



# PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Prep School Parents,

## WELCOME BACK

We are into the final stretch of the year and time just seems to be whizzing by. I trust that you enjoyed the long August holiday break, although I know many of you were working during this time. A very warm welcome back to school, and an extra-special welcome to our new families who have joined us.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

**Spring has most definitely sprung** – the air is warmer, the sky is lighter earlier in the morning, waking up is so much easier, flowers are blooming, the grass is greener, and overall, our moods are lighter. Spring is simply **the most beautiful season**.

On the first day of the new term, I spent time at the beginning of the day in every classroom, and I just wish I could bottle the **infectious, happy energy** I felt from all the children and the staff. They were so excited to be back, and it was incredibly special to be on the receiving end of their tight hugs, holiday stories and chatter. It was **a welcome contrast to the negativity and heartache** that has prevailed in our beautiful country particularly over the last week.

## HOPE SPRINGS TOO

Despite the **heaviness South Africans are carrying** right now due to many senseless, tragic acts of gender violence, unthinkable acts of child kidnapping, xenophobic attacks and an overall surge in violent crime to name a few; there are indeed many amazing things happening, **representing hope and goodness in our beloved country**.

Our **Ndlovu Youth choir** comes to mind – representing our nation on the world stage in America's Got Talent. Their colourful and outstanding performances over the last few weeks remind us that ....'**We are all connected by our spirit of humanity and that love is an unbreakable force which will always conquer hate.**'



**WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY**

## IT STARTS WITH US

We can choose to be bogged down by the constant negativity that we are bombarded with through the media, or we can take a stand and say, **IT STARTS WITH ME!** In my sphere of influence, how can I impact others positively, how can I make a difference?

As a parent myself, I have learnt that the **most important role in my sphere of influence**, is being a mom to my two grown up children, connecting with and influencing them in a positive, meaningful way.

As parents to your children, there are so many different ways you can do this, and with us having just come back to school after the holidays, I wanted to touch on **one simple way that you can start.**

## POSITIVE PARENTING

We drop our kids off at school in the mornings, hug and wave them goodbye, and the first moment we see them again is when we fetch them, and then we ask the standard question, **'How was your day?'**, to which the answer is most often 'fine'. As parents, we want to connect with them, to know more than 'My day was fine'. We want a window into their world and how they see things.

So, here are some **wonderful alternatives** to replace that standard, boring question of **'HOW WAS YOUR DAY?'** When you use these alternatives taken from the 'Tutor Doctor', I am sure that you will get more from your children, which will lead to **great conversations and many teachable moments** along the way.

**TRY THESE SIMPLE ALTERNATIVES FROM THE LIST BELOW:** (I'd love to hear some feedback from you along the way)

- **What did you do that was creative?**
- **Why was today a good day?**
- **Did you like your lunch?**
- **What is something you know now that you didn't know yesterday?**
- **What was the best part of the day?**
- **Name something nice you did for someone**
- **What are you looking forward to tomorrow?**
- **What do you want to learn before the end of the year?**
- **Who did you play with at breaktime?**
- **What did you read today? What was your favourite part?**
- **Which rule was hard to follow today?**
- **What is your favourite thing to learn about and why?**
- **What part of the day do you wish you could change?**

## STAYING CONNECTED

So, here's to a fabulous third term together. In the busyness and craziness of life, let's focus on controlling the controllables, being in the moment and staying connected with one another, being conscious of the many blessings in our lives, adopting an attitude of gratitude, making a difference wherever we can, and doing small things with great love.

I leave you with these profound words by Rachel Macy Stafford - ***"Our children are our garden. They absorb our stress, just as they absorb our peace. They absorb our negativity just as they absorb our joy. And we have the power to control what they absorb, but first, we must tend to ourselves."***

