



Dear St. Nicholas Mums, Dads and Staff,

YOUTH DAY – Yesterday was Youth Day in our beloved country, a day of remembrance, reflection and deep significance. We honour the brave students who, in 1976, rose in peaceful protest during the Soweto Uprising. Despite facing great danger, they stood united in the name of justice and equality, paving the way for future generations.

The courage, strength and determination shown by those young people in 1976 continue to inspire us today. At St. Nicholas, we believe it is one of our responsibilities to nurture that same spirit of bravery in our own girls and boys. As they learn, grow and flourish in today's complex world, we want them to be brave and courageous to stand up for what is right, to speak truth with kindness and to lead with empathy and strength.

We want our girls and boys to understand that bravery is not always loud or dramatic, sometimes it is quietly doing the right thing, even when it is hard to do so. It is standing by a friend, owning up to a mistake, asking a question or daring to dream big.

As we celebrate Youth Day, let us honour the past by preparing our young people, especially our St. Nicholas girls and boys, for the future. Let's work together to encourage them to walk with courage, integrity and hope for a brighter future.

RESPECT, HONESTY & RESPONSIBILITY - I want to bring to your attention a matter of concern. There have been recent incidents of children taking food and money that do not belong to them. This is a serious matter and is regarded as theft. At St. Nicholas, we are committed to providing a safe, respectful and honest environment for all who come here to work, learn and play. Children who break the school's rules and Code of Conduct, will be dealt with appropriately. We kindly ask you to speak with your child about the importance of making good choices and respecting others. Your support in reinforcing these values at home is greatly appreciated.

Polar Bear Day (Friday, 20 June) - To celebrate Winter Solstice on Saturday, 21 June, we will host our fun and much-anticipated Annual Polar Bear Day on Friday, 20 June! Here's what to expect:

- Children may come to school dressed in their pyjamas.
- Each class will enjoy a special breakfast together with their teacher
- Brave learners and teachers will take part in the Polar Bear Swim!
- All children will watch a film with their teacher in class after swimming.

Polar Bear Day is a highlight on our St. Nicholas School calendar, bringing warmth, laughter and team spirit to this chilliest time of the year. Please note that our school tuckshop will remain closed during break time on Friday, as the children and teachers will have breakfast. Therefore, there is no need to send tuck money on Friday.

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow." Nelson Mandela.

Kind regards

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)



Ms L Swann ((third from left)

We are extremely proud of Ms Swann, our Grade R teacher, who participated in the OCEANS8 Charity Swim this past weekend. Ms Swann swam 8 miles (12.8 km) to raise funds for Singakwenza Early Childhood Education. OCEANS8 is a charity that works tirelessly to make a difference in our community by using recycled materials to create educational toys for children. Ms Swann is not only a fantastic teacher but also someone who serves with her heart. She frequently takes part in charitable open-water swims, and we are truly proud of her for setting such an inspiring example for all of us to follow.

As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Ms Swann is a true example of this.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, 16 June	YOUTH DAY – School Closed!
Tuesday, 17 June	Grade 1 & 2 Girls' hockey Festival at Epworth
Wednesday, 18 June	U13A & U13B Boys Soccer vs. MCS (A)
Thursday, 19 June	U11A & U13A Netball Festival at Epworth
Friday, 20 June	Polar Bear Day Breakfast & Swim Cross-Country at Epworth (UKZN)
Saturday, 21 June	U9 Boys Soccer Championships at Northern Park U10 Boys Soccer Championships at Pelham U11 Boys Soccer championships at Scottsville U13 Boys Soccer Championships at Bisley