



JUST JUNIOR



Senior Primary reading morning

From the Senior Primary department

Dear parents

The peer counsellors and Grade 7G assembly on Friday, to launch the upstander campaign, was fantastic. I would like to thank Lara Rammutla, Lynn Northmore, Katelyn Pye and her peer counsellors, and Grade 7G for launching this campaign in such an exciting way. We all took the pledge to be upstanders, and to be kind and caring to all those around us. We were also introduced to TOBI, the mascot of the campaign, who was designed by the girls in the Senior Primary.

The Grade 7 girls who volunteered to help at the Grade 0 2016 and Little Saints at Home for 2016 mornings, were wonderful. They paired up with the Senior School marketing girls and took prospective parents on tours of the school, and then spent time in the playground playing with the children. At times I wasn't sure who was having more fun, the Grade 7 girls or

the younger children.

Charity collections

Thank you to all the girls who brought items for the various charity collections. You always give so generously and it is greatly appreciated by the recipients. Thank you to Linda Maishman for co-ordinating the collections.

Report reading

During report reading on 7 April the Grades 4-7 class teachers sit with the girls on an individual basis and read through their reports with them. This is a wonderful opportunity for the girls to discuss the work they have done during the term, and to take ownership of their learning.

Senior Primary parent-teacher interviews

On 13 and 14 April it is the Senior Primary

Dates to diarise

MARCH

Sat 21	09h00	Human Rights Day Reggio workshop for parents at Little Saints - postponed
Sun 22	13h00	Choir camp returns
Mon 23	08h30	Little Saints Easter hat parade
Tue 24		Grade 6 and 7 netball tour departs
	07h30	Grade 2P assembly
	08h00	Grade 6 LO workshop
	17h00	Anglican Board of Education (launch event) NOSA environmental audit
Thur 26	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
Fri 27	14h00	Cross-country away
	07h30	Junior Primary Easter service
	08h00	Grade 7 LO workshop
	08h30	Pre-Primary Easter service
Mon 30	10h18	Grade 3 market day
	18h00	PTA meeting - boardroom
Tue 31	07h30	Grade 2S assembly
	10h18	Grade 7 tea with headmistress
APRIL		
Wed 1	07h30	Senior Primary Easter Eucharist
	15h30	Netball clinic
	17h30	Junior Primary storytelling evening
Thur 2		HA Jack shared learning Junior School co-curricular activities end
Frid 3		Good Friday
Sun 5		Easter Sunday
Mon 6		Family Day
Tue 7		Senior Primary report reading
	07h30	Grades 2 and 3 piece playing
	12h30	Grades 4 and 5 piece playing
		Pressure Productions <i>Tales with a Twist</i> Senior School hockey festival
Wed 8		

parent-teacher interviews. The interview sheets will be put up on Tuesday 7 April before 13h30 on the pin board in the passage between Grade 4B and the staffroom. The Grades 4 and 5 teachers will be in their classrooms and the rest of the Senior Primary staff will be in the Clare Rossouw media centre.

Hooked on Books 16 April

This is always a very popular show with the girls. I have bought multiple copies of the titles for the library.

Booklist for Hooked on Books 2015

Junior Primary

The Only Child Club - Anne Fine

Supercat vs. the Chip Thief - Jeanne Willis

Foxy Tales - The Cunning Plan - Caryl Hart and Alex T. Smith

The Enormous Crocodile - Roald Dahl

How to be a Viking - Cressida Cowell

Can it be About Me? - Poems by Cheryl Moskowitz

Senior Primary

The Tornado Chasers - Ross Montgomery

Monkey and Me - David Gilman

The Fastest Boy in the World - Elizabeth Laird

Superhero School - The Revenge of the Green

Meanie - Alan MacDonald

A Room Full of Chocolate - Jane Elson

Can it be About Me? - Poems by Cheryl Moskowitz

I am sure that the girls are looking forward to the choir camp and the Grades 6 and 7 netball tour. I would like to thank the staff involved for organising these camps and for accompanying the girls.

Enjoy your weekend.

Robynne Dunkley

Deputy headmistress: Junior School

From the chaplain

As we continue on our Lenten journey, it might be good to reflect on this prayer of St Ignatius. What lesson might God be trying to teach us?

Revd Gill Lee

Chaplain

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to seek reward,
Except that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.

ST. IGNATIUS'S PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY
www.ignatianspirituality.com

Meet the departments



Grade 4: Trish Bonorchis, Teena Lowndes



Grade 5: Neli Phakathi, Linda Maishman

Grade 4 news

Grade 4 budding gardeners

In Natural Science lessons, the Grade 4 classes learnt about the requirements for the growth of plants. Each girl planted seeds and watered them regularly. Rita Palmer's plant was the first to flower.

