

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



A heartfelt thank you for making last Monday and Tuesday's parent information evenings such a resounding success! Your presence created a vibrant and positive atmosphere, setting the tone for a collaborative and exciting teaching and learning journey for our girls and boys in 2025.

During my presentation, I highlighted several important points that underpin our mission at St. Nicholas. At the heart of our school is our cherished **Christian and Anglican ethos**, guided by our motto, "God Leads." Our assemblies and gatherings are rooted in biblical teachings, emphasising that our actions must speak louder than our words (theme from 2024). This principle aligns beautifully with our 2025 theme: "Learning, Growing, and Flourishing." As we nourish through teaching, we will flourish in every endeavour.

Safety Protocols

The safety of our girls, boys and staff is paramount. We discussed the drop-off and pick-up area on Jabu Ndlovu Street, where a security guard is stationed for added safety. Each parent will receive an electronic access card with the school logo, which must be presented to the guard to gain entry. This protocol is a proactive step to ensure a secure environment for everyone at St. Nicholas. Please bear with the security guard when he asks you or the person picking up your child for this access card. Please pass on this electronic version of the access card to the person/persons picking up your child. Please also ensure that an adult enters the school to collect your child and not other little children from other schools. Your children must be fetched from the following points:

- Pre-primary to Grade 3 – aftercare playground
- Grade 4 – 7 are as follows:
 - 14h00 – 15h00 (from the playground and courts)
 - 15h00 – 16h00 (Grade 4 & 5 from the library; Grade 6 & 7 from Mrs Goosen's class)
 - 16h00 – 17h00 (aftercare gate)
 - After 17h00 (security guard gate on Shepstone Avenue)

Injury Protocols

Given our dynamic school environment with numerous activities, sports practices, and matches, injuries may occasionally occur. Rest assured, we have a clear plan in place:

- You will be notified immediately if your child is injured.
- The injury will be assessed by me, and if necessary, your child will be taken to Dr. Gumede for a professional diagnosis.
- In emergencies, an ambulance will be called, or the child will be taken to the hospital, where a school representative will meet you.
- These injuries and emergencies are covered by the school insurance that you pay as part of the school fees. When your child is ill, like flu, coughing, asthma, etc – these will not be covered by the medical insurance and you will be called to pick up your child and take him/her to your GP/doctor at your expense. The child will be kept in the sick bay until you can fetch the child. Please note, that the new law does not allow us to administer any medication whatsoever without a written letter from the parent.

School Code of Conduct

The school code of conduct is an essential document designed to protect and support our girls, boys and staff. We request all parents to read and discuss this document with their children before signing and returning it to the class teachers.

Communication Protocols

Open and constructive communication is vital for addressing concerns about your child's well-being:

1. First, reach out to your child's class teacher to set up a meeting.
2. If unresolved, contact the relevant Head of Department (HOD) for further assistance. Pre-primary to Grade Head of department is Ms Brown (brownj@stnicholas.co.za) and Grades 4 – 7 Head of department is Mrs Hyland (hylands@stnicholas.co.za).
3. Should the matter still require attention, please arrange a meeting with the HOD and me (kamal@stnicholas.co.za). Together, we will find the best way forward with a focus on what benefits the child.

Lost Property vs. Expenses

While we encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings, they often misplace uniform items and fail to claim them from the lost property. School uniforms are a significant expense, and as a parent of a school-going child, I fully understand these costs. It is common for children to misplace their uniforms at school. However, returning these lost items to their rightful owners becomes impossible if they are not labeled with your child's name. To help reduce unnecessary expenses and save you the inconvenience of replacing lost items, I kindly appeal to all parents to label every piece of your child's uniform clearly.

Sports Results

Basketball vs. Clarendon

- u10B Boys won 3 - 1
- u10A Boys won 6 - 2
- u11B Boys won 10 - 7
- u11A Boys lost 6 - 12
- u13C Boys won 6 - 0
- u13B Boys won 6 - 0
- u13A Boys won 9 - 3



Thank you once again for your support and enthusiasm. As we prepare for the year ahead, let's continue to work together to create an environment where our children can learn, grow, and flourish to their fullest potential.

Kind regards

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

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

Mrs Hyland lead the assembly this morning and continued with our theme “Learn, Grow, Flourish.”

She used a children’s picture book from the library to read about a baby who wanted to be taller than he was. He kept asking another taller and taller animal to put him up on their head until he fell from the Giraffe’s head.

The main message was that God has placed each of us where we need to be and we should do our Best to learn and grow to the best of our ability right now so that we can become better versions of ourselves. We have wonderful teachers and mentors around us that will help when we fall.

We are truly blessed. Ephesians 2:7



Kindness Badge Winners



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday, 29 January	U13 Girls Basketball vs. Laddsworth
Thursday, 30 January	U11 Girls Basketball vs. Laddsworth
Tuesday, 4 February	U10; u11 Boys Basketball vs. Bisley
Wednesday, 5 February	U13 Girls Basketball vs. Bisley
Thursday, 6 February	U10, u11 Girls Basketball vs. Bisley
Friday, 7 February	Pre-primary – Grade 3 Athletics Morning U13 Boys Basketball vs. Bisley



"Don't live the same year 75 times and call it a life. Own your power, honor your genius, and start flourishing."— Robin Sharma