated to workers and labourers across the world. However, Workers Day celebrates labourers and encourages them to be aware of their rights and responsibilities. It is observed across the globe on 1 May to mark the achievement of the workers and to spread awareness about exploitation. The school will be closed on Wednesday. School will resume on Thursday, 2 May.

**My heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff at St. Nicholas School. Your talent, dedication, and hard work make our school a special place for our girls and boys to work, learn and play. I appreciate all that you do to nurture and inspire our girls and boys every day.**

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Primary School)

## Assembly – Mrs S Hyland

Mrs Hyland spoke on Worker's Day and the need to treat every job and every employee as equals. We celebrate the achievement of equal employment standards for everyone. We use Worker's Day to celebrate the hard work done by everyone. We remember the importance of every job in society.

- Genesis 1:27 - So **God created mankind in His own image**, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.
- Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

What are the benefits of being created in God's image?

- Because God created humans in His image, each human life has intrinsic value. That we are made in God's image means human worth is not based on race, ethnicity, economic status, social standing, or physical attractiveness. Consequently, the image of God disallows prejudice of any kind.



Grade 1 – Grade 3



Grade 4 – Grade 7

## KINDNESS BADGE WINNERS



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<i>Tuesday, 30 April</i>	Grade 1 & 2 Soccer at Epworth
<i>Wednesday, 1 May</i>	Workers day – School Closed!
<i>Thursday, 2 May</i>	Netball vs. Richmond – u10/u11/u13 (H)
<i>Friday, 3 May</i>	Cross-country at Cordwalles Soccer vs. Richmond – u10/u11/u13 (A)
<i>Monday, 6 May</i>	U9 Soccer Festival at Epworth

### Book Day - 2024

Our girls, boys and staff looked amazing in the book character outfits day last Friday.

I would like to thank every parent for assisting our children with our book character day – I hope that this inspires our children to create a love for reading in future.

### 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.