

Dear St. Nicholas Mums, Dads and Staff,



This past weekend, Annsuyah and I had the joy of visiting our son, Cival, in Potchefstroom. Sitting with him, catching up and simply being together reminded us of something deeply important: family is what holds us, grounds us and gives us a true sense of who we are in this world. He may be studying far from home, but he remains at the very centre of our lives.

After spending a most lovely weekend with Cival, we left him with a deep sense of joy and pride, knowing that together, Annsuyah and I have brought up this young man with good values that will set him up for life. And yet, as we drove out of Potchefstroom, I already began to miss my boy!

Education does not only take place in the classroom. It is a partnership between the school and the home. When families stand behind their children, cheering them on, encouraging them when they stumble and celebrating their efforts, those are the children who grow in confidence and character. Research shows that children with strong family support perform better academically and develop greater resilience in our ever-changing world.



This week at St. Nicholas, we celebrate a very special part of the family: our grandparents. Grandparents carry with them the stories of where we come from, the wisdom of experience, and the kind of unconditional love that shapes a child's sense of belonging. They play a vital role in nurturing, guiding and supporting their grandchildren, often with a gentleness that leaves a lasting mark on a child.

As we mark Grandparents Day at St Nicholas, we do so with gratitude. We honour not only their love and presence, but also the example they set - patience, sacrifice and quiet strength. Our Grandparents Day programme for the week is:

- Pre-primary on Monday, 18 August at 11h00
- Grade 1 on Tuesday, 19 August at 11h00
- Grade 2 on Wednesday, 20 August at 11h00
- Grade 3 on Thursday, 21 August at 11h00

Let us remember that the greatest gift a family can give a child is time and presence. Whether it is helping with homework, listening to their stories or simply being there in the stands or in the audience, those moments matter more than we realise. May we as a St. Nicholas School community continue to work hand-in-hand with families - parents, guardians and grandparents, to ensure that every child knows they are seen, valued and loved.

As Mahatma Gandhi so beautifully reminds us: "There is no school equal to a decent home, and no teacher equal to a virtuous parent." May we continue to build homes, schools and communities where our children learn, grow and flourish in love and in faith.

I look forward to seeing our Foundation Phase grandparents this week on our campus.

Kamal Rugbar  
Headmaster – Junior School

Assembly: Mrs Morgan-Dasrath and Grade 4M

Grade 4MD lead a wonderful assembly on women to celebrate Women's Month. Every child spoke so beautifully and clearly as they highlighted the remarkable women in our history and communities. Those women who have had an influential role to play in shaping the path for all women today. We heard about Marie Curie, Mother Teresa, Penny Haynes, Oprah Winfrey and Malala Yousafzai just to name a few. Each one was a leader in her field and through words and deeds made significant changes to the way women can now function in the world today. A beautiful prayer was said that called for us all to have the same kind of spirit that seeks to appreciate, empower and enrich all lives.



*KINDNESS BADGE WINNERS*



*FRIENDSHIP DAY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS*



| <u>Date</u>          | <u>Event</u>                                                                                         |
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| Monday, 18 August    | Pre-primary Grandparents Day at 11h00                                                                |
| Tuesday, 19 August   | Grade 1 Grandparents Day at 11h00<br>Grade 2 Girls Soccer at Epworth<br>Grade 4, 6 & 7 Class Camps   |
| Wednesday, 20 August | Grade 2 Grandparents Day at 11h00<br>U9 & u11 Boys Hockey vs. Epworth (A)<br>Grade 6 Parents Evening |
| Thursday, 21 August  | Grade 3 Grandparents Day at 11h00<br>Grade 4, 6 & 7 return from Class Camps                          |
| Friday, 22 August    | Mid Term Break – School Closed!                                                                      |
| Monday, 25 August    | Mid Term Break – School Closed!                                                                      |





**"I CAN TIE MY SHOELACES" CERTIFICATES! Grade RO**



**FRIENDSHIP DAY ART – Grade RS**