



Dear Parents,

### **WELCOME**

Welcome back to the start of our Trinity Term.

One of our sessions at Staff Training on Tuesday was presented by Stanley Bongwe, author of the book '100 Lessons in DIVERSITY.' The opening chapter of his book quotes lyrics from Rogers and Hammerstein's song "Taught"

*"You've got to be taught to hate and fear  
You've got to be taught from year to year  
You've got to be taught before it's too late  
Before you're six or seven or eight.  
To hate all the people your relatives hate  
You've got to be carefully taught."*

Stanley Bongwe reinforced the concept that people are never born with hatred, prejudice and fear towards others. These are learned attitudes and behaviours – they are learned from our immediate social circles, especially during our formative years. As parents and teachers we must bear in mind that we have the power to influence young minds. If we can teach hatred and fear and sustain them for generations, it also means we have the capability to teach love, tolerance and respect, as successfully. We need to teach carefully and wisely, for what we teach today could characterise the world we live in tomorrow. These powerful words need to remain in our conscience in these difficult political, social and economic times to ensure South Africa has a future.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Kean Waterston became a big brother to his new baby sister, Amy, in the April school holidays. Congratulations to Karen and Lawrence, we wish you many blessings in the years ahead.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

This week I challenged the JP boys to be Lost Property Heroes. During the winter months the amount of lost property tends to double as they peel off layers when the day warms up. Please could I ask that you assist in this matter by ensuring that **all** items of clothing and school equipment are very clearly marked. Please do not initial the items, but write your child's name and surname before he brings the items to school.

### **BOOK SALES**

On Tuesday, 9 and Wednesday, 10 May the Book People will be selling books in the Boys JP Hall from 7:30 to 15:00. Please do support if possible.

Part of the Diepsloot Combined Schools initiative at the JP this year is to host a "Books and Balls" morning for Mandela Day. We are hoping to donate a book and tennis ball to each child in Grade 0 and 1, on 25 July. The book sale provides a super opportunity to purchase a book for this initiative at a reasonable cost.

### **HOOKED ON BOOKS**

To coincide with Music, Art, Drama and Dance (MADD) week in the Senior Prep, the Hooked on Books production has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, 9 May** instead of 26 May as indicated on the term calendar.

### **PARENT COFFEE MORNING – ANXIETY IN CHILDREN**

"In the Know" will be hosting a coffee morning on Anxiety in Children, on **Thursday, 11 May** from **7:30-9:00** in the Boys JP Hall. Worldwide the increase in anxiety in children is reaching frightening numbers, with South African children displaying more than average symptoms. This workshop will assist parents to identify and cope with anxiety in their children and promises to be most beneficial.

***DIEPSLOOT COMBINED SCHOOL***

No lessons will be taught at DCS this week, but a final prep session will be held on Tuesday, 9 May, behind the boat, from 7:30. Please do join us for a cup of coffee and to assist during the morning.

***GOLDEN MOMENT***

Our Grade 1 boys have taken their role of Lost Property Heroes very seriously. So much so that a few Grade 3 boys were using their shoes to mark soccer goals and halfway through the game all four shoes and socks had disappeared. Our boys had brought them to my office as lost property they had found on the field. One young man told me, with a shocked expression, did I know that not one shoe or sock had a name! The poor Grade 3 boys spent a good deal of the afternoon searching for these items.

Enjoy the weekend.

Warm regards,

**Kenda Melvill-Smith**

***FORTHCOMING EVENTS***

<b>Monday 08 May</b> Finishing times: 13:00 Grade 0 13:30 Grade 1 13:45 Grade 2
<b>Tuesday 09 May</b> 7:30 DCS prep session 7:30-15:00 Book Sales: JP Hall Hooked on Books Finishing times: 13:00 Grade 0 13:30 Grade 1 13:45 Grade 2
<b>Wednesday 10 May</b> 8:00 Chapel (birthday cards 1-14 May) 7:30-15:00 Book Sales: JP Hall 12:00-12:20 Grade 2 Choir <b>OR</b> 13:00-13:30 Grade 2 Choir Finishing times: 12:45 Grade 0 13:00 Grade 1 & 2
<b>Thursday 11 May</b> 7:30-9:00 Coffee Morning "Anxiety in Children" Boys JP Hall Finishing times: 13:00 Grade 0 13:30 Grade 1 13:45 Grade 2
<b>Friday 12 May</b> HOT DOG DAY: cost R25-00 Finishing times: 12:45 Grade 0 13:00 Grade 1 & 2
<b>Saturday 13 May</b> Grade 0, 2018 screening
<b>Sunday 14 May</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>

