



The Birches Pre-Primary School

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Dear Parents

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

It has been a short but very busy term. This year we welcomed two new staff members, Miss Chandony, the Purple Group teacher, and Mrs Baai, the Teacher's Assistant in the Blue and Purple Groups as well as the early afternoon aftercare helper. Both ladies are doing a sterling job and we wish them a happy stay at our school. Mrs Louwrens (and her family) also have some very exciting news to share! She is expecting a brand-new bundle of joy and will be taking maternity leave in the third and fourth term.



During March, The Birches were invited to attend two prize-giving events. The first ceremony was for Sustainable Schools, sponsored by Nature Connect. We received a bronze award in the community category and with that came some prize money. We also attended the WESSA / Eco-Schools awards ceremony and received a magnificent trophy for 22 years of uninterrupted championing for the environment.





Thank you for supporting our fundraising initiatives this term! We try to do at least two per term for special projects around the school. Our first Fundraiser was our Valentines Sweetie Love Jars and a Valentines hamper raffle, which was very well supported. Our second was “The Birches Boutique” thrift store. Shopping at school, for a cause, was a highlight for the children.

HOLIDAY PROJECT AND TERM 2 FUNDRAISER: During the holidays we would like each family to build a **3D model of a BIRD** or a **hanging mobile of a 3D FLOCK OF BIRDS** using *waste materials*. Once they are in the hall on display, I will ask our former retired principal to come and judge your creations and declare who the winners are. The entrance fee into the competition is R40 per model. The closing date for entries is 17 April 2025.



Example from Pinterest



On the 13th March, we welcomed back the Class of 2024 Grade R's who graduated from the Birches last year, to a reunion here at school. They enjoyed reading to their old teachers and playing in the different play areas with their old friends.



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Lastly, we have some news regarding enrolments for 2026. We will be accepting children from the age of 2 next year. There will be one **2–3-year-olds** group. We need to keep the numbers lower for this group due to their age, so if you would like to enrol your younger child, or you have friends or family members who might be interested, please come and talk to us soon.

Our school will re-open for Term 2 on **Tuesday 8th April 2025**

I wish you all a good rest and if you are travelling on the roads these holidays, please be safe. Remember you have precious cargo on board.

Sincerely,



Mrs Bronwen Aiston

PRINCIPAL