



The Birches Pre-Primary School

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Dear Parents

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END OF TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

The focus of Term 3 has been the upgrading of the prefab admin buildings to concrete structures that replicate the classrooms at the top of the school. The building finished exactly on schedule, and the children who had curiously watched it being erected, were so excited to be able to cut the ribbon and use the proper entrance to the school again. I would like to thank the following parents for their kind and generous donations of their time, expertise and resources.

Mr Luke Nortje – Chairman of the SGB, for lending an ear and offering advice throughout the building process

Mr Eric Dhevar – Circular Birches sign and Perpex door signs

Mr Bryce Moodley – Discounts on the carpeting and donation of the skirtings

Mr Jes Kanavathy – Plumbing and drainage expertise and work

Mrs Nelisha Ramchunder – Donation of metal and wooden shelving for the storerooms

Mr Trishen Roopsingh – Transportation of donated furniture and shelving



The Olympic Games in Paris was the subject of conversation a lot at school and at home in July and August. The children learned all about the history of the Games and the symbols that represent the Games and their meanings. We even had our own mini-Olympic games at school with our own made-up events that all the children participated in. To conclude, our Grade R children walked across the road to Sarnia to participate in their Sports Day getting a feel for what a “big school” sports day is all about.

An outing away from school brings back such fond memories for us as parents. Our Gr RR and Gr R's spent time at the Harvestry in Botha's Hill and at Alverstone Wildlife Park in Assagay respectively. Although these are learning experiences, the children had so much fun being out and away from the classroom. A lot of the focus over the period of the outings was our school theme "Trees for Life" which concluded with a visit from WESSA who donated three trees to the school and which the children helped to plant.



Grandchildren are a grandparent's link to the future. A grandparent is a grandchild's link to the past ~ Anon. On the 12 September we showed the children's grandparents just how special they are and put on a show for them comprising of songs and poetry. With a little help from you the parents, they enjoyed a delicious spread of goodies with their morning tea and were shown just how well your children are doing at school. It is always such a fabulous morning.



A few important notices before I sign off:

Please can you ensure your school and aftercare **fees are up to date before the start of next term** to avoid your child's suspension.

The **donation of consumable items** once a turn really assists us in keeping our costs and as such the school fees down. Could the following groups help us next term

Yellow Group – Air Freshener

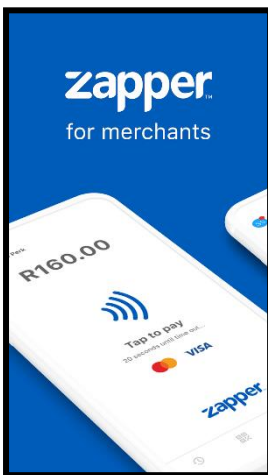
Green Group – Toilet Paper

Orange group – Toilet Paper

Red Group – Tissues

Blue Group – Sunlight dish liquid

Please ensure that you send your child to school in the **correct uniform every day**. There have been many non-permitted jackets, beanies and shirts being worn in the second half of this term. Please purchase the correct uniform from Mrs Fourie in the office. We do have second hand jackets available as well should you prefer an inexpensive option.



We now have the **ZAPPER app for you to pay** for uniforms and aftercare. So, download it now, and add your banking card onto it and enjoy convenient and easy payments.

Due to severe losses incurred for aftercare this year as a result of non-payment of the aftercare fees, **aftercare will now need to be paid for in advance**. You may pay for 10 aftercare visits in advance and your child will receive a stamp card in their notebook which will be stamped every day that they attend.

To all our wonderful families at The Birches, have a safe and blessed holiday. If you are travelling out of town, remember that your family is very precious cargo.

School re-opens for Term 4 on Tuesday 1 October 2024

Warm Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aiston' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Aiston