



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Preschool Parents,



A very warm welcome back to our second term of 2019. I hope you all had an amazing holiday, rest and memory making time with your loved ones.

It is always a favourite day of mine when school opens again - for more reasons than one - but I just love seeing the excitement on all the children's faces when they come back to see their friends.

Let's be honest, as lovely as it is to just relax in the holidays, I am sure they all get 'bored' at some stage. Back to school, back to routine!

So, as you all know, I am a mom to 2 busy little girls, and since I have been wearing my 'Mom hat' a lot in the last month, and it is Mother's Day on Sunday, I thought it fitting to write about Moms. What is it that makes a Mom so special?

I asked a few children yesterday why they love their Moms, and this is what they said:

"A Mommy is a lady who has children"

"I love my Mommy because she buys me toys"

"My mommy **dos** everything for me" (I kept the spelling error in there as it was just too cute!)

"I love my Mommy because she reads me lots of stories"

"I love my mommy because she gives me hugs and kisses all the time"



WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY

I could write so many more, they were all just so cute!

I also found this stunning article from CREATIVECHILD.COM written by *Tabitha Yates*, and would love to share it with you, for those of you who don't realise just how important you are.

"I'm just a Mom" a friend told me in passing, as we were chatting about life and catching up. JUST a Mom. Why do we attach that word "just?" Why do we feel the need to defend our role or note that our position is without pay or merit in the professional world? Is it because in today's culture so much pressure is placed on mothers to do it all and not enough value is given to the very sacred duty of raising our kids well?

As "Just a Mom" You and I are responsible for our children's entire lives and well-being. When we have new babies, we feed them what feels like around the clock. We hold them whenever they cry and sometimes just because they smell nice! They are helpless and dependent on us for every need and we instil a foundational belief at this tender age, that their needs will be known and met. These feelings of trust, attachment and security are the foundation that the rest of their lives will be built on and that's no small thing!

As regular ol' Moms, we teach our children their ABC's, their shapes and colours. We teach them to look both ways and to not talk to strangers. We sit and listen to them practice the same song for hours for their concert, in what can only be described as an act of sainthood. We teach them how to do everything from write their name to ride a bike. Maybe it's just me, but it felt like a huge parenting win when I finally taught my child how to tie her own shoes!

It is amazing in and of itself that we keep these sweet little people thriving, learning and growing on a physical level and even greater still, that we are a part of teaching so many developmental and educational milestones in their lives.

However, beyond caring for their immediate needs, we also have the monumental responsibility and joy of showing them right from wrong. We are our children's first moral compass, in a world that seems to have lost it sometimes. We are the first place they learn love, empathy and kindness. We have a pivotal role in shaping exactly what kind of person they will become and how they will subsequently change the world.

Motherhood is not just a job; it is a calling. However, if it were a job, it is estimated that full time Mom's work an average of 98 hours a week... NINETY-EIGHT HOURS! We must love these little munchkins a whole lot to devote that much time to their happiness, safety and overall well-being.

Who else do you know that pours that much of their lives into developing the hearts and minds of the next generation? The next time you find yourself saying, “Oh, I don’t work. I’m JUST a Mom.” Do me a favour and change the rhetoric surrounding full time parenthood. Tell them you are a teacher, a baby whisperer, a life coach, a smile maker, a world changer.

Give yourself some credit, Mama. You are giving your kids an amazing childhood. You are the one creating memories that they will look back on with love and fondness and tell THEIR children about. You are the one doing the hard things- the late-night talks, the dreaded math homework, making them eat their vegetables, wiping away their tears, kissing their cuts and scrapes and helping them believe in the beauty and magic of the world around them. You are where their story begins. You raise them kind. You make them brave. You teach them well. You are “just” simply amazing, Mom!

To the Moms who work and the Moms who don’t, to the single Dads who wear two caps, Kudos to you all. We are all just trying to be the best ‘Mom’ we can be, and it is the hardest Job in the world!

There is no book on ‘how to be a great mom’ but we somehow manage!

Happy Mother’s Day to all our Broadacres Academy Super Moms, we love and appreciate every single one of you!

Much love,
Karen

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

- When dropping off or collecting your children, please always park in a designated parking spot. It is inconsiderate to park across the Reception entrance while dropping off children, as it blocks other parents in their parking.
- Please note that our Mother’s Day Celebration will be on Friday 17th May
- **TEKKIE TAX DAY** – 31st May 2019 you will receive specific details via WhatsApp closer to the time. 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)



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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)

- Reminder that Preschool children must wear their school T-shirts on a Friday please.
- Please update the office if there are any changes to your personal information (email, phone numbers, address etc)

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS

PRESCHOOL BIRTHDAYS			
BIRTHDAY DATE	NAME	SURNAME	CLASS
MAY			
13 May 2015	MBALENHLE	MATLAWÉ	HEDGEHOGS
21 May 2015	GIANNA	MENIKOU	GIRAFFES
22 May 2014	MLANDOMUHLE	SIBEKO	LEOPARDS
26 May 2014	YANA	MAHARAJ	LIONS
26 May 2016	MDUDUZI	XABA	DUCKLINGS
27 May 2018	TJ	MUKWEVHO	KITTENS
29 May 2015	DUBAI	PANSI	HEDGEHOGS
29 May 2014	SWAY	HEYNIS	LEOPARDS
29 May 2015	ATHANDWA	NTONGANA	GIRAFFES

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE next 3 weeks

17 May	Mother's Day Celebration
27 May	Preschool Birthday book assembly
31 May	Tekkie Tax Day



THEMES FOR THE WEEK 13-17 May

JUNIORS	
2-year olds – Bees and Butterflies	Transport
3-year olds – Bunnies, Ducklings, Ladybirds	Manners and Hygiene
SENIORS	
4-year olds – Zebras, Honeybears, Hedgehogs	Autumn
5-year olds – Lions, Leopards, Giraffes	Autumn

THEMES FOR THE WEEK 20-24 May

JUNIORS	
2-year olds – Bees and Butterflies	Transport
3-year olds – Bunnies, Ducklings, Ladybirds	Autumn
SENIORS	
4-year olds – Zebras, Honeybears, Hedgehogs	Winter
5-year olds – Lions, Leopards, Giraffes	Winter

THEMES FOR THE WEEK 27-31 May

JUNIORS	
2-year olds – Bees and Butterflies	Insects and under the ground
3-year olds – Bunnies, Ducklings, Ladybirds	Lets get physical
SENIORS	
4-year olds – Zebras, Honeybears, Hedgehogs	Wild animals
5-year olds – Lions, Leopards, Giraffes	Wild animals

KIDDIE TALK

Eli in the Giraffes class said, “Teacher Mel, do you know that Christian is my bro?” 😊