Extracts from the girls' writing:

"I really enjoyed planting. It was so much fun. Mine was the first to bloom into a flower!"

Rita Palmer

"A seed is a curious thing. It looks dead, but it isn't. A little bit of sun, water and soil, and it grows!" Danika Neuhoff

"On the day we started planting our flowers I was so excited, I gave it some love but it didn't grow, I gave it more love, water and sunshine, but it still didn't grow! But I guess not everyone has green fingers!" Tarryn Stead.

"My plant started out as a little seed but with

a bit of sunshine it grew into a beautiful plant and I am very proud of it. It was so much fun!" Paige Milligan

"I planted my seed thinking, how on earth is something like this going to grow? Later on it started to grow and grow. I was amazed!" Saskia Neuhoff

Teena Lowndes
Grade 4 teacher



Grade 4 poetry

Butterflies

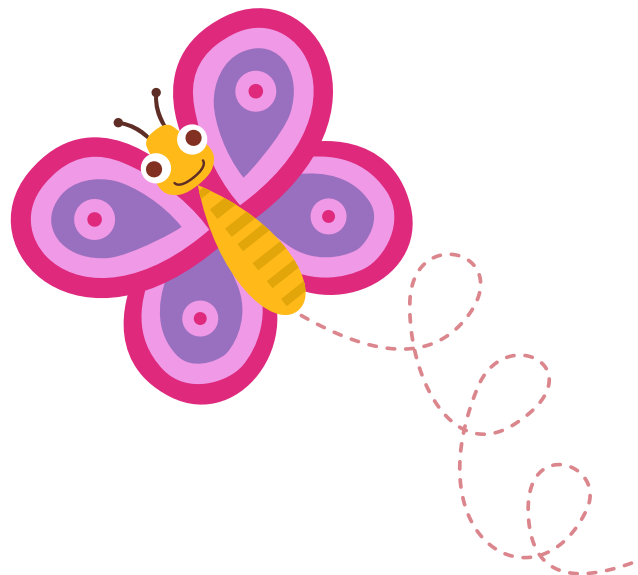
A body as delicate as silk thread.
Wings that shimmer
like emeralds and diamonds.
They drink nectar from pastel-coloured
flowers.
Eyes as black as coal.
Float like a petal
in the wind.

Isabella Reynolds

Butterflies

Butterflies are exquisite.
Their bodies are petite,
wings like shimmering diamonds,
flapping gently.
Their antennae as delicate
as a piece of golden string.
Legs as thin and bendy as pipe cleaners.
Pollinating bright flowers in the garden.

Emily Martin



From the Library

Literature club

In literature club we have been reading new books from the library. We have reviewed some of the books we read.

Escape from Shangri-la by Michael Morpurgo

Do you like sad, sometimes funny and mysterious books? Then this is the book for you.

After Popsicle appears out of the blue, Cissie's life changes, but will she manage to help Popsicle get back when he only remembers bits of his past and is often very depressed? To make matters worse, Cissie is being bullied by Sherly Watson and the rumours about Popsicle are getting bigger. Will Cissie manage to help Popsicle to fit in again?

I recommend this book for anyone in Grades 4-7 who loves books that deal with sad issues.

Esmé Thornhill-Davis
Grade 6

My Name is Parvana, by Deborah Ellis, is a heartfelt book about the struggle of an Afghan girl. I found the novel a bit confusing in the beginning but once I read on, it provided a rollercoaster of emotions.

It is the last book in a trilogy which takes an inside look at the Afghan war with the Taliban, and is my favourite. Be prepared to laugh, cry and be silent with Parvana in this heartfelt book; I would recommend this for ages 12+ girls.

Caitlin Breytenbach
Grade 6

Bumble the Brave Kitten and Other Stories About Fantastic Felines by Sam Hay

In this book there are 10 true stories about cats: Tizer, Stewie, Speedy, Noah, Munchie, Mr Ginge, Marmite, Felix, Donna and Bumble. My favourite story was the one about Tizer because it's so funny! Felix was the saddest

story but he did not die. Munchie is very chubby and cute. I think the most amazing cat in the book is Seedy. I think the cat with the cutest relationship is Marmite.

I recommend is book for girls who love reading true stories about animals.

Kiran Louw
Grade 4B

The book *Fish* is a fish information finder and if you want to learn more about fish, you should read this book.

I read about my favourite fish, the mudskipper. They can breathe in and out of water, and they can climb trees.

I think anyone from age six would be interested in reading this book.

