



PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Broadacres Prep School Parents,

Welcome back to everyone after the short half-term break. It definitely helps to have a little break in order to re-charge for this final stretch of the year. It is hard to believe that it is that time of year again already, where we are busy **finalising the 2020 class lists** as a team.

I emphasise the word **'team'**, as the process of allocating children to class lists is not done lightly. It takes much discussion and careful decision-making with important factors being taken into consideration. I can assure you that it is **not an easy task** and **a great deal of care** is put into this process to ensure the best outcome possible for our children at Broadacres Academy Preparatory School.

Before elaborating more on the specific factors that we take into consideration when placing children into classes, I want to share our **excitement at the tremendous growth in numbers** at our prep school for 2020.

At this stage, we have **close to a hundred new children joining us in the new year!** In our prep school, we will have three Grade 0 classes, three Grade 1 classes, three Grade 2 classes, two Grade 3 classes, one Grade 4 class and two Grade 5 classes, from January 2020. It has certainly been a very busy time for us with many new parent walkabouts and academic screenings of all new applicants.



WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY

The **Preschool moved into their beautiful new buildings this past weekend**, and our **2020 Grade 0 children** will start school in January in the new **Grade 0 Centre**, which joins the Prep School buildings via the new walkway. So, we are on the homeward stretch with regards to our construction process.

Our magnificent new hall is nearly complete, and the old preschool buildings will be demolished over the next week, to make way for the new tennis courts/netball courts, cricket nets, the remainder of the sports field, the 16m training pool, paddock for the horses and accommodation for our ground staff. **What an exciting time and, despite the disruption of the ongoing building, it will all be so worth it in the long run.**

As per the **Term 3 Calendar**, our 2020 Prep School **class lists** will go up on our boards on **Thursday, 21st November from 7am**. These boards will be situated between the two Prep School buildings as you come down the main set of stairs. The class lists will be accompanied by a photo of the teacher your child has been placed with.

Due to the huge growth in our numbers, **we interviewed for new staff during the August holidays** and the following new staff members will be joining Broadacres Academy from January next year: **Mrs Lauren Phillips** (Grade 0), **Mrs Dominique Nevin** (Grade 2), **Mrs Andrea Meyer** (Grade 5) & **Mrs Danae Gerber** (Grade 5). **Mrs Chantal Collins** joins us as an Afrikaans specialist from Grade 0 – Grade 5, and she will be teaching in the Senior Communal Learning Area as well. **Mr Fourie** will be our Music Specialist in a full-time capacity. All in all, it is a very exciting time for our school as we expand and grow.

As I said in my newsletter this time last year, I know that the subject of class lists can cause some anxiety amongst parents, wondering which teacher your child will be placed with in the new school year, in a new grade. I want to re-assure you that **this process is approached with professionalism, and the utmost care**. There is a great deal of thought and consideration that goes into the placement of children in each grade, in an effort to create well-balanced classrooms.

The following factors are considered:

- **Academic abilities/challenges and needs of all children**
- **Social strengths/difficulties of all children**
- **A twelve-month age range in the class**
- **Balanced class sizes across the grade**
- **Creating a gender balance as far as numbers allow**
- **Placing children where they can work positively and productively with other children in the class**

With all this in mind, **I ask that you trust us with this important task of creating educationally sound and balanced classes for 2020.** I urge you **NOT** to come and make requests for specific teachers.

We have a busy time ahead in the last six weeks of the school year and I thank you in advance for your continued support of your children and of us as a school. **Please take note of the various events scheduled for the next three weeks in the weekly calendars below and diarise these dates accordingly.**

Thank you for the generous support shown for our **Santa Shoebox Project** over the last ten days. I am so excited to drop off our 21 Shoeboxes this afternoon and we could not have done this without YOU – what a huge difference we will make to these little poppets this Christmas. Lastly, here's to our men in green and gold who take on England in the Rugby World Cup Final tomorrow at 11am. **GO BOKKE!!!!**

Much love,

Tammy

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

- Our very first **Outdoor Family Movie Night** was a huge success. The weather was absolutely perfect and there was such a buzz of excitement. Thank you to all the families who came to support this Prep School fundraiser. After all expenses were paid, we managed to raise R7 600 in total. I will keep you posted with regards to what the money will go towards to benefit the children in our Prep School. A **special thank you** must go to the **Mearns family** for providing the movie set up so amazingly, and for the very generous discounted rate. Another **thank you must go to Mandy, from 'Munch-It'** for giving us a percentage of the candy floss, popcorn and slush sales on the night. To **Julie Scholz** and **Caroline Brown**, this event could not have happened without you special ladies. Thank you for making it happen!
- Well done to our **Grade Ones** for the hard work and effort they put into their **'Around the World in One Day projects'**. We so enjoyed looking at their displays and hearing all the interesting information they shared about the country of their choice. We definitely have some budding public speakers in this group!
- Our **Grade 0's** had their **Cake & Candy Sale** on Friday, 18th October during the school morning. What fun it was for everyone involved. Thank you to the Grade 0 staff, the wonderful moms who volunteered to help us on the day, and to our Grade 0 children on a fine effort all round. The proceeds from this sale have been used to give to others less fortunate at Christmas time.



