

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



As we come to the end of a very busy and productive term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts and achievements of our school community. Our girls, boys, and staff have worked tirelessly throughout the term, and we have so much to be thankful for and celebrate.

I am immensely proud of our children and teachers for giving their best not only in the classroom but also on the netball courts, soccer fields, cross-country routes, chess boards and in the music arena. Some of the highlights this term include:

- Our choirs' admirable performances at the annual Cordwalles Choir Evening.
- Our U13 boys winning the Annual Bisley Soccer Tournament.
- A fantastic Book Character Dress-Up Day.
- A very successful Monitor Induction Ceremony.
- An engaging and informative Open Day.
- Annual Polar Bear Day Swim & Breakfast

While we celebrate these wonderful achievements, we also commend all our children who participated with enthusiasm throughout the term. Their spirit and dedication have been truly encouraging to me. Academic reports will be sent home on Friday, providing an excellent opportunity for both children and parents to reflect on the individual progress made this term. There is always room for improvement, and I encourage all our children to strive even harder in their academic pursuits in the second half of the year. We have parent contact afternoons scheduled early next term where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress as well as to address any issue about your child with the class teacher.

A special thank you to our parents for your unwavering support of the children, school activities, and all our St. Nicholas endeavours this term. Your support is deeply appreciated by the children, staff, and myself.

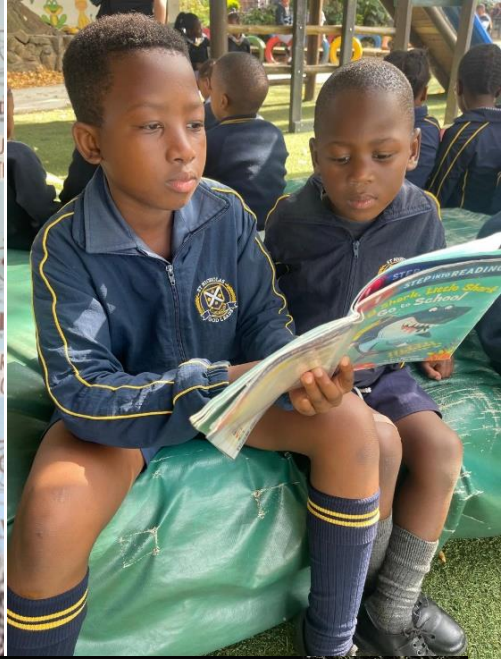
To our academic staff, thank you for your dedication to ensuring that all our girls and boys were well cared for and for the love, kindness, and nurturing you provided throughout the term. We are particularly grateful to our primary school management team - Mrs Hyland, Ms Brown, Mr Khumalo and Mr Topper - for ensuring the smooth operations of the junior school and the well-being of every child and staff member.

I had the privilege of spending the past week in Kasane, Botswana, where I presented a talk on "Leading with Purpose" to headmasters and principals from Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and South Africa. The other presenters included Naas Botha, former Springbok great, Karen Botha, former South African long jump Olympian, and Nikki Bush, author and renowned life coach. Kasane is a beautiful place, heavily reliant on the tourist industry due to its stunning Chobe River and abundant wildlife. The area is remarkably clean, and the locals are friendly, hospitable, and welcoming. I had a wonderful week in Kasane and look forward to implementing some of the insights I gained from their heads of schools.

It remains for me to wish our girls and boys a happy holiday with their parents. It has been an exceptionally full term and I trust that they will enjoy some rest and recuperation.

Best regards,

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)



Have a wonderful Holiday!