



27 October 2017

Dear Parents

Greetings from the Playschool.

I hope all our moms, dads and little ones had a peaceful mid-term. We are now entering the last quarter of our academic year, which promises to be exciting, fun and eventful.

HAND, FOOT & MOUTH

With respect to the Hand, Foot and Mouth illness, please refer to the communication received from Sister Sarah:

We have confirmed cases **of Hand-foot-mouth** disease at the Playschool. As a School we are taking the following precautions:

1. Disinfecting all toys, mattresses and surfaces daily.
2. Monitoring children closely and those displaying any flu-like symptoms are sent home, as well as children who are off colour.

This is a common childhood illness that is caused by a viral infection. It typically affects children under the age of 10.

Symptoms start as a mild fever, tiredness, reduced appetite and a sore throat. The characteristic features – mouth sores and skin rash – usually develop 1 or 2 days after the onset of the fever.

On your return to school, please supply us with a doctor's letter confirming that the all clear has been granted.



This morning we celebrated OXI Day in our Perception Area. Our little ones enjoyed their story about Mussolini and were vocal in rejecting the demands of the Axis powers. They stood tall and proud and in unison said NO! The Toddlers from Elli and Irene's

classes marched up at the Avli and drew many gasps of awe as they recited their words. They were the cutest insects ever spotted in the garden of peace!

OUR CHILDREN CELEBRATING OXI DAY

Celebrations at school:



Celebrations in the Avli:



TO TIE IN WITH OUR CURRENT THEME OF TRANSPORT WE URGE PARENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

SOME USEFUL TIPS WHILST DRIVING ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

- Please buckle up. Your child's safety is a priority.
- Please do not speed on the school grounds.
- Please do not double park.
- Please be vigilant of children and of other motor vehicles when reversing out of the parking.
- Please refrain from using your cell phones whilst driving.
- Please be courteous to other users of the school i.e. parents, visitors and children.
- Remember **YOUR CHILD IS OUR FUTURE!**

NEW SAHETI CAR STICKERS FOR ENTERING THE SCHOOL PROPERTY

New SAHETI car discs will be available shortly. Each family will receive two. Details of distribution will follow. Should you need any extra you can purchase these from Denise at reception at a nominal fee.

Activities for term 3

- Parents Day – Friday, 10 November
- Sprinkler Days – On hot days in November –(Have a change of clothing available in bags at all times in November)
- Puppet Show – Monday, 4 December
- Arrival of Father Christmas – Friday, 1 December
- Christmas Party – Thursday, 7 December
- Reports and Christmas Bags – Thursday, 7 December
- School closes – 7/8 December

PARENTS DAY – 10 NOVEMBER – (FRIDAY)

Moms and Dads, the chance to spend the morning with your little ones at school is drawing closer. On Friday the 10 November, from 9h00 until 10h30 we will be entertaining you with our singing and dancing and we will also introduce you to our best friends. Please diarise this day. It is important for your little one to see you in the audience and he will gladly show off his skills to you.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 7 DECEMBER

The Pre-Primary and Playschool will close one day early this year on Thursday 7 December at 13h30.

This is to give the teachers at Pre-Primary a day to move their classrooms in preparation for the new year.

All reports will be handed out on Thursday, 7 December. If you are unable to make arrangements for your children to be home on 8 December, the teachers will look after them in their classrooms and garden. They will prepare some fun activities to keep the children busy until 10h00 when it is home time. Aftercare will start at 10h00 on Friday 8 December.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. SUN BLOCK

As we all know that warm, sunny days are interspersed with cooler ones these days and we would like to eliminate the chances of our little ones being affected by the sun. We would advise you to apply sun block every morning before coming to school. We also stress the importance of sending hats to school. We encourage all our learners to wear hats during outdoor play. During the morning we also encourage our learners to drink lots of water. We also teach them about dehydration.

2. NAILS

Moms please ensure that nails are kept short. Little ones at this stage often resolve their differences by scratching and thus the necessity to keep their nails neatly trimmed. Toddlers respond to difficulties instinctively and we provide support to the transgressor and the injured party. As a staff we employ different methods when addressing this issue and try our utmost to educate our learners with respect to conflict resolution. As our Little one's mature so will their ability develop, to settle their differences amicably.

PREVAILING UNSTABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS

As the weather has been unpredictable and the children have experienced feelings of frustration during the recent bout of rains, their outdoor play has consequently been limited. We have thus taken heed of this and have adapted our programme to accommodate their growing levels of frustration. Whenever the opportunity arises we take your little ones outside to play. They have had great fun doing so and yes they have relished in the prospect of playing in the mud. Consequently at the end of the day they are not clean! This is a sign of enjoyment and learning. Please do not restrict your children by pressurising them into staying clean.



We thank all our moms, dads and little ones for participating with such fervour in the Santa Shoe Box project. The boxes were beautifully decorated and will make a huge difference to the lives of the recipients. A very big thank you for your generosity and the fruits of your efforts were displayed in our Reception Area.



BOTLHALE KE THUTO DAYCARE CENTRE

Sanna Baloyi is now pursuing her studies diligently and is most grateful for the opportunity to study. In our discussions, she has on numerous occasions stated that she never knew that all this knowledge she is acquiring is part of our daily teaching. She is in awe of all the theory surrounding teaching.

THEMES FOR WEEK ENDING 3 NOVEMBER 2017	
THEME	Medical Professions
PERCEPTION	Positions in Space – Up/Down

REMINDERS

- **Baker's Day** every Friday, please check with your child's class teacher.
- Box of tissues each term please.
- For our younger children – 5 nappies a day, barrier cream and wet wipes
- Please continue to **apply sunscreen** before school in the mornings
- Hats for sunny days.
- Appropriate change of clothing for your child's bag, please include a warmer clothes for cold days.
- Should your child be using the Aftercare facilities please ensure that there are at least an extra 3-5 nappies available in his/her bag daily.
- Please book your child's birthday with Denise – and no party packs. A cake is sufficient.
- Library has commenced this term and for those who have not yet purchased their Library Bags, they can be obtained from Esquires. Books can only go home in a bag. Many thanks for your co-operation in this regard.
- **Should your child be off colour, vomiting, have a fever, earache, diarrhoea, infected nose, coughing or have a rash, please keep them at home as they will have a miserable day at school and infect others. Please notify Denise in case of absenteeism. *Furthermore if your child has had a 'communicable' disease please bring a doctors letter clearing him/her, on his/her return to school.***
- Daily hours – **7h40 to 13h30/14h00** on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7H40 to 13.15/13.30 on a Wednesday.
- **MY SCHOOL CARD** can be swiped at any of the following outlets Woolworths, Toys R Us, Reggies, Waltons, Jack's Paint, Altech Netstar and Supa Quick. A small percentage of the amount spent will be forwarded to the school. ***Please remember to swipe your card.***

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Vice-Principal

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