

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



I hope you enjoyed some quality time with your child during this past long weekend. As we move forward through the school year, I want to take a moment to address some concerns regarding learner behaviour that have come to my attention. Last week, we had to address several instances of children being rude to teachers, submitting incomplete homework, and not cooperating with the systems we have in place at St. Nicholas Diocesan School. These behaviours are not aligned with our school's values and expectations, and they disrupt the positive learning environment we strive to maintain.

At St. Nicholas, we believe in fostering a respectful and responsible community. Our school code of conduct is designed to ensure that every learner can learn and grow in a supportive and orderly environment. We need your support to reinforce these values at home. Here are some key points we encourage you to discuss with your children:

Respect for Teachers and Peers: Emphasise the importance of speaking and acting respectfully towards teachers and fellow learners. Rudeness and disrespect are unacceptable and hinder the educational experience for everyone.

Homework Completion: Reinforce the significance of completing homework on time and to the best of their ability. Homework is an essential part of the learning process and helps reinforce what is taught in the classroom.

Cooperation with School Systems: Encourage your children to cooperate with the systems we have in place, from classroom routines to all other school rules. These systems are designed to create a safe and efficient learning environment for all our girls and boys, including staff.

We understand that children sometimes face challenges that can affect their behaviour and performance. If your child is experiencing difficulties, please do not hesitate to reach out to their class teacher, Mrs Hyland and Ms Brown (our Heads of department) or me. We are here to support every child and work together to find solutions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who constantly reinforce these values with their children – we have many many children who conform to these values and are an absolute pleasure to teach at St. Nicholas Diocesan School.

I encourage all parents to support our choir who will be performing at the annual **Cordwalles Choir Evening** on Wednesday, 22 May at 18h30. Please note that this is an outdoor event and all parents are reminded to bring their camping chairs and blankets. Best wishes to our choir and Mr Jumah!

Our school **photo day** is scheduled for Wednesday, 22 May. Please ensure that children are dressed in their correct school uniforms and that their hair is neat.

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

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Primary School)

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday, 22 May	Grade 1 & Grade2 Hockey vs. Piet Retief (H)
Wednesday, 22 May	School Photo Day Hockey vs. Pelham (u10 – H); (u13 – A) Cordwalles Choir Evening at 18h30
Thursday, 23 May	Netball vs. Piet Retief (u11 & u13 at St. Nicholas)
Friday, 24 May	Pre-primary outing to Queen Elizabeth Park Cross Country (TWC at Worldsvieiw)