**SCHOOL SHOE COLLECTION FOR DIEPSLOOT COMBINED AND SEFIKENG PRIMARY**

We have permanent collection points for outgrown school shoes and takkies at the Boys Senior Prep and Junior Prep Reception areas.

Thank you for your support to date, we have delivered many pairs to our community schools.

**Monica Sloane** (Community Partnership and Foundation Manager)



**CARTRIDGE COLLECTION ON HOT DOG DAY - R25 FRIDAY, 12 MAY**

Please remember to bring in your ink cartridges. There will be a collection point (big green and white cardboard boxes) in the Chapel car park throughout the day for empty ink cartridges. There are permanent collection points at both the Girls Senior and Junior Prep, and Boys Junior Prep reception areas.

Thank you for your continuing support this year! All proceeds support our initiatives at Diepsloot Combined School and Sefikeng Primary.

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**R25**

**ST PETER'S**  
AUTUMN *Carnival* 27 May 2017

**RUN A STALL...**

Here's what you need to know

- ❖ Stalls are on a ticket system, so no need to handle the cash
- ❖ Prizes will be collected centrally, so you won't be responsible for sourcing your own prizes
- ❖ If your stall incurs any costs, these can be claimed back from Carnival expenses, not your own pockets
- ❖ Carnival bunting and tablecloths will be provided
- ❖ Call on your friends to help with setting up and running the stall!

<p><b>Booked Stalls:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tombola</li> <li>Nail 'Salon'</li> <li>Cupcake Decorating</li> <li>Potty Toss</li> <li>Nerf Gun Shooting</li> <li>Lawn Darts</li> <li>High Striker Strongman Hammer</li> <li>Guess the Weight of the cake</li> <li>.... and of course... the ever popular Inflatable Rockets, Rides and Slides</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ideas for Stalls:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pin The Donkey</li> <li>Wet Sponge Throwing</li> <li>Toss The Hoop</li> <li>Face Painting</li> <li>Go Fishing</li> <li>Boat Races</li> <li>Shoot the Hoop</li> <li>Sandpit Treasure Dig</li> <li>Get those creative ideas flowing!!</li> </ul>	<p><b>Details:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date: Sat, 27 May</li> <li>Setup: 10:00 – 12:00</li> <li>Carnival Time: 12:00 – 17:00</li> <li>Cleanup: 17:00 – 18:00</li> </ul> <p><b>Provided:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tables and chairs</li> <li>Some décor</li> </ul>
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**WORK AT A STALL...**

We will need plenty of hands on deck to help on the day. Offer to help at a stall on a shift basis of an hour or more. Or gather some friends together and work the shift as a group of 2-4 people. It will be great fun, and your kids will love it!

**HELP OUT WITH PRIZES...**

- ❖ Have a look around your home for something new to donate ... small or large
- ❖ Chat to your employer to see if they have any corporate goodies to donate
- ❖ Ask companies to sponsor a prize

<p><b>Sponsored Prizes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinner voucher</li> <li>Salon voucher</li> <li>Electronics</li> <li>Weekend Away</li> <li>Bounce Voucher</li> <li>Laser Tag Voucher</li> </ul>	<p><b>Corporate Prizes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company cap</li> <li>Branded stationery</li> <li>Branded t-shirts</li> <li>Branded mug</li> </ul>	<p><b>Something Small</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sweets</li> <li>Mini Plastic animals</li> <li>Marbles/Lego pieces</li> <li>Hair clips &amp; scrunchies</li> <li>Cookie ingredients and recipe</li> <li>Slime/ Playdough</li> <li>Stationery/Stickers</li> <li>Temporary tattoo</li> </ul>
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If you would like to join in on the carnival fun,  
please email the committee on  
[stpeterscarnival@webmail.co.za](mailto:stpeterscarnival@webmail.co.za)