



PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Prep School Parents,

During the month of May, we held a wonderful Mother's Day Celebration for our Grade 0 moms at school to honour them for the invaluable role they play in their children's lives.

As we head into June, which is hard to believe, I want to take this opportunity to shine the spotlight on all our amazing Broadacres Prep School Dads. **Father's Day** falls on 17th June this year, so it seemed fitting to dedicate this newsletter message to all of the Dads.

"While almost any man can father a child, there is so much more to the important role of being a dad in a child's life."

A father's love comes in many shades. He's the man who teaches you to respect others, to stand up for yourself, to lead. He is also the one who can change into your action-playmate, ready to rough and tumble, encouraging risk-taking, always cheering loudly and proudly from the sideline.

As parents, moms and dads have such different roles to play. Men and women are so different, and as a result, **mothers and fathers parent their children differently.** Both contributions are equally significant and equally necessary.

Research shows that Dads are **central to the emotional well-being** of their children. They are also the **caretakers** and the **disciplinarians**. This means that Dads have a direct influence on a child's emotional, social and cognitive development, which defines their sense of well-being and self-esteem.

The relationship a Dad has with his child is a **determining factor** which will affect and influence all of the relationships a child will have throughout his/her life. **Girls** will look for in men, what they experienced and became familiar with growing up. **Boys** will model themselves on their father's example and they will emulate and imitate this behaviour in their own lives.



WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY

To all our Broadacres Dads, your title may be short, but your importance and influence is both real, profound and life changing. **You play a critical role in helping your children discover who they are right now and who they will become as young adults going out into the world.**

Wishing all the Dads a very Happy Father's Day! As we celebrate YOU this month, remember this:

“My father didn't tell me how to live. He lived and let me watch him do it.”
- Clarence Budington Kelland

Continue to be that example to your amazing children and keep on making that special difference. They not only listen to what you say, but more importantly, they are watching closely what you do.

We look forward to spending special time with our Grade 0 Dads for our Father's Day Celebration on Friday, 14th June at school.

Much love,
Tammy

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

- Whilst we completely encourage the children to go barefoot at school on days when the weather is warm enough, please could I ask that all the children adhere to the school rule of arriving at school with their socks and takkies on and doing the same when they leave school. This rule applies at all times, even when children have sport at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.
- We are hosting a **friendly soccer and netball match at Broadacres Academy** for the very first time, next **Thursday, 6th June** after school. We would love your support for our sporting superstars! The coaches from Beyond Potential have selected the teams for next week and Grade 2, 3 & 4 children who have attended practices regularly, who are not playing in this match, will get a turn to play in the next friendly match this term. Thank you for your understanding with this.
- Thank you to all our **Grade 0 moms** for joining us for our **Mother's Day Celebration** on 17th May. It was such a special morning and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.
- The invitation for our **Grade 0 Father's Day Celebration** has been sent out via the WhatsApp class groups. Please RSVP timeously to the class teacher for catering purposes. We look forward to this event on Friday, 14th June at 8am.
- An enormous **thank you** for all the birthday book donations received. We enjoyed a super Birthday Book Assembly this morning where the children who donated books for April and May got to present their books in front of the school. Thank you for fostering the spirit of giving back at Broadacres Academy.
- **Tekkie Tax Day** was a huge success. Thank you for allowing your child to participate so that we could raise valuable funds for the various charity organisations associated with this.

- Please **scroll down** to the bottom of this newsletter for important information regarding our **Therapy Centre** at school, as well as information about a new and special initiative that we have launched for any **Broadacres families who have had babies from January 2019**.
- Please **don't speed in the carpark**. Some children dash into the road, so please drive slowly.
- **Eyetek Dainfern** are coming to school on 26th June to perform **eye screenings**. If you would like your child's eyes tested, please return the form which was emailed to you this week, directly to Eyetek with the R80 proof of payment to secure a booking.
- With Winter firmly setting in now and **many children getting sick**, please could we ask that you don't send your child to school if they have green mucous or a fever.
- **Recycling Project**: Thank you for the wonderful response thus far for the **Witkoppen Primary School** Recycling Initiative. You are still welcome to bring the items listed in the WhatsApp message you received up until the 12th July. Please drop off these items at the office.
- Please note: The school will be closed on Monday the 17th June (**Youth Day Public Holiday**)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 3 June – 7 June

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	Friendly Netball & Soccer Match vs Lonehill Academy. (Venue: Broadacres Academy) 2pm – 2.45pm on the field. (Participants have received letters regarding this)
Friday	Assembly (Grade 0 – 4 in the CLA with Mrs Letcher – please note the venue change) Computer lessons (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 10 June – 14 June

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 Father's Day Celebration (8am – 9.30am) – meet at your child's Grade 0 classroom please Computer lessons (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 17 June – 21 June

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 CLA with Mrs Letcher) Penguin Publishing House Book Reading (Grade 0 – 4 during the school morning) Computer lessons (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

