



PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Broadacres Prep Family,

As I sit here in my office pondering where this year has gone, I realise that the **countdown to the end of term**, and the end of an incredibly busy school year, is just a few days away. This is my **last newsletter for 2019** and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Prep School families a wonderful holiday period. For those who are celebrating Christmas, I wish you a special time as you share and connect with family and enjoy a more restful winding down period as we head to the end of 2019.

2019 has been a year of tremendous growth at our beautiful school. So much positive change has taken place and **I am grateful to the amazing team at Broadacres Academy** for their role in making this happen. I know that you are all looking forward to the completion of the remaining buildings, and we are not far from this. We really do have **so many reasons to celebrate and be grateful** - the end is in sight and it will have been worth all the noise, the dust, the delays and everything else associated with the building process.

It seems that **'love is in the air'** amongst our younger staff members. Congratulations to **Miss Jo Harmse** and **Miss Elizabeth Terry** on their recent engagements. 2020 will be a year of **wedding celebrations**, and we wish them both happiness and love as they embark on planning their respective weddings.



WHERE CHILDREN LEARN, NATURALLY

Last week was a busy one for the Prep School. **We welcomed all our 2020 Grade 0 and Grade 1 children at their Orientation Mornings**, which was very exciting. **Both grades are at capacity**, and we even have a **waiting list for Grade 1**. As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, we have one hundred new children joining our Prep School from January 2020, and we are still receiving new applications daily. We have literally been run off our feet in the office for the past few months, struggling to keep up with the demand.

Last Friday was also an exciting day for our existing children. Every child got the opportunity to **meet their new teacher for 2020**. They spent an hour in their new classrooms having some fun, and there was such a buzz of excitement, and a few nerves for some. Thank you to our new staff who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for this, so that most of the children had this opportunity. It is a wonderful way to **dissipate any anxiety** about moving on and it **takes the stress out of the first day of school** next year, as the new teacher is already familiar to your child.

At the end of every year, there are always **goodbyes**. **Miss Jo Harmse** (Junior Prep CLA teacher) will be leaving us at the end of this year. She will be taking up a Grade Four post at another private school, where we know she will continue to make a difference. I want to thank Jo for all she has done in her year at Broadacres Academy. She has a genuine love for all the children, and we wish her much happiness and fulfilment as she begins a new journey in her teaching career.

Sadly, some of our **Prep School families are re-locating to different provinces or moving to new areas far away from our school**. This is not goodbye, but rather until we see you again. To all the children who are leaving, we wish you all the very best at your new schools and know that we will miss you.

I shared our new staff appointments for 2020 in my previous newsletter, however, we have had three new additions to this list since then. **Mrs Caroline Brown** will be moving from her role in the office into the classroom as the **new Junior Prep CLA teacher**. Whilst I am heartsore to lose her in the office, she will be incredible in the Design & Technology, Art and Technology space, as this is her true passion. I want to thank Caroline for her incredible commitment, hard work and the immense support she has given to me in what has been a very busy and demanding year. We are blessed to have someone of her calibre at our Prep School.

Mrs Michele Buchanin will be taking over from Caroline in the office from January 2020. She has already been spending time in the office and we are really looking forward to her becoming part of our Administration Team in the role of **Prep School Admin & Operations**. Michele comes with a great deal of experience in many different fields, making her very resourceful and capable.

Due to the demand in **Grade 4 applications for 2020**, we are in the process of **appointing another teacher** and we will notify as soon as we have a final decision.

I would like to take this opportunity to **thank my incredible staff** for their tireless work and commitment during the course of this year. I deeply appreciate each and every one of them and the special dynamic they add to our ever-growing Prep team. They work so hard throughout the year and words seem inadequate to express my immense gratitude for everything they have done.

Lastly, **to you and your beautiful children**, until we see one another again, may you be abundantly blessed over the holiday period. To those of you who are going away, please travel safely and enjoy the break. Thank you for your love and support throughout the year. It is very much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you back at school on **Wednesday, 15th January 2020** for the start of the new school year. It promises to be full of excitement, new beginnings and further growth for us as a school.

