

# St Paulus Pre-Primary and Primary School

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Dear Parents

## REAL LIFE 4 KIDS

Our Grade 7s have had an amazing “real life” experience with their Real Life 4 Kids project where each of the classes has built its own miniature, self-sustainable, village, involving buying and selling, earning, paying fines and making a profit, while gaining skills in interaction, building and construction, and negotiations. Well done to the pupils and their teachers!



Today the Grade 7s were treated to a concluding ceremony where the winners in different categories were announced. We also treated the pupils to a “Real Life 4 Kids Party,” complete with balloons, cup-cakes, sweet packs and liquid refreshments, followed by fun activities which included Music Quizzes and a Karaoke & Dance Competition.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THE “FUN-FACTOR” IN THE MIX

- Our Grade 4s were visited by the “Mobile Zoo” on 28 May. The “inting” was thoroughly enjoyed and our pupils were given the opportunity to interact with the animals.



- PLANET-FUN DAY - on 22 June the Intersen Phase is being visited by the “Mobile Planetarium” and all grades will be attending a presentation. For the rest of the school day, the pupils will be engaged in planet-related, fun, educational, activities.

- PJ and Hot Chocolate Day – 23 June



Our pupils (and their teachers) are invited to pay R5 and wear warm pyjamas, gowns and slippers to school. As part of their fundraising efforts, the Grade 7s will also be selling hot chocolate. This will be prepared under strict supervision and will be dispensed in accordance with pandemic protocols. Children should bring their own – medium-sized – mugs from home. They are invited to pay R5 and enjoy a mug of hot chocolate.

## BRING A WARM BEANIE TO KEEP SMALL HEADS WARM THIS WINTER

The response to our Beanie Drive has been overwhelming. Congratulations and thank you to all in our community – parents and grandparents, teachers and pupils, who kept those needles flying to knit warm beanies, and to all who donated beanies. We are so proud that we have been able to donate 550 beanies to the Ransom Foundation, to help them to reach their target of 1 000 beanies to be distributed in and around Pretoria, where the need for warm clothing to shield little people from the cold this Winter, is most dire.



## HELP US TO KEEP THE PANDEMIC AT BAY

With numbers rising rapidly, we all need to work pro-actively and collectively to keep our children safe and well. We are committed to keeping the school open and safe, to provide consistency for our children for whom pandemic restrictions and the threat of illness within the family-unit is frightening, and for some, traumatic. We work tirelessly to ensure that our children are under supervision and that all protocols are in place 24/7.

Please assist us by keeping your children at home if you present with symptoms, or if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. Thank you to all our parents who have acted responsibly in this regard. Please let us know if your children are being kept home to self-isolate. We shall help you as much as possible and we shall make every endeavour to help children online as well as scheduling catch-up sessions for children when they return.

We are operating within a pandemic in the midst of the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave and our commitment as adults is to our children – to give them un-interrupted educational opportunities – in a safe, happy school space. This is a collective effort so I thank each and every person who assists in keeping the school open as we take it a day at a time. We are also in readiness to go online if it becomes necessary, as the safety and wellbeing of our children are our priorities.



### STAFF NEWS

Ms Lerato Mnisi, one of our Grade R teachers, left us at the end of May.

We wish her every blessing for the future.

Ms Mariné Snyman will be leaving us at the end of July to take up a position at Prospectus Novus, an LSEN School, with effect from 1 August.

We wish her every blessing for the future and for this new venture.

### CONDOLENCES

Mr Joseph Baloyi, our specialist Chess Coach, lost his mother recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr Baloyi and his family in this time of loss.



***May you have a warm, safe weekend, doing something special with your children.***