

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff

As we approach our half-term break, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the incredible support we have received since the start of the school year. The children and staff have settled well into their daily routines, and our sports and co-curricular programs are now in full swing. It has been a busy and productive start to the year, and we are all looking forward to a well-deserved mid-term break. Please note that the school will be closed on Friday and Monday, allowing our team and children to rest and recharge for the second half of this first term.



VALENTINE'S DAY COLLECTION - A special thank you for your generous support of our Valentine's Day collection. We are delighted to share that we raised around R3 000 and collected reading books for Harvest Academy in Hlatungunku. Your kindness will make a meaningful difference in the lives of children at a fellow school, and we truly appreciate your generosity.

AFTERCARE - Our aftercare system is running smoothly with the access cards in place. Please note that for safety reasons, we will continue with this system to ensure the well-being of our children and staff. As a reminder, children who are waiting at the aftercare gate at 14h00 or 15h00 may leave if they see your vehicle – we chatted with the children about being responsible and to only leave the aftercare gate if they see their parent's car.

As a school, we are always open to any suggestions regarding the safety and security of our children and staff at aftercare. If you have any thoughts or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see me. I can be contacted at kamal@stnicholas.co.za, and I would be happy to discuss any ideas you may have.

PRODUCTION - To end the week on a fun note, our children will be treated to a live theatre production of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" on Thursday. This exciting event, presented by an outside theatre company, is a wonderful opportunity for our girls and boys to experience a live performance—and there is no charge for this production.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR - This morning, Mrs. Hyland addressed our Grade 6 and 7 boys and girls regarding a concerning game in which children are touching others in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. When complaints are received and the individuals involved are questioned, they often claim it is just a game. Mrs. Hyland emphasised the importance of respecting our bodies and reinforced that no one should touch another person in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. I reinforced this message and made it clear that this behaviour and game must stop immediately. Any child reported for this behaviour and making another child uncomfortable will face suspension. I encourage all parents to have a conversation with their children at home about this matter.

COMMUNICATION - If you are not yet on the class WhatsApp groups or not receiving my weekly eNews, please drop me a message at kamal@stnicholas.co.za. I will be glad to add you to the class WhatsApp group and my email list to ensure you stay updated with what is happening at our school.

I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support I receive from our children, staff, and parents. It is truly a great privilege to lead our junior school, and I take this task on with immense pride and responsibility. Thank you for being part of our amazing school community.

Kind regards

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

Assembly – Mrs E Hayward

Mrs Hayward and Grade 2H led our assembly this morning with an inspiring message about growing our own personal “garden” filled with the fruits of the spirit.

The Garden she spoke about is not a literal one with grass and plants and soil but the place in our hearts where we plant the seeds of God’s word and let beautiful personality traits grow such as Love, Joy, Patience, Kindness and Self Control.

She demonstrated how an orange with its skin on can float in a container of water but when it is peeled it will sink to the bottom. The skin represents our ability to use the advice from the bible and God’s instructions to protect ourselves and build good characteristics that will keep us afloat in life. If we let bad behaviour and bad ideas strip us of this skin, we start to sink.

Keep growing into beautiful children filled with the fruits of the spirit.



Good Mark Chocolate Winners



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday, 18 February	Grade 4s to Museum
Thursday, 20 February	Three Billy Goats Gruff Production
Friday, 21 February	Mid Term Break – School Closed!
Monday, 24 February	Mid Term Break – School Closed!
Tuesday, 25 February	U10 & u11 Boys Basketball vs. Pelham (A)
Wednesday, 26 February	U13 Boys Basketball vs. Pelham (A)
Thursday, 27 February	Swimming Gala at LGS
Friday, 28 February	Grade 2s to Botanical Gardens



