



Dear St. Nicholas Mums, Dads and Staff,

We had a very successful week and I would like to express my deep appreciation to our girls, boys and staff for the wonderful energy they brought into our school. Our corridors are alive with the sound of learning, our classrooms are full of purpose and the sports fields are bustling with activity once again. It has been a truly positive start and I am deeply grateful to our community for hitting the ground running with such enthusiasm and energy.

We began the term in a way that truly reflects our school ethos and motto – *God Leads*. Our Grade 3 to 7 learners participated in a **Eucharist service** and our Pre-Primary to Grade 2 children received a special blessing. These services were led by Reverend Vernon, our dedicated school Chaplain. These services are a reminder of the Christian values we hold at our school and hopefully, our children and staff can spread these values into our communities.

We now turn our attention to our **Parent Contact Afternoons**, scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week. You would have received communication indicating which day is relevant to you and your child. I strongly encourage all parents to make every effort to attend. Monday and Tuesday are Pre-primary to Grade 3 and Wednesday is for Grade 4 – 7. I am a firm believer that teaching and learning is not a two-way process but a three-way partnership including the child, teacher and parent. Each of these three voices brings something powerful to the learning journey of the child. When parents and teachers engage in meaningful conversations about a child's progress, needs and strengths, it creates a more complete picture and leads to better support for the child. Remember, **IT IS ALL ABOUT THE CHILD!**

Why are parent-teacher interactions so important?

- They provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to align on academic goals and expectations, creating a consistent message for the child at home and at school.
- They allow early identification of learning challenges or behavioural concerns, enabling timely and effective intervention.
- They build a trusting relationship between parents and teachers, which makes future communication easier and more productive.
- They help the teacher better understand the child's background, personality, home environment and unique needs - all of which influence classroom performance.
- They reinforce to the child that education is a shared priority and that the important adults in their life are working together to support them.
- They offer a platform to celebrate the child's successes and strengths, which boosts confidence and motivation.
- They create space for conversations around emotional and social development, contributing to a child's overall well-being. (From the internet)

When we work together - child, parent and teacher, we form a united team that lifts the child toward success. Attending your scheduled meeting shows your child that they are seen, valued and supported on their learning journey at St. Nicholas Diocesan School.

Our girls, boys and teachers will be treated to our annual live show, **Hooked on Books**. This show is one of the ways to encourage children to create a love for reading. There is no charge for this show.

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster – Junior School)

Assembly: Mrs S Hyland

This morning's assembly focused on having patience; the ability to continue to do something despite difficulty, to wait calmly without complaining or becoming annoyed.

The children gave wonderful feedback and answered questions around why being patient is a good thing and when to practice patience. The story of the hare and tortoise was read to help us understand that slow and steady wins the race.

Psalm 37:7

"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes."

And this quote was voted the favourite from the assembly: 'With love and patience, nothing is impossible.' Daisaku Ikeda

Dear Lord

Teach me to be patient with life, with others and with myself.

Amen



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, 28 July	Pre-primary to Grade 3 Parent Contact Afternoon
Tuesday, 29 July	Pre-primary to Grade 3 Parent Contact Afternoon
Wednesday, 30 July	Grade 4 to Grade 7 Parent Contact Afternoon
Friday, 1 August	Hooked on Books Show