

Dear St. Nicholas Mums, Dads and Staff,



As we step into the month of September, we are reminded that Spring has arrived, a season filled with renewal, growth and fresh beginnings. Just as the flowers begin to bloom and the world around us seems brighter and more vibrant, so too do our children have the opportunity to reset, learn, grow and flourish.

This time of year, also marks an important transition. We celebrated Women's month in August which, gave us a chance to reflect on the strength, compassion and leadership of women in our school and our society (last week's newsletter). Now, September invites us into Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich diversity of our cultures, languages and traditions around the world, especially in our beloved South Africa. Together, these months (August and September) remind us that we are deeply rooted in history while also continuously blossoming into a brighter future.

This Friday is also Arbor Day. Arbor Day encourages us to plant trees and protect our natural environment. The Tree of the Year for 2025 is the Common Wild Fig (*Ficus burtt-davyi*) - a strong and resilient tree that reminds us of the deep roots we must establish for our children in faith, knowledge and character, while also encouraging them to stretch their branches outward toward new opportunities the world has to offer.

In addition to these celebrations, Friday will also be Casual Day at St. Nicholas. Our girls, boys and staff are invited to wear their civvies for a contribution of R10. The funds raised will go towards an outreach project to assist an elderly lady in our community who needs a new roof for her home. I think this is a very fitting way for us as St. Nicholas Diocesan School to embrace our values of service, kindness and compassion while celebrating this season of growth (Spring). We hope to make a difference to this elderly lady and her family.

In many ways, these three events, Spring Day, Arbor Day and Casual Day, weave together the very heart of what we strive for at St. Nicholas: a school where children learn deeply, grow strongly, and flourish beautifully.

May this Spring remind us all that each day is a fresh opportunity to blossom. I encourage you to discuss this new season with your children at home and inspire them to reset and take this opportunity to become the best version of themselves. As parents and teachers, I also encourage you to reset and look for opportunities to improve yourselves too. Personally, I strive every day to be the best husband to my wife, Annsuyah, the best dad to my son, Cival, and the best leader for our girls, boys and teachers at St. Nicholas. This is what we call continuous learning.

We have two major functions coming up in the next few weeks. Our Foundation Phase Production, "Wired for Sound", will take place on Wednesday, 17 September. Our children and staff are working extremely hard on this production, and it promises to be a memorable and exciting event.

Our second function is our annual St. Nicholas Family Fun Heritage Day, taking place on Saturday, 20 September. This is a uniquely St. Nicholas event and remains one of the most anticipated days on our school calendar. More details will be shared with you in the coming days.

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster)

Assembly – Ms Lundt (Grade 5L)

Grade 5L led us in an inspiring assembly this morning about being successful and how to measure your success. They showed us a video of the story of David and Goliath. The children read verses from the bible and the class performed a dance to a popular song. The message was consistent and clear; success is not measured by what we have or how we look. It comes from a special place inside of each one of us. Live by God's word, do God's work and let His light shine out from you.

Psalm 27:1

"The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?"



Kindness Badge Winners



SPRING/ARBOR/CASUAL
DAY!

Friday, 5 September

R10

OUTREACH WORK!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday, 3 Sept.	U9A & u9B Boys Hockey (H) U10A/U11A/U13A Boys Hockey vs. Bisley (A)
Thursday, 4 September	U10A/u11A/U13A Girls Soccer vs. Bisley (A)
Friday, 5 September	Spring/Arbor/Casual Day (R10)
Saturday, 6 September	U11 & u13 Girls 5-a-side Soccer at New Hanover