- The **Grade 4's** went to Brookwood on their very first school on **18/19th October**. They had a fabulous adventure and I sat with them for about an hour on their return just listening to them telling stories about what they had experienced. Lots of laughter, fun and happy memories. Thank you to **Andre and Mrs Stein** for giving up their time to take the children away and for providing a fun educational experience for our seniors.
 - We held our first **Music Assembly on Friday, 11th October**. What a feast it was for our senses as we watched our talented children in action. A big thank you to **Mr Fourie** for putting these items together for us to enjoy, and very well done to all our prep school participants for having the courage to stand up and perform in front of the school. We look forward to having many more of these assemblies in our new hall in 2020.
 - **Grade 0 Orientation Morning** for our 2020 children takes place as per the Term 3 Calendar, on **Thursday, 21st November from 8.30am – 9.30am**. Please note that the current Grade 0 children will participate in physical activities on the field during this hour with the Beyond Potential coaches.
 - **Grade 1 Orientation Morning** for our 2020 children takes place as per the Term 3 Calendar, on **Friday, 22nd November from 8.30am – 9.30am**. The current Grade 0's will be taken to their new Grade 1 classrooms to meet their new teacher and spend an hour having some fun together. They will also receive a special party pack to enjoy with their new teacher and friends on the day.
 - On **Friday, 22nd November**, current Prep School children from **Grade 1 – 4** will **spend an hour with their new teacher** for 2020 from 8.30am – 9.30am. Our new staff who are class teachers, will be joining us on this day so that all our children are able to meet their new teacher.
 - **Outings:** The **Grade 1** children will be going on an outing to see '**Charlie & the Chocolate Factory**' on Monday, 18th November. You will be receiving an outing letter regarding this in due course. Our **Grade 2** children will be going on an outing to **Lory Park Zoo** on Friday, 15th November. An outing letter will be sent out in the next few days.
 - You should have received a hard copy letter in your child's school bag regarding the compulsory **ordering of stationery for 2020**, as well as information regarding the **work book/exercise book levy**. Please take careful note of the deadline dates for these orders. Time is short and I encourage you to give yourself enough time. Extra forms are available from Caroline at reception if needed.
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 4th November – 8th November

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 11th November – 15th November

Monday	
Tuesday	Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
Wednesday	Senior Preparatory Choir Practice (Grade 4's) 1.45pm – 2.30pm in the music room
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 music room with Mrs Letcher) Grade 2 Outing to Lory Park Zoo Computer lessons (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 18th November – 22nd November

Monday	Grade 1 Outing to National Childrens' Theatre to see 'Charlie & The Chocolate Factory'
Tuesday	Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field.
Wednesday	Senior Preparatory Choir Practice (Grade 4's) 1.45pm – 2.30pm in the music room
Thursday	2020 Prep School Class Lists go up on the boards between the prep school buildings from 7am Grade 0, 2020 Orientation Morning (8.30am – 9.30am) Our current Grade 0 children will be engaged in physical activities during this hour with the Beyond Potential coaches on the field. Sports Specific extramural session for any interested Grade 2, 3 & 4 boys and girls. 1.45pm – 2.45pm on the field. (THIS WILL BE THE LAST SESSION OF THE YEAR)



Friday	<p>Grade 1, 2020 Orientation Morning (8.30am – 9.30am)</p> <p>Our current Grade 1 – 4 children will spend an hour getting to know their new teacher for 2020 (8.30am – 9.30am)</p> <p>NO ASSEMBLY ON THIS DAY</p> <p>Computer lessons (Extra curricula) with Cathy on Friday afternoons.</p>
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BIRTHDAYS

PREP SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS			
BIRTHDAY DATE	NAME	SURNAME	CLASS
NOVEMBER			
03 November 2011	NHLONIPO	HLATSHWAYO	GRADE 2H
09 November 2011	LAILA	ESSEY	GRADE 1O
09 November 2012	AMBO	SIMBEYE	GRADE 1N
11 November 2013	ANDREW	STEWART	GRADE 0T
12 November 2011	MEGAN	POOLE	GRADE 2H
13 November 2013	ALEX	CALLIPOLITIS	GRADE 0Z
14 November 2013	LEHAKOE	NAILANA	GRADE 0Z
15 November 2011	RYLAN	STANDER	GRADE 2F
15 November 2012	SIMINGAYE	HOGANA	GRADE 0Z
16 November 2011	KRIYA	PILLAY	GRADE 2F
17 November 2011	LIYAKHANYA	CAKWEBE	GRADE 1N
17 November 2010	MARK	SCHWAB	GRADE 2F
19 November 2012	KGAUGELO	MAKAIPEYA	GRADE 1O
21 November 2012	SHILOH	STEPHENS	GRADE 1V

STAFF BIRTHDAYS		
NAME	SURNAME	DATE
Heba	Sabra	04-Nov
Mariana	Louro-Witford	12-Nov

KIDDIE TALK - 😊😊😊**Grade 1**

Lethabo (Grade 1V) said to Mrs Vlietstra, **“On my weekend, my mom relaxed my hair and it was refreshing!”** (too sweet!)

Joshua (Grade 1V) said to Mrs Vlietstra, **“Durban is stuck together with South Africa!”** (so cute!)

Shiloh (Grade 1V) said to Mrs Vlietstra, **“I must find the book with the obstacle illusion.”** (I think she meant the optical illusion – priceless!)

