

Dear mums, dads, and teachers



Women's Month - As we step into August, we are reminded of the significance of Women's Month in South Africa, culminating in Women's Day on Friday, 9 August. This month is a time to honour the incredible contributions and achievements of women in our society and to reflect on the progress made towards gender equality.

Women's Day in South Africa celebrates the 1956 march of approximately 20,000 women to the Union Buildings in Pretoria. These brave women protested against the apartheid government's pass laws, which required black South Africans to carry an internal passport (dompass), restricting their movement. Their courage and determination remain a powerful symbol of the struggle for women's rights and equality in our country.

At St. Nicholas, we are privileged to have a wonderful community of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and female teachers who play vital roles in the lives of our children. Your support, love, and guidance are invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do, daily. A special thank you goes out to our female teachers. You are the unsung heroes who serve as mothers, counsellors, and caregivers, nurturing our children before stepping into your roles as educators. Your hard work, commitment, and dedication to our girls and boys do not go unnoticed, and the impact you make is most profound and lasting. You are the soul of our school.

On behalf of the children and the entire St. Nicholas community, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the remarkable women who contribute to our school. Your efforts help shape a better future for our girls and boys, and we are truly fortunate and blessed to have you as part of our family. Wishing you all a wonderful Women's Month filled with recognition, celebration, and appreciation.



Appeal – I would like to remind all parents to sign their child’s homework books, read the letters that are sent home with the children as well as check the days for which sports kit is worn. The only day children come to school dressed in sports kit is the day they have PE. which is indicated on the homework sheet. These homework sheets and letters contain important information that needs to be acknowledged by parents. Your cooperation in this matter will greatly assist our school community in achieving our common goals.

Foundation Phase – Please also note that children from pre-primary to Grade 3 do not visit our tuckshop. Therefore, please do not send tuck money with them unless requested, which is usually R10 on Fridays.

Lost property – Lost property is accumulating again at school. Many of these uniform items are very expensive and, unfortunately, are not marked with the children's names, making it impossible to return them to their rightful owners. This is truly unfortunate, as I have repeatedly asked parents to label all uniform items. Properly labeling clothing helps ensure that misplaced items can be promptly returned, saving parents a significant amount of money.

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Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, 5 August	U9 Soccer vs. Epworth (A)
Tuesday, 6 August	Grade 7s to Spirit of Adventure Grade 1 & 2 Soccer at Epworth (A) U10/u11/u13 Boys Hockey vs. Bisley (A) U10/u11 Girls Soccer vs. Bisley (A)
Wednesday, 7 August	u13 Boys Hockey vs. Bisley (A)
Thursday, 8 August	Grade 7s return from Spirit of Adventure
Friday, 9 August	Women’s Day – School Closed!