



PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Prep School Parents,

After a much-needed rest and time to re-charge, we have returned to school for the start of the new term. Welcome back to all our Prep School families, and an extra-special welcome to the new families who have joined Broadacres Academy this term.

You would have received the Term 2 Calendar towards the end of last term, and we are certainly in for an action-packed, exciting winter term ahead.

In celebration of Mother's Day this Sunday, I would like to share a wonderful message for all our moms written by my sister, **Nikki Bush**, who is also a well-known author and parenting expert.

"As a **parenting expert**, I know that one of the most stressful jobs in the world is that of an **air traffic controller**, but there is many a mother who would dispute this.

"Mum, please will you read through this submission for my 'varsity project? Mum, please can you help me with my English speech? Mum, I've lost my shoe. Mum, please can you take me to apply for my ID book? Mum, I've got an extra hockey match this week, please will you let my tennis coach know I won't be able to make my lesson? Mum, your child is Bakerman this week. Please will you make 18 items to fit in with the insect theme we are doing in class for this Friday. Mum, my blazer button has fallen off. Mum, my feet have grown, and my shoes hurt. Mum, I'm hungry and there's nothing to eat in the fridge. Mum, the printer has run out of paper. Mum, I've got no friends. Mum, why is my head itching so much? (And then you spot the lice!)"

I am sure you may be familiar with some, or all, of the above. **The demands on our time and attention are incessant**, but we fit them into our busy schedules come what may. We become masters of logistics, juggling many balls in the air at once. There are days when everything works out and we think we are supermum, and others that can turn into your worst nightmare.



WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY

As much as we love our children (and we do) the occasional moment of being able to go to the loo alone, having a quiet cup of tea, being able to read at least 20 pages of a novel without interruption, and generally not being asked for anything or having to do anything, is rare, but important. And, don't forget all the gazillion decisions and choices you make regarding your children every single day that also chew up your mental energy.

Parenting advice: mothers need a time out, too!

Having time out to think about and contemplate life for a while is a very important part of holding on to your sanity and keeping your energy up. There is a saying to comfort you: **"This too shall pass," and, when it does, the weird thing is that you will miss quite a lot of what actually stressed you out.**

One of the greatest gifts you can give a mother is time out. Mums, if you get the gift of time for yourself this Mother's Day, **embrace it and don't feel one little drop of guilt. You deserve it!"**

To all of you fabulous and amazing Broadacres Academy mothers, I wish you a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday. **YOU deserve to be CELEBRATED!**

I end of with the profound words of Jennifer Quinn. "Until one becomes a mother, no one can ever tell you what it will feel like to love someone else so deeply and profoundly that you will rejoice when they rejoice, ache when they ache, feel what they feel – even without ever speaking a word"

Much love,
Tammy

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

- Please diarise the dates from the **Term 2 Calendar** you received at the end of last term.
- A reminder that all Prep School children (Grade 0 – 4) need to be wearing their **winter uniforms. Non-school branded clothes are NOT ALLOWED** to be worn. This includes items such as scarves, beanies and jerseys & fleeces. Our school uniform stockist, McCullagh & Bothwell has stock of our school scarf, beanie, jersey, fleece & gloves.
- **Long-sleeved vests** of any description **may not** to be worn under the golf shirts during winter, however, **sleeveless vests are permitted.** The school jersey, school fleece and the school tracksuit may be worn for extra warmth during the colder months.
- Our **Grade 0 moms** are invited to our **Mother's Day Celebration** next Friday, **17th May.** You would have received the invitation with more specific details via your class WhatsApp group earlier this week. Please **RSVP directly to your child's class teacher** if you haven't already done so.
- Please look out for a **Construction Update** regarding Phase 2 of the building process and the use of our new playscapes.

