



Dear St. Nicholas Mums, Dads and Staff,

I wish to remind you that the BOOKS 2 YOU FAIR will be visiting our school on Thursday and Friday this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for both children and staff to explore a variety of books and make purchases that will support our school. The details are as follows:

Dates: Thursday, 8 May and Friday, 9 May

Venue: St. Nicholas School Hall

Book Prices: Range from R70 to R165

A percentage of the book sales will be given back to our school, enabling us to purchase additional books from the fair for our school library. This means that the more books our girls, boys, parents and staff buy, the more books our school library will receive.

The Importance of Reading (from the internet)

Reading is not just a fundamental skill for academic success, but it also offers numerous benefits that extend far beyond the classroom. Here are some of the key benefits of reading:

1. Enhances Cognitive Development:

- Reading stimulates mental processes, enhancing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- It helps children develop better concentration and memory.

2. Improves Language Skills:

- Regular reading improves vocabulary, grammar, and writing skills.
- It exposes children to different writing styles and sentence structures, aiding their own writing proficiency.

3. Promotes Empathy and Understanding:

- Through stories, children learn about different cultures, perspectives, and experiences.
- Reading fiction, in particular, helps children understand and empathize with others.

4. Encourages Lifelong Learning:

- A habit of reading fosters a love for learning and curiosity about the world.
- It encourages children to seek knowledge and stay informed throughout their lives.

5. Boosts Academic Performance:

- There is a strong correlation between regular reading and higher academic achievement.
- Reading enhances comprehension skills, which are critical for success in all subjects.

6. Provides Relaxation and Stress Reduction:

- Reading can be a calming activity that reduces stress and anxiety.
- It offers an escape from daily pressures and immerses children in different worlds.

How You Can Support

1. Encourage Reading at Home: Create a reading-friendly environment at home with a variety of books.
 2. Participate in the Fair: Visit the BOOK Fair with your child (on Thursday after school) and help them select books that interest them.
 3. Model Good Reading Habits: Show your child that reading is enjoyable and important by reading yourself.
- I would like to thank you in advance for supporting this 'Book Fair'.

Kind regards

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

The message for today's assembly was about the power of our words. The children were asked to relate stories and feeling from a time when they were spoken to in a mean or unkind way. They were also asked to give reasons for why other children may have been nasty. Some excellent answers were expressed showing a large number of our children had been through the experience themselves.

When we say unkind things to a person's face, we can see the hurt and sadness that our words cause. Sadly, cell phones are taking away the emotional and personal connection between people and it becomes very easy to say ugly things without knowing the hurt and pain we cause other people. The more we do this, the more it becomes a habit. During the assembly the children were given practical tips to help avoid this habit. Every child was encouraged to stop and think before sending messages that can break other people down instead of building strong relationships.

Proverbs 18: 20-21

"What you say can preserve life or destroy it; so you must accept the consequences of your words."



Kindness Badge Winners



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, 5 May	Chess vs. Athlone at Athlone
Tuesday, 6 May	Experi-Buddies commences Netball vs. Richmond at St. Nicholas
Wednesday, 7 May	Hockey vs. TWC at TWC
Thursday, 8 May	Books2you Fair at St. Nicholas
Friday, 9 May	Books2you Fair at St. Nicholas Cross-Country at Cordwalles U13 Boys Soccer vs. Richmond at Richmond Primary
Sunday, 11 May	Mothers' Day



All parents and children are invited to this Book Fair. Children will have the opportunity to view the books on Thursday and then buy on Friday. Parents are welcome after school on Thursday!