Much love,
Tammy

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

- **We had a very successful Grade 0 & Grade 1 Orientation Morning** for our 2020 children on Thursday and Friday last week. Both grades are full for 2020 and we look forward to welcoming all our new children across the grades in January 2020.
- Our **current Prep School children** met their **new teacher for 2020** last Friday. They spent a fun hour in their new classrooms and there was such a happy buzz in our school.
- Our **Grade 1 & Grade 2 children enjoyed wonderful outings last week**. The Grade 1 children were treated to the **Charlie & the Chocolate Factory** show at The Children's Theatre, and our Grade 2's went to the **Lory Park Zoo**. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children. It is so important to take education outside of the classroom and our children are blessed to be able to have these opportunities.
- **End of Year Academic Progress Reports for Grades 1 - 4** will be **emailed out** to parents during the course of the day on **Tuesday, 3rd December**. I trust that you updated any email addresses that may have changed on the 'Update of Particulars' form sent out some time ago.
- **Grade 0 End of Year Reports** are working reports and are therefore given out in hard copy. **These reports will be handed out to you when you bring your child to school on Tuesday, 3rd December**.

Please make the necessary arrangements with your child's teacher, should you not be able to fetch the report.

- **End of Year Reports will not be issued to parents where school fees are outstanding.**
- **Grade 4 parents** are invited to a '**Celebration of Learning**' at 7.30am on Tuesday, 3rd December. Communication regarding this was put onto the Grade 4 WhatsApp group. Venue to be confirmed.
- Our **Grade 4's** will be having their '**Theme Day**' on **Wednesday, 4th December**. Please look out for specific details regarding this on the class WhatsApp group.
- If you have ordered your child's 2020 Stationery Pack, but have not yet fetched it from the office, please do so by Monday, 2nd December between 7am & 2pm. You can pay by debit or credit card at the office.
- Please look out for the Workbook & exercise book levy from our accounts department. The children will receive these books in class in the new year. Non-payment will result in your child not receiving this pack from the school in January 2020.
- **End of term arrangements – school closes for the end of term next Friday, 6th December at 11am sharp.** Please make sure you are **on time to fetch your child from his/her classroom**. If you make use of **transport companies or au pairs**, please **inform them in advance of the early closing time**. At the end of each term, we always have a few children who are not fetched on time as parents have not informed their transport services of the change in time. This is frustrating for teachers who have to stay behind with these children for up to an hour. Please be fair and make the necessary arrangements to avoid this. **THERE IS NO AFTERCARE ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM.**
- **School re-opens on Wednesday, 15th January 2020** for the start of the new school year.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 2nd December – 6th December

Monday	Collect stationery orders from the office between 7am & 2pm
Tuesday	Prep School End of Year Reports (Grade 1 – 4) emailed out to parents Grade 0 End of Year Reports handed out to parents in child's flip file Grade 4 'Celebration of Learning' takes place at 7.30am. Venue to be confirmed on class WhatsApp group.
Wednesday	Grade 4 Theme Day (specific details will be posted onto class WhatsApp group by Mrs Stein)
Thursday	
Friday	Final Assembly (Grade 0 – 4 in the music room with Mrs Letcher) End of Term – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 11am SHARP. A reminder that all children need to fetched promptly from their classrooms please . You will need to make the necessary arrangements with transport companies and au pairs, as there in NO AFTERCARE on this day.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEK 15th January – 17th January

Monday	No school
Tuesday	No school
Wednesday	Term 1 begins & school opens for 2020. School begins at 7.30am for Grade 1 – 5 children, and at 8am for Grade 0 children. Please arrive on time.
Thursday	
Friday	Assembly in the new hall (8am for Grade 0 – 3 & 9.30am for Grade 4 & 5)

