

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff



As we approach Valentine's Day, a time traditionally associated with love and compassion, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the deeper meaning of this special day and how we can use it to make a positive difference in the lives of others.



The History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day has its origins in the life of St. Valentine, a Christian martyr who lived in the third century. St. Valentine is remembered for his acts of kindness and his unwavering commitment to spreading love and hope in difficult times. In the Bible, the message of love is mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, which reminds us that love is patient, kind, and never fails. This profound message encourages us to show love through our actions (our theme from 2024).



Sharing the Love with Harvest Academy

This year, we want to share the spirit of Valentine's Day with an initiative that demonstrates love in action. Our school has identified a fellow school, Harvest Academy, located in a rural village called Hlutankungu (between Highflats and Braemar). This school faces significant challenges, and we would like to support them by providing much-needed resources such as:

- Readers for children in Pre-Primary to Grade 3
- Hockey balls
- Mini cricket equipment



To achieve this, we invite our entire St. Nicholas family to participate in a meaningful way:

1. **Civvies Day Contribution:** On Valentine's Day, children and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed in red, pink, and white civvies. Each participant is asked to contribute R10 for the privilege of wearing civvies. All funds raised will go directly towards purchasing resources for Harvest Academy.
2. **Book Donations:** We are appealing to all parents, children and teachers to donate any children's books, particularly readers for young children, that your family no longer uses. These books, often gathering dust on shelves, can find a new life in the hands of children who would greatly benefit from them. Let's recycle and reuse these books for a wonderful cause!

By working together as a school community, we can demonstrate to our girls and boys the importance of helping those who are less fortunate. Through these acts of love and generosity, we can instil in them the value of giving back and sharing their blessings with others.



How You Can Help:

- Send R10 with your child on Valentine's Day for Civvies Day.
- Donate children's books (Pre-Primary to Grade 3) by dropping them off at school by this Friday.



Let us use this Valentine's Day not only to celebrate love but to live it out in a way that could have a lasting impact on the lives of other children who are a little less fortunate than we are. Together, we can brighten the lives of the children at Harvest Academy and bring hope to their school community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Sports Results

Basketball vs. Bisley Park Primary School

U10B boys won 8-2
U10A boys won 12-3
U11B boys won 8-2
U11A boys won 8-0
U13C girls lost 8-11
U13B girls lost 4-11
U13A girls lost 15-17
U13C boys lost 0-5
U13B boys won 7-2
U13A boys won 18-6



Kind regards

Kamal Rugbar

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

Assembly – Mr K Jumah

It's all up to you – Mr Jumah spoke to the children about having the freedom to make choices. But not any choice; **the right choices at the right time.**

Galatians 6:7 says “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”

The children were encouraged to put this verse into action each day by making the choice to work hard during class time so that knowledge and understanding can be achieved at school. This will help the children to do better at homework time because they will understand what is expected of them. At homework time children should choose to focus on that task until it is complete to the best of their ability and then they will have time to do the things they like. As the year goes on the children who choose to work hard and ask questions will be able to reap the results of their hard work by growing, learning and flourishing in the grade they are in now.



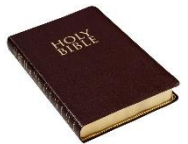
Kindness Badge Winners



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday, 13 February	Mini Swimming Gala at Bisley
Friday, 14 February	Valentine's Civvies Day Foundation Phase History Day



Mr Goss, our Foundation Phase intern teaching a group of children about the bible!



Congratulations!



Anande Hoffman
Completing the Midmar Mile