

Dear St. Nicholas Mums, Dads and Staff,

As we step into the week ahead, my heart is filled with excitement for two very special occasions that reflect the essence of our St. Nicholas family, creativity, celebration and community.



On Wednesday, 17 September, our Foundation Phase girls and boys will present their production, "Wired for Sound." I cannot stress enough how important it is for all our Grade 1, 2, and 3 mums and dads to be present and to cheer on your children. For our little ones, standing on stage is both exciting and nerve-wracking, but when they look into the audience and see their parents' smiling faces, their courage soars. Every child in Grade 1, 2 and 3 are participating, whether in the spotlight or in the chorus/dance, plays an essential part in creating the magic of this evening. Productions like these teach children confidence, teamwork, resilience and the joy of expressing themselves. They remind us that education is not just about academics, but also about nurturing well-rounded children who can shine in different spaces. I warmly encourage you to come and celebrate the efforts and talents of our girls and boys. They have worked very hard and deserve nothing less than a full and supportive audience, especially their mums, dads and families.

On Saturday, 20 September, we gather once again for our Annual St. Nicholas Family Fun Heritage Day. This will be a day of colour, culture, food, music, sport and community. We will begin with a free parents' talk on Intentional Parenting, followed by sports, arena events, song, dance and poetry that showcase the richness of our South African heritage. Food stalls will offer a wide variety of traditional favourites and there will be prizes for the best-dressed parents in heritage attire. Heritage Day is not only about celebration, it is about teaching our children the value of respecting our differences, honouring our traditions and finding unity in our diversity.

For both Wednesday's production and Saturday's Heritage Day, parking will be available on Jabu Ndlovu Street as well as Burger Street (the road below our basketball courts), with car guards in attendance to assist.

On a personal note, I spent much of last week in Cape Town attending the SAHISA Conference, a four-day programme for independent school heads from across Southern Africa. It was an enriching week of professional development, learning and collaboration. I was also deeply honoured to be elected as the Chairperson of SAHISA, for the next two years. This new role will give me the opportunity to work collaboratively and to share my expertise with school leaders across Southern Africa while continuing to learn from them as well. I look forward to bringing back fresh insights that will benefit our beloved St. Nicholas.

I look forward to sharing in the pride of our children's achievements on stage on Wednesday evening and in the joy of our community coming together in celebration of heritage on Saturday. Thank you, mums, dads and teachers, for your unwavering support in all we do at St. Nicholas. It is this partnership that makes St. Nicholas such a special place for our children to learn, grow and flourish.

Kamal Rugbar (Headmaster)

Assembly – Mrs Goosen

Mrs Goosen led assembly today with a very powerful message. Many of the people around us fall victim to judging a person, car or house by what it looks like. Mrs Goosen showed us some pictures of very contrasting homes. Out of the 6 pictures 3 of the homes were very basic, rundown and a little unappealing and the other 3 were mansions. Every time the children chose the big, sparkly mansion. Mrs Goosen then showed us contrasting pictures of soccer boots. Of course, the children shouted and cheered for the flashy branded boots every time. Next came 3 pictures of some soccer stars; Ronaldo, Neymar and Messi. It turns out that the humble basic homes belonged to these 3 stars in their youth and the flashy mansions are where they live now. The same with the soccer boots. Most people still appreciate the soccer heroes for their contribution to the sport and their skill at playing the sport. They are no less of a star just because they started from humble beginnings. As humans we are very quick to judge a person as not being good enough simply by looking at them. What a terrible sin!

1 Samuel 16:7

"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his height or at his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart'"

Let's not worry so much about our outward appearance and rather work on having the kind of heart that will make God happy to call us His child.



KINDNESS BADGE
WINNERS!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday, 17 September	Heritage Day Food Tickets go on sale – Finance Office WIRED FOR SOUND – Grade 1, 2 & 3 Production at 17h30
Friday, 19 September	Grade 1s to Mandela Capture Site
Saturday, 20 September	St. Nicholas family Fun Heritage Day

ST NICHOLAS PRESENTS

WIRED FOR SOUND



17 SEPTEMBER 2025

17:30PM

ST NICHOLAS INDOOR CENTRE



FAMILY FUN HERITAGE DAY



07H30 - 11H30

SEPTEMBER

20

SATURDAY



Food
Stalls



Arena &
Sport
Events



Parking on
Jabu Ndlovu St
& Burger St



Ticket
Basis



A Card Machine
will be available