- **Sports Specific extra-mural sessions for Grade 2, 3 & 4 children** will begin on **Tuesday, 11th May** again and the times for the Tuesday & Thursday sessions remain the same as in Term 1 (1.45pm – 2.45pm). There will be no after school sport in that first week back as it is only a two-day week. **Soccer and netball skills** will be on offer during these sessions.
- Our first **Birthday Book Assembly** for the term takes place on **Friday, 31st May**. If your child celebrated their birthday in either April or May, we encourage you to donate a book to the school. As you know, these books go to your child's class library and we rely on your support to continue this valuable practice of giving. Please send the book donation to the class teacher by 29th May.
- **Tekkie Tax Day** will take place on Friday, 31st May. Specific messages regarding this will be posted onto the class WhatsApp groups closer to the time.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 13 – 17 May

Monday	
Tuesday	Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
Wednesday	
Thursday	Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
Friday	No Assembly (Grade 0 – 4 in the barn with Mrs Letcher) Grade 0 Mother's Day Celebration 8am in the barn Computer lessons (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 20 May – 24 May

Monday	
Tuesday	Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
Wednesday	
Thursday	Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
Friday	Assembly (Grade 0 – 4 in the barn with Mrs Letcher) Computer lessons (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 27 May – 31 May

Monday	
Tuesday	Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.



Wednesday	
Thursday	Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
Friday	Birthday Book Assembly (Grade 0 – 4 in the barn with Mrs Letcher) Tekkie Tax Day (specific communication regarding this will be posted on class WhatsApp groups) Computer lessons (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

BIRTHDAYS

PREP SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS			
BIRTHDAY DATE	NAME	SURNAME	CLASS
MAY			
12 May 2012	MORGAN	PRINSLOO	GRADE 1V
23 May 2012	JESLYN	VAN DER MERWE	GRADE 1V
24 May 2012	CAMRON-LEA	VENTER	GRADE 1N
26 May 2011	THANDO	JACK	GRADE 2F
27 May 2013	EVAN	COULTER	GRADE 0Z
31 May 2012	MOFENYI	MANGENA	GRADE 1N

STAFF BIRTHDAYS		
NAME	SURNAME	DATE
Lindiwe	Hlongwane	10-May
Gena	Nys	14-May
Lauren	Van Rooyen	15-May
Caroline	Brown	24-May
Angie	Molefe	27-May

KIDDIE TALK - WHY WE LOVE OUR MOMS!



Grade 0

"I love my mommy because she is so special and kind. I also love her because she has a baby in her tummy!"

(Olivia, Grade 0T)

"I love my mommy because she loves me and when she leaves, she misses me." (Reatile, Grade 0Z)



WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY

Grade 1

"I love my mom because she tucks me in at night and never lets me down." (Arabella, Grade 1N)

"I love my mom because she buys me McDonalds." (Mohale, Grade 1 O)

"I love my mom because she's special in my life. She helps me read and spell and because of my genetics, my first word was "mom!" (Shiloh, Grade 1V)

Grade 2

"I love my mom because she's my mom and because she made me and she is loving. She is the best mom in the world!" (Taya, Grade 2F)

"I love my mom because she has made me a tickle chart and NEVER shouts!" (Malachi, Grade 2H)

Grade 3

"I love my mom because she helps me when I am hurt and need a hug." (Stefan, Grade 3T)

"I love my mom because she cares for me, loves me for who I am and makes me yummy lunch." (Marli, Grade 3N)

Grade 4

"I love my mom because she always says I should believe in myself." (Katelyn, Grade 4S)

"I love my mom because she always says how much she loves me." (Jack, Grade 4S)

TEKKIE TAX DAY – 31st May 2019

The last Friday in May is always International Tekkie Tax Day. The day when South Africa stands together to show where their hearts lie.

Tekkie Tax is a project **OWNED** by welfare organisations, **MANAGED** by welfare organisations for the **BENEFIT** of welfare organisations.

Your R10 Tekkie Tax donation goes towards the following international fundraising campaigns:

- **A** = Animals (various SPCA branches)
- **B** = Bring Hope (SAVF; Lifeline SA; FAMSA)
- **C** = Children (various Child Welfare Organisations; SOS Children's Villages)
- **D** = Disability (Epilepsy SA; Down Syndrome SA)
- **E** = Education (CANSA)



