

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



As we reflect on our recent sporting events, it's important to acknowledge the fine margins that often exist between winning and losing. While we certainly enjoy and celebrate our victories, at St. Nicholas Diocesan School, our primary focus is on encouraging our girls and boys to participate in sports with an emphasis on enjoyment rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude. Sport is an essential part of the balanced education we provide at St. Nicholas School. Unlike some schools in and around Pietermaritzburg, where sport can overshadow other educational aspects, we believe that sport complements our children's overall development. It's a vital component, but not the be-all and end-all.

I would like to extend heartfelt compliments and gratitude to all our girls, boys, and staff for their dedication and effort in all sports fixtures and practices. A special congratulations goes to our U13 boys soccer team, who won the annual U13 Bisley Soccer Championships on Saturday. Their hard work, commitment, and excellent skills made them deserving winners of this prestigious tournament.

Despite these achievements, I must address a concern from my experience refereeing top schoolboy rugby matches in Kwazulu Natal. I have been horrified by the behaviour of some boys, coaches, and parents who become excessively vocal and abusive to match officials during and after games. This conduct undermines the spirit of sportsmanship and respect that we strive to instil in our girls and boys at school.

At St. Nicholas, we aim to foster an environment where sportsmanship and respect for all participants—players, referees, coaches, and spectators—are paramount. Let's continue to encourage our children to play sports, derive enjoyment from participation, and uphold the highest standards of behaviour and respect both on and off the field.



Best regards,

Kamal Rugbar

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Primary School)

Books 2U Fair

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Please support!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, 3 June	U9 Soccer Festival at Epworth
Thursday, 6 June	Books 2U Fair at St. Nicholas
Friday, 7 June	Books 2U Fair at St. Nicholas Pre-primary to QE Park Cross-country at Cowan House
Saturday, 8 June	World Oceans Day



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