Dalila Spinazze
Grade 4

Raffle for Reggio

With our annual Reggio conference fast approaching in June, finding sponsorship for our delegates from disadvantaged areas is one of our main priorities.

We were delighted to receive a giant Easter Egg, donated by a parent who would like us to raffle it for this very worthy cause.

R10 is all it will cost you to be in with a chance to win this chocolate delight. Raffle sheets will be available throughout the Junior School and the draw will take place on 1 April.

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!



A huge thank-you



A huge thank-you from the children of the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital's Occupational Therapy department to the Senior Primary girls, who donated Christmas presents to them last year

From the Sports department



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK AHEAD: 23-29 (Week Ahead 11)

Date	Sport	Teams	Venue	Time	Transport	Teacher
Thursday 26 March	Cross-country	Junior team	St Peter's	14h00	Bus	Ms Wood

Swimming

Friday 6 March saw the A and B teams win their respective Prestige galas where both teams swam against nine other schools to come out tops - an outstanding effort by all the swimming teams. Special congratulations must go to the Grade 5A breaststroke relay team who broke the course record and to the Grade 6s who won all their events. Owing to the number of teams that participate in the C and D league (15) they are unable to have a Prestige as there is no pool large enough to host. However, they also won their gala against eight other schools of which included a number of B teams, well done, an excellent effort.

Results are as follows:

A Team - St Mary's 213, St Andrew's 194, St Stithians 171, APPS 137, Brescia 133.5, Kingsmead 132.5, Holy Rosary 113, St Peter's Girls 101, Roedean 64, St Teresa's 61

B Team - St Mary's 195, St Andrew's 170, St Katharine's 151, Kingsmead 148, St Peter's 109, Roedean 76, Holy Rosary 66, Assumption 58

C and D teams - St Mary's C 162, APPS B 152, Kingsmead B 130, St Andrew's C123, KEPS B 105, St Katharine's B 78, St Mary's D 62, APPS C 51

Jane Samson

HoD: Junior school sport

Junior Primary gala

The weather held out for us on Wednesday 11 March, at the Junior Primary gala. It was cloudy but the girls were unconcerned, as they

were so excited to swim and sing war cries. The gala was shorter than normal as we put the A and B races together and the girls had some fierce competition among their peers and other houses. The Grades 1 and 2 girls swam relay races. Those who swam board races were helped by the Grade 7 girls. The Grade 3s swam in both relay and individual races. Well done to the Springboks for winning the inter-house gala, and to Natasha Jenkins in Grade 3 for winning the Victrix Ludorum for 2015. We hope that every girl enjoyed the gala and went home feeling very proud of herself. I would like to thank all those who helped at the gala. Special thanks to the staff who helped so willingly, and to the Grade 7s, who were fantastic with the Junior Primary girls.

The results were as follows:

- 1) Springboks - 169
- 2) Lions - 162
- 3) Zebras - 149
- 4) Hares - 134

Tracey Wood

Head of department: Junior Primary sport



Grade 5A breaststroke relay team who broke the record at Prestige: Georgina Hector, Alex Buss, Danielle Grobbelaar, Nyakallo Kodisang



The Junior Primary gala was a great success



Parent Corner

A PROMISE TO MY CHILD

By Nikki Bush

I promise to feed you, clothe you and put a roof over your head
Although this may vary in quality and quantity from time to time.
I promise to teach you to be resilient and resourceful,
So that you can succeed and thrive no matter what life may throw
at you.

I can't promise you that you won't get hurt by life,
And that horrible things will never happen.
But, I do promise you that as long as I am alive,
I will love you and be there for you.

I promise to shower you with unconditional love and encouragement,
And to hold the space for you to become, well, YOU!
I promise to help you to discover your unique talents and gifts.
And I look forward to hearing the verse you will create and one
day sing.

I promise you that you will have good and bad moments,
But life may surprise you.
I promise that as you grow and gain perspective, what might initially
seem negative,
May well be the best gift of all to help you to a better life.

I promise to keep growing and working on myself.
It's not your job to make me happy, it's mine.
You have helped me to discover more about me,

About parts of myself I have never seen or met before.

You create an invitation for me to dance with life,
And when you ask me to dance,
My answer is a resounding "Yes!" and "Thank you!"
For the personal adventures you bring to me every single day.

I promise you a place at my table, always,
Regardless of your choices.
When you were born, you were a precious gift from Life,
But you are also a gift to Life.

As your parent,
I promise to honour you and protect you,
And when the time is right, to let you go,
So that you can take flight and make a dent in the Universe.

You will forever be in my heart,
One that is so enriched by your being in the world.
I love you, my precious child.
May you be inspired and encouraged on your parenting journey.

Nikki Bush

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