



# PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Prep School Parents,

Since my last newsletter three weeks ago, the weeks have been filled with many reasons for us to **smile, feel proud and celebrate** at our beautiful school. From hosting the first friendly netball and soccer fixtures at Broadacres Academy against Lonehill Academy, to witnessing our very own Moses Marwa achieve his silver medal in the recent Comrades Marathon, to celebrating our Grade 0 Dads last Friday, we count our blessings.

In exactly a week's time, we will be halfway through the 2019 school year and I wish you all a restful and **wonderful half-term break** with your children. I realise that many parents will not have leave during this time, however, I thought it would be helpful to share some super ideas I have found and responses you can use with your children, when they utter the inevitable, dreaded words, "I'm bored!"

Before I share these ideas and responses with you, it is important to know that **being bored is actually good for kids**. In this high-tech world we live in, our kids are over-stimulated, and they are often involved in too many activities. Heidi McBain, a play therapist says the following, *"When a child is bored, they are learning that they need to create their own fun and entertainment. They need to explore their world and learn new things on their own"*

A way to get started on this boredom journey with your kids, is to get them to create a '**BOREDOM JAR**'. You can use some ideas from the list below. Get your children to write each activity on a slip of paper, fold each one and put them into the jar. The next time they say, "I'm bored!", get them to pick an idea from the BOREDOME JAR.



**WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY**

Here are 30 awesome ideas/responses to get you started:

(taken from the 'love & marriage' blog, as well as care.com)

- Play hopscotch
- Draw murals outside with coloured chalk
- Bottle flip (the kids will tell you how this is done)
- Play dress up (for our younger kiddies)
- Do a puzzle
- Walk the dog
- Make a painting
- Play a board game
- Blow bubbles
- Make a time capsule
- Have a staring contest
- Bake a treat
- Watch a movie
- Paper aeroplane race
- Wash the dog
- Have a picnic
- Play jump rope
- Draw yourself
- Go for a bike ride
- Wash the car for mom and dad
- Make a fort
- Have a dance party
- Make an obstacle course
- Make playdough sculptures or clay sculptures
- Collect rocks and paint them
- Create a 'When I grow up' poster
- Jelly Tot construction with toothpicks
- Make slime
- Sort out your toys & games and make a pile of things you've outgrown to give away to someone less fortunate
- Water the garden

(You can also ask your kids to add their ideas to this list.)

To all of you, even if you are working through the half-term break, take some time to connect with your children meaningfully and spend some quality time together.

Much love,  
Tammy

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**INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE**

- Thank you for the overwhelming support and display of spirit from both pupils supporting, the players themselves, and the parents at our very first friendly home sports fixtures on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. Standing on the side watching this unfold was a very proud moment for all of us as a new school, celebrating just how far we have come in such a short time. A big thank you to our dedicated coaches from Beyond Potential for their help with our netball and soccer teams.
- An update from McCullagh & Bothwell: Broadacres Academy beanies have arrived and are in stock.



- Thank you to all our **Grade 0 Dads** for joining us for our **Father's Day Celebration** on 14<sup>th</sup> June. It was a special morning of physical activity followed by delicious boerewors rolls and the children loved this quality time with their Dads.
- **Birthday Book Assembly** takes place next **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you for all the generous book donations already received. If your child had a birthday in June, and you would still like to donate a book, please hand in to Caroline at the front office by Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.
- As per the message on the flyer I put onto the class WhatsApp groups regarding the '**100<sup>th</sup> School Day Dress-up**', this will take place on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. The children are very excited about dressing up as a 100-year-old person to mark this occasion.
- A reminder that **Eyetek Dainfern** are coming to school on 26<sup>th</sup> June to perform **eye screenings**.
- **Recycling Project:** The last day for collections at the office is next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June and not 12<sup>th</sup> July as stated in my last newsletter. Thank you so much for your outstanding support with this initiative.
- Please note: **The school will be closed for the half-term break** from Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July until Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. School will re-open on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July for the second half of the term. A reminder that when we break up for half-term on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, school will close at 1pm (normal time), and aftercare will run as usual until 5.30pm.

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 24 June – 28 June

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sports Specific extramural session</b> for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Eye Screening at school</b> <b>Senior Preparatory Choir Practice (Grade 4's)</b> 1.45pm – 2.30pm in the music room
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sports Specific extramural session</b> for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Birthday Book Assembly</b> (Grade 0 – 4 in the music room with Mrs Letcher – please note the venue change) <b>100<sup>th</sup> School Day Dress Up</b> (Grade 0 – 4) <b>Computer lessons</b> (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 1 July – 5 July

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**BIRTHDAYS**

<b>PREP SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS</b>			
<b>BIRTHDAY DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
<b>JUNE</b>			
23 June 2011	KENZO	BALOYI	GRADE 2F
24 June 2009	JESSICA	DARE	GRADE 4S
27 June 2012	CHINO	JOHNSON	GRADE 10
29 June 2010	ZINHLE	CEKISO	GRADE 3N
<b>JULY</b>			
01 July 2013	CHARLOTTE	MAC INTOSH	GRADE 0T
02 July 2013	BROOKLYN	BOWES	GRADE 0T
04 July 2013	GRAHAM	CRANSTON	GRADE 0Z

<b>STAFF BIRTHDAYS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Jane	Bingham	23-Jun
Kay	Edwards	25-Jun
Ruan	Fourie	28-Jun
Leanne	Vlietstra	05-Jul



KIDDIE TALK - 😊😊😊

**Grade 0**

There were some very entertaining and adorable responses from our Grade 0's when we asked them questions about their Dad's for Father's Day. Here are some of the things they said to Miss Zweifel & Miss Teixeira:

**"His job is going overseas to get stuff."**

**"My Dad is 21 years old!"**

**"My Dad is 89 years old!"**

**"He loves to eat sticky beans."**

**"His favourite drink is red wine & beer."**

**"He is really good at everything."**

**"He is super because he is the best Daddy in the world!"**

**Grade 1**

Mrs Vlietstra overheard Tashi saying **"I love school, I never want to stop coming!"**

Mohale in Grade 1 0 asked, **"I wonder who the richest people are in the whole world?"** Dylan in Grade 1 0 answered, **"Oh probably The Sharks."**

**Katelyn** in Grade 1V said, **"I can't eat the fish fingers that are chicken."**

**Grade 2**

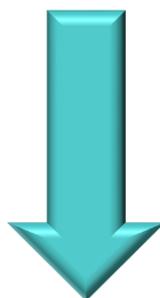
**Kriya** in Grade 2F asked Mrs Forbes if she could play with her hair. Before Mrs Forbes could answer her, **Zoe's** little voiced piped up and said, **"Mrs Forbes doesn't have much hair!"**

Zoe was telling Mrs Forbes how she hurt her finger and she said, **"Mrs. Forbes, I nearly pulled it right out of its locket!"**

Nala in Grade 2H said to Mrs Hala, **"I need a bigger head to fit in all the new things I am learning."**

**Grade 3**

The Grade Threes were chatting about honesty and Rori said, **"Miss Nys, talking about honesty here, who farted?"** (out of the mouths of babes!)



Our two incredible athletes – Moses Marwa, completing the Comrades Marathon achieving his first silver medal & Miss Gena Nys, completing the Half Iron Man. We are extremely proud of you both!