Much love, Tammy



## INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

- Our first **Birthdays Book Assembly** for the term takes place on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September**. If your child had a birthday during the August holidays or in the month of September, and you would like to donate a Birthdays Book to the school, please hand this in to **Caroline at the office by Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest. Thank you for your continued support with this valuable initiative. It is very much appreciated.
- A **Construction and Security Update** was sent out on the class groups on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure that you have read the important information contained in this letter regarding where we are in the construction process, as well as the security measures that have been put in place for the safety of your children.
- We are very excited for the launch of our very first **Outdoor Family Movie Night for the Prep School** on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm** on our school field. Please see the flyer regarding this event at the end of this newsletter - it has all the specific details you need to know. **Tickets go on sale from next Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September** from Caroline at the office (payment may only be made via credit/debit cards, as we are a cash-free school). Please come and join in the fun and support this wonderful fundraiser for our school. There is a limited amount of tickets available, so don't delay.
- An **'UPDATE OF PARTICULARS'** form was sent home on Tuesday this week. If you haven't already returned the form, please do so by next Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. The form can be handed back to the class teacher.
- You should also have received the **Term 3 Calendar** and **Welcome Letter** via email which has all the important information and dates that you need to know for the last term of school.
- **Afternoon Sport Specific sessions** will commence from next **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September** and will run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field. These sessions are only open to Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. Softball and Cricket will be on offer this term.
- Tuesday, **24<sup>th</sup> September** is the **Heritage Day Public Holiday**, however, **normal school** will still happen on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at Broadacres Academy. The children will be engaged in fun educational activities on this day.
- On **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September** we will **celebrate our South African Heritage** at school. The children can come dressed in South African clothing e.g. traditional dress, rugby shirts, hats etc. and we will have a traditional Boerewors Braai as well. If your child is vegetarian or Halaal, please let your teacher know directly, for catering purposes. We look forward to this special day.
- Another reminder to all parents that you **may not** drop your children off in the mornings across the entrance to the school. Please make use of the designated parking bays or the demarcated drop off zone.



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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 16<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> September**

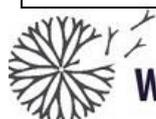
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sports Specific extramural session</b> for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senior Preparatory Choir Practice (Grade 4's)</b> 1.45pm – 2.30pm in the music room
<b>Thursday</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>Assembly</b> (Grade 0 – 4 in the music room with Mrs Letcher) <b>Computer lessons</b> (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 23<sup>rd</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> September**

<b>Monday</b>	Normal School at Broadacres Academy
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>HERITAGE DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Wednesday</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) <b>Heritage Day Celebration</b> at school (Boerewors Braai & children to wear South African clothing) <b>Computer lessons</b> (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 30<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October**

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## BIRTHDAYS

PREP SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS			
BIRTHDAY DATE	NAME	SURNAME	CLASS
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
06 September 2012	ELIHLE	MBHELE	GRADE 1N
08 September 2009	LILLY	DU PLOOY	GRADE 4S
09 September 2009	ZOE	NIENABER	GRADE 4S
12 September 2012	TOBI	MALAZA	GRADE 1N
14 September 2012	LETHABO	MASHILOANE	GRADE 1V
17 September 2012	CHASE	NICOLAIDES	GRADE 0T
22 September 2009	GABRIELLA	POTGIETER	GRADE 4S
23 September 2011	ZANDA	SHEZI	GRADE 2H
25 September 2013	MATTHEW	SCHWAB	GRADE 0Z
26 September 2011	AMUKELANI	MTHETHWA	GRADE 2F
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
03 October 2013	JAYDEN	MYADIYEV	GRADE 0T

STAFF BIRTHDAYS		
NAME	SURNAME	DATE
James	Nyirenda	13-Sep

## KIDDIE TALK - 😊😊😊

## Grade 1

**Sadie Brown** (Grade 1V) said to Mrs Vlietstra, **“My mom says it must rain more because my hair is SO static!”**

## Grade 3

**Taylor Scholz** (Grade 3N) told Julie (her mom) that she felt like cheesy sausages for dinner. Julie replied, **“Well, that’s not so healthy, so what shall we do with them?”** (Julie was looking for a side dish vegetable suggestion from her to make it healthier). To which Taylor replied, **“We’re going to eat them!!!!”**

**SCROLL DOWN FOR MOVIE NIGHT INFO!**



**WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY**

**OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ON THE FIELD AT BROADACRES ACADEMY!**

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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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**OUTDOOR**  
**FAMILY**  
**MOVIE**  
... NIGHT ...

**FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER**

18:00 FOR 19:00 START FOR SCREENING OF WONDER PARK  
BRING YOUR PICNIC AND BLANKETS  
POPCORN SLUSH AND CANDY FLOSS ON SALE ( CASH ONLY )  
R40 PP TICKETS ON SALE AT THE OFFICE ( CARD MACHINE ONLY )  
**BOOKINGS CLOSE 27 SEPTEMBER LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE BOOK NOW !!**

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