BIRTHDAYS**PREP SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS**

BIRTHDAY DATE	NAME	SURNAME	CLASS
NOVEMBER			
22 November 2012	AMILE	ZONDO	GRADE 10
23 November 2010	STEFAN	NOLTE	GRADE 3T
23 November 2010	LONWABO	MGCINA	GRADE 3N
23 November 2011	RUFARO	NYABEZE	GRADE 2H
26 November 2010	JOSHUA	FORSYTH	GRADE 2F
27 November 2009	BROGUE	THEOLOGO	GRADE 4S
28 November 2012	ORIFILE	MOKWATLO	GRADE 1N
DECEMBER			
03 December 2012	HANNAH	VAN GREUNEN	GRADE 10
03 December 2010	KATLEGO	MATLAWA	GRADE 3T
04 December 2012	ZOË	LANGFORD	GRADE 1V
05 December 2012	DYLAN	SCHOLZ	GRADE 10
05 December 2013	KGOTSO	MOKOENA	GRADE 0Z
05 December 2013	CADENCE	CARTHY	GRADE 0T
07 December 2009	RHIANNON	BRICE	GRADE 3T
07 December 2012	ARYANA	RAJAGOPAL	GRADE 0Z
12 December 2012	ETHAN	POTGIETER	GRADE 1V
13 December 2012	KYLE	MOODLEY	GRADE 1V
14 December 2010	ASHLEY	GARVIE	GRADE 3T
14 December 2010	GEMMA	MARSH	GRADE 3N
14 December 2012	TANAY	PATEL	GRADE 1N
15 December 2011	CAITLYN	CARTER	GRADE 1N
17 December 2012	JUDE	ROSSLEE	GRADE 10
20 December 2011	ZOEY	MASON	GRADE 2H
28 December 2011	GABRIELLA	LUNGU	GRADE 1N
31 December 2012	LYLA	THOMAS	GRADE 0Z



STAFF BIRTHDAYS		
NAME	SURNAME	DATE
Janine	Schoeman	22-Nov
Anna	Stomberg	03-Dec
Deirdre	Hodgkinson	04-Dec
Carol	Ndlovu	11-Dec
Nina	Zweifel	11-Dec
Emma-Lee	Matthews	20-Dec
Austin	Botha	24-Dec
Anna	Maseko	24-Dec
Daniella	Webster	24-Dec

KIDDIE TALK - 😊😊😊

Grade 0

Miss Teixeira & Miss Rusche were busy rote counting with the Grade 0's the other day. **Manqoba** (Grade 0T) had his turn and was counting confidently up to 109. In his exact words, he said, **"109, and then comes INFINITY!"** (Manqoba, I like your style!)

Grade 1

Paballo (Grade 1N) said to Mrs Nunan, **"Father Christmas lives at the North Pole and not the South Pole, so that he doesn't have to stand upside down!"** (Don't you love it!)

Mrs Barnard asked her **Grade 1 Learning Support Group** what they word 'foe' means. They answered and said, **"it is a photograph, a phone or maybe FOMO!"** (They are just the cutest!)

When learning about the planets, **Chino** (Grade 1 O) said to Mrs Oshry, **"The storm on Jupiter looks like its belly button!"** (Too true, Chino)

Grade 1 O were busy practising their spelling words for the week. Mrs Oshry called out the word 'fish' and gave the sentence, "I feel like fish today". **Dylan** replied to her very seriously and said, **"You don't look like a fish, Mrs Oshry!"** (This is just too sweet!)

Grade 2

Grade 2F were busy completing problem-solving sums in their Number Sense books and **Taya** said to Mrs Forbes, **"Why can't the people in this book just solve their own problems!"** (This is priceless!)

After the Grade 2's recent fine dining experience at Mc Fala's Diner, **Olivia** (Grade 2F) said this to her mom, **"The Butternut soup tastes a lot of nut and very little butter!"** (Simply adorable Liv!)



MUSIC NEWS!

We have had a delightful year of music at Broadacres Academy, holding our first-ever **Music Assembly**, as well as some other performances by our Senior Preparatory Choir and individual students who take music as an extramural.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be **adding violin to our selection of instruments offered** at our Broadacres Academy **in our extra music lessons after school**, in 2020. Children enrolling will have a choice of Voice, Piano, Violin and Guitar. The Music Policy, as well as the application form for extra cost Music is available from Caroline/Michele in the office, or you can **contact Mr Ruan Fourie at 073 012 0182**. We ask that all interested parents fill out an application form, even those who are already enrolled. You are more than welcome to fill out your application to secure a slot for 2020, before school closes next week.

Our **Senior Preparatory Choir** has had a wonderful first year. They recently performed at Total Care Retirement Village and they were absolutely amazing. **Auditions** for the choir will be held early in the Term 1 for those **Grade Fours & Fives** who would like to try out.

We will also be starting a **Junior Preparatory Choir** for children in Grade 1 to 3 in 2020. More information regarding this will go out in January 2020.

“Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them - a world of work, culture, intellectual activity and human involvement. The future of a nation depends on providing children with a complete education that includes music” – President Gerald Ford, United States President

“I would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for in the patterns of music and the arts are the keys of learning”- Plato

