

Dear St. Nicholas Mums, Dads and Staff,



GRANDPARENTS DAY – We had the greatest privilege of welcoming our VIPs on Grandparents' Day last week. I was honoured to welcome these VIPs as the elders of our St. Nicholas Diocesan School community – the hidden treasures who carry wisdom, love and stories that shape our girls and boys. I would like to sincerely thank every grandparent who made the effort to attend this important celebration. Your presence not only made the day memorable but also made your grandchildren feel deeply cherished and very special.



WOMEN'S MONTH - August is a special month in South Africa. Women's Month gives us the opportunity not only to remember the courage of the women who marched in 1956, but also to pause and reflect on the countless ways in which women continue to shape our homes, our schools and our nation.

At St. Nicholas Diocesan School, we are reminded daily of the profound role that mothers play. A mother is often a child's very first teacher, the one who teaches love, kindness, discipline and perseverance long before any classroom lesson begins. Her love for her children has no boundaries and is the steady hands that guides them, is the voice of encouragement and deep down believes in her child even in the most difficult days. Our children thrive not only because of the lessons they learn in our schools, but because of the nurturing and loving foundation they receive at home from their mums.

We also give thanks for the gift of grandmothers. They are the storytellers and wisdom-keepers, quietly grounding families through faith, tradition and unconditional love. They often stand in the background and their influence is immeasurable. I refer to them as the 'hidden treasures' in our children's lives.

In our school context, we are blessed to have more than 90% of our teachers as women. These remarkable educators go way beyond their call of duty as teachers. They do not simply teach; they nurture, they dry tears, celebrate victories and give a kind word of encouragement when it is most needed. Their work often mirrors the care of a mother - patient, selfless and deeply caring. Our girls and boys receive the same warm embrace and love from our teachers, similar to that of a mum.

We are especially proud of our two lady Heads of Department, Mrs Hyland and Ms Brown. They are not only leaders in title but leaders in action. Through their servant leadership, they have become shining examples to our teachers, girls, boys and me. They lead with love, kindness and compassion. These are true values of great leadership that inspire trust and respect. In their daily service, they remind us that leadership is not about position but about uplifting others and walking alongside them with humility and grace.

We are also proud of our St. Nicholas school girls. They are growing up in an environment where they are surrounded by strong, compassionate female role models, both at home and at school. Our girls, our young ladies of St. Nicholas, have the opportunity to learn, grow and flourish into the future leaders of our world. They are encouraged to believe in themselves and to make their mark not only in our school but also in the world.

And while this month is dedicated to honouring women, we also recognise the dads in our school community. Their support and encouragement given to our mums, staff and their girls will pave the way for our girls to develop and thrive in the ever-changing world.

As we celebrate Women's Month, let us to honour and thank the women around us - mothers, grandmothers, teachers and our own daughters. Their sacrifices create the very foundation upon which our children build their futures.

Kamal Rugbar

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Headmaster – Junior School

CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING LADY TEACHERS!





“Dream with ambition,
lead with conviction...
And we will applaud you
every step of the way.”

KAMALA HARRIS



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The success of
every woman should
be the inspiration
to another. We should
raise each other up.

SERENA WILLIAMS



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 26 August	Grade 1 & 2 Boys Hockey vs. Epworth (A)
Wednesday 27 August	U9 & u10 Boys Hockey vs. Scottsville (H) U11 & u13 Boys Hockey vs. Scottsville (A) U9 Girls Soccer vs. Maritzburg Prep (H)
Thursday 28 August	U10A/u11A/u13A Girls Soccer vs. Scottsville (A)
Friday 5 September	Spring/Arbor/Casual Day (R10 for Civvies)

SPRING/ARBOR/CASUAL DAY **FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2025**

We will be celebrating SPRING/ARBOR/CASUAL DAY on Friday, 5 September. Our girls, boys and staff can wear their civvies to school. This year, we are assisting an elderly lady redo the roof of her home in Elandskop. Children and staff will pay R10 to wear their civvies and all funds raised will go towards this project. I thank you in advance for your support!

