



22 September 2017

Dear Parents

Greetings from the Playschool.

Last week Elli Lambropoulos attended the Deputy Heads Conference which brought to light the many different and diverse nuances of life and our education system. The world is in a constant state of change and we need to equip ourselves with strategies and knowledge to make the most of this. These themes were re-inforced in various ways throughout the conference. We were taken on a guided walk through the inner city of Johannesburg. We noticed huge socio/economic diversity within the range of our walk. Lectures also covered this theme, forcing us to reflect on 'diversity', 'inclusion' and 'exclusion'.



This morning we got together and celebrated Heritage Day through the medium of a story, role play and songs. We reinforced the concept of accommodation, tolerance and respect. The highlight of the day was the Koeksisters we had at lunchtime.





ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS FOR OUR PARENTS

Our Occupational Therapist, Susan Holland addressed the parents this morning on the expectations which need to be fulfilled before the toddlers enter Grade 000 from an Occupational Therapy perspective. Terri Ohannessian, the Principal of the Pre-Primary and Playschool also addressed the parents on other requirements for Grade 000. I hope this informative address answered some of your queries. Should you still feel anxious, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher to put your minds at ease. We thank Susan Holland and Terri Ohannessian for allaying our fears about the 'big' school.

Activities for term 3

- George Bizos Marathon – Sunday, 1 October
- Mid Term – Thursday, 19 October until Tuesday, 24 October
- OXI DAY – Friday, 27th October
- 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 – Thursday, 30 November
- Arrival of Father Christmas – Friday, 1 December
- Christmas Party – Thursday, 7 December
- School closes – Friday, 8 December

GEORGE BIZOS MARATHON – SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER

On Sunday the 1st October, the George Bzos Mini Marathon will kick off at 8h00. This event is hosted by the Sports Department and promises to be fun. Our little ones can attend and Moms and Dads you can use the option of wheeling your youngsters in their push chairs. It is a fun and sociable event with the benefit of flexing ones muscles.

OXI DAY – FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER



Oxi Day is celebrated on the 28th October and is noted for the Greek entry into the Second World War after they passionately said 'NO - OXI' to the Axis Powers occupying their country. The Greeks fought heroically for democracy and freedom, enduring many hardships.

We will be celebrating this event at school on the 27th October. The children from Irene and Elli's class will be participating in the celebrations at the Big School. Please keep this date available. Details will follow in the forthcoming newsletters.



PARENTS DAY

Please note that Parent's Day has been moved from the 19th October to the 10th November. We apologise for any inconvenience we may have caused you. This decision was taken after much deliberation as we needed to take the needs of the babies into account. This term, our 'Baby' groups aquired new little ones who need time to adjust to their new surrounds. A Parent Day so close to their start date would compromise their wellbeing.

Moms and Dads on Friday the 10th November we will entertain you with our singing and dancing and introduce you to our best friends. Please diarise this day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. SUN BLOCK

As we all know it has been hot and we would like to eliminate the chances of our little ones being affected. 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.

OUTREACH

SANTA SHOEBOX




The Santa Shoebox Project is an inspiring community initiative of the Kidz2Kidz Trust (IT2671/2009, PBO930031301, Section 18A, NPO 102-098, B-BBEE Level Four Contributor) that co-ordinates the donation, collection and distribution of personalized gifts at Christmas time to underprivileged children across South Africa and Namibia.

PROCEDURE:

- Wrap a shoebox in decorative paper. Lid and box must be wrapped separately. Lid and box must be wrapped separately so that the lid can be lifted (or flipped open).
- Fill the box with new and age appropriate items
- **Compulsory Items are:** (These items are listed on the label give to you by your child's class teacher)
 - Toothpaste and toothbrush
 - Bar of soap and wash cloth
 - An outfit of clothing
 - Educational supplies
 - Sweets
 - Toys/special gift
- **Label your box with printed label** given to you by your child's class teacher
- **Close box with elastic band. Do not seal as boxes are spot checked.**

➤ **Drop boxes off at Playschool reception areas by – no later than Tuesday, 24th October.**

Parents this is a wonderful activity to do with your children. It is fun and encourages creativity when decorating your boxes. It also is part of extending our life experiences and creating an awareness of those less fortunate than us. Moreover it reinforces the value of giving. Please approach your child's class teacher for a label, should you be willing to participate in this noble venture.

| THEMES FOR WEEK ENDING 29 SEPTEMBER 2017 | |
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| THEME | Insects  |
| PERCEPTION | Revision of colours |
| EVENT | |

| REMINDERS |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baker's Day every Friday, please check with your child's class teacher. • Box of tissues each term • 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 and coughing please keep them at home as they will have a miserable day at school and infect others. Please notify Denise in case of absenteeism. |

- 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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