



The Birches Pre-Primary School

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Dear Parents

END OF TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

The term has been a very busy but productive one, with the focus being on the Environmental Studies portion of our curriculum. Our school and your children acknowledged Earth Day, Save the Frogs Day, World Leopard Day, Bird Migration Day, and World Bee Day.



ECO-CLUBS

The children have learned so much about their immediate environment this term, thanks to our committed and passionate teachers. They make the hands-on learning approach fun and memorable and we hope you, as parents, have learned a few things from your children too in this regard. In Term 3 the Red, Orange, Green and Yellow Group children will have the opportunity to go on an outing on a bus, which will be R150 per child.



FUNDRAISING

The highlight of Term 2 was definitely the neon Torch Walk. The family vibe was tangible and I must offer my thanks to the Parent Support Group who were instrumental in putting the event together. Thanks to them we were able to offer some amazing prizes to the walkers as they completed as many laps as they could, as well as add the neon black light walk through tent, which was a new addition this year.



RECYCLING

We have been blown away by the amazing response to our plastic recycling competition. We have a new collection agency doing weekly recycling collections and paying us rather handsomely for our waste. They have been so impressed by the quantity of plastic bottles received that they are going to be installing their PET Fish next to our recycling station in the near future.



This Term our recycling winners are...

BLUE & PURPLE GROUP

TERM 3

Mrs Louwrens will be going on maternity leave until the end of the year. We wish her and her husband all the very best with the birth of their son. We will miss her while she is away. Mrs **Reshmee Mahadeo** will be teaching the **Red Group** for the rest of the year and the Blue Group children will be joining Miss **Savanna Chandony** in the **Purple Group** until December. (Both Blue Group and Purple Group children are in the 3-4 age group for 2025) The Blue Group children are familiar with Miss Chandony as they have spent time with her whilst Mrs Mahadeo has been away doing prac teaching and on study leave for her exams.



2026 ENROLMENT

If you have younger children that will join us at the Birches Pre-Primary next year, please let us know soonest so that we can reserve a place for them in the class.



REPORTS

I wanted to offer some guidance on how to read your child's report.

Juniors:

First and foremost, many of the symbols given, are comparison based and opinion based. The teachers do have guidelines based on their training but all children develop at their own pace. The Juniors and Intermediate Phase Reports have symbols out of 5. If your child scored a 3 or above, they are doing great! 2 and below means some attention could be paid to these areas at home, to support your child.

Seniors:

The Grade RR and Grade R reports have many scores based on one-on-one observation and assessment. The teachers also use their workbooks to allocate marks that show their understanding of a concept. The symbols given to your children for their social and emotional skills are largely opinion, experience and comparison. These are all scored out of 7. If your child scores a 4 or above, they are doing great! 3 and below means they could use some help from home in mastering this skill.

Term 3 starts on the 22 July 2025. *Please make every effort to ensure your school fees are up to date before then.*

If you are travelling these holidays, please keep safe on the roads as you have precious cargo on board. We hope the children enjoy their rest, and that they have many exciting stories to share, of the places they visited and the adventures they went on, when they return.

God Bless.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B. Aiston

PRINCIPAL