BIRTHDAYS

PREP SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS			
BIRTHDAY DATE	NAME	SURNAME	CLASS
MAY			
31 May 2012	MOFENYI	MANGENA	GRADE 1N
JUNE			
04 June 2009	CIARA	MENSAH	GRADE 4S
05 June 2013	OMUHLE	MORE	GRADE 0T
06 June 2012	EMMA	MCDONALD	GRADE 1O
07 June 2013	KAYLA	SCHMIDT	GRADE 0Z
07 June 2012	KAMOGELO	MRUBUNGWANA	GRADE 1V
08 June 2011	BRENN	HAYNES	GRADE 2F
10 June 2009	KIM	UGWU	GRADE 4S
11 June 2010	MOELETJI	SEIMA	GRADE 3T
17 June 2010	EVA	ROSSI	GRADE 3T
18 June 2009	ZAYAAN	ASMAL	GRADE 4S

STAFF BIRTHDAYS		
NAME	SURNAME	DATE
Dielie	Eksteen	02-Jun
Gillian	Forbes	04-Jun
Bianca	Buys	06-Jun
Stacey	Viegas	10-Jun
Stein	Karen	12-Jun
Eunice	Mashele	14-Jun



KIDDIE TALK - 😊😊😊

Grade 0

Ben in **Grade 0Z** said to Miss Zweifel, **“I don’t want to be a teacher when I grow up because you have to shout at the naughty children and your voice gets sore!”**

Grade 1

The company installing the fibre at the Prep School have been drilling for the last two days and **Chino** in **Grade 1 O** upon hearing the drilling noise, said to Mrs Oshry, **“Hey, who ate too many onions?”**

Grade 3

Miss Terry’s Grade 3 class was talking about what they want to be when they grown up and **Olivia** said, **“I want to be a legal judge so I can change the laws of South Africa.”**

Grade 4

Cooper in **Grade 4S** noticed that Mrs Stein’s desk pad had her name printed on it. He said to Mrs Stein, **“How did you get this calendar with your name on it?”** Mrs Stein answered and said, **“A special friend had it printed especially for me!”** Cooper replied and said, **“You are so lucky to have such a good friend to do that for you.”**

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BROADACRES THERAPY CENTRE

Our on-site consultation rooms are now fully functional, and we are pleased to be able to have therapists at Broadacres Academy to assist our school and our community where children need intervention. Please note that all the therapists on site are independent. They all have practice numbers and are registered with the HPCSA. They are not employed by Broadacres Academy and work independently of each other.

The team of dedicated therapists occupying the rooms are as follows:

Occupational Therapists: Jennifer Maud Therapy Group,

Capable Kids

Physiotherapist: Sarah Torrao

Speech Therapist : Jessica Anderson

Educational Psychologist: Juli Yates

The therapists went through an application process to occupy the spaces available at the school. The main reason we have them on site is for the convenience to our parents. However, in the referral process, we ensure parents have a sufficient list of options for therapists both on and off site. The school will not be seen to favour

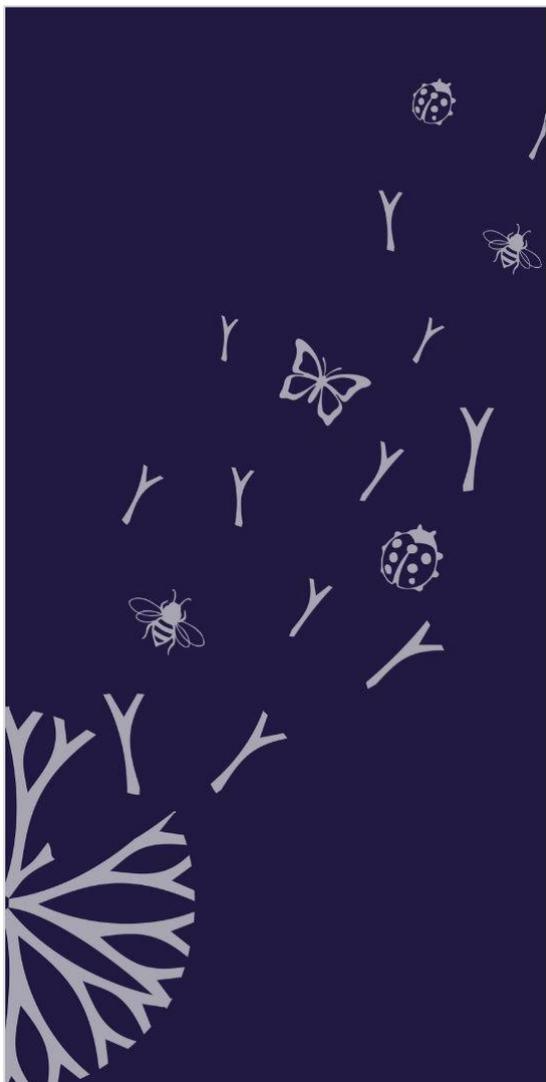


any specific therapist and it is our ethical responsibility to provide parents with a variety of choice as it is ultimately your decision as to which therapist you feel would most benefit your child.

It is important to note that the school does not get any commission for referrals to any of the therapists. If you have any queries regarding the consultation rooms, please feel free to pop in and see us.

WELCOMING ALL BROADACRES BABIES BORN IN 2019!

This is for any babies born from January 2019, as well as any babies still due this year. Once your baby is born, please collect a form from Caroline at the front office.



*Hey, lil'
Broadacres Baba!*

When you've made your appearance,
be sure to let us know ...
We have something
up our sleeve for you!
Please get mom or dad
to pick up a form at reception.
There are some details we need
to make sure your
welcome surprise is as ...

Special as You!

