



NEWSFLASH

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Official Opening of the Pool Arena

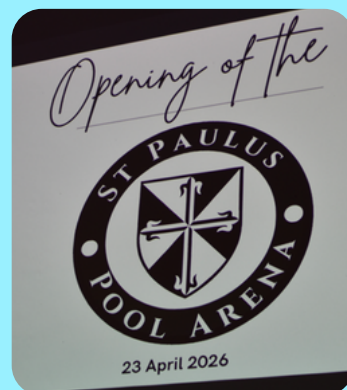
On 24 April, we proudly celebrated the official opening of our Pool Arena, welcoming parents to share in what was truly a memorable evening — even with a little rain adding to the occasion.



We were honoured to host our guest speakers, Kaylene Corbett and Erin Gallagher. Both athletes have represented South Africa at the Tokyo 2021 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games, have recently qualified for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this July, and are currently training towards their third Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028.

Thank you to all our parents who joined us for this special celebration. The Pool Arena is now officially blessed and open — the realisation of a journey that, at times, felt long, but has culminated in something truly remarkable.

May this facility serve our children for many years to come, and may we never lose sight of how fortunate we are as a School to have access to such an exceptional space.



Raising Children Together: Are We Accidentally Creating Entitlement?

As parents, we all mean well. We want things to be easier for our children, we want them to feel good about themselves, and sometimes... we just want to get through the day without a battle.

But in those everyday moments, small patterns can start to form.

How it can happen:

1. **Not enforcing boundaries**

"It's fine, you can watch one more show."

Over time, the message becomes: *rules don't really apply to me.*

2. **Overpraising ordinary things**

"You finished your homework! You are the smartest!"

The message: *I should be praised for everything I do.*

3. **Giving in to demands**

"Fine, you can have an ice-cream, just stop whining."

The message: *if I push hard enough, I'll get what I want.*

4. **Solving all their problems**

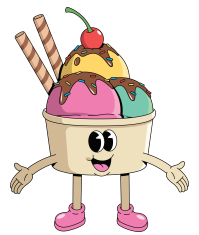
"I'll talk to your teacher and sort it out."

The message: *someone else will fix things for me.*

5. **Comparing to others**

"You are so much smarter than the other children."

The message: *I am better than others, and should be treated that way.*



Small shifts that make a big difference:

1. **Praise effort, not everything**

"I am proud of how hard you have worked this term."

2. **Set and hold clear boundaries**

"Bedtime is 8pm — and we are sticking to it."

3. **Limit material rewards**

"Let's celebrate this without buying anything."

4. **Teach accountability**

"You need to speak to your teacher and take responsibility."

5. **Avoid comparisons**

"Everyone has their own strengths and challenges."



There is no perfect way to parent. But small, consistent choices shape how our children see the world — and their place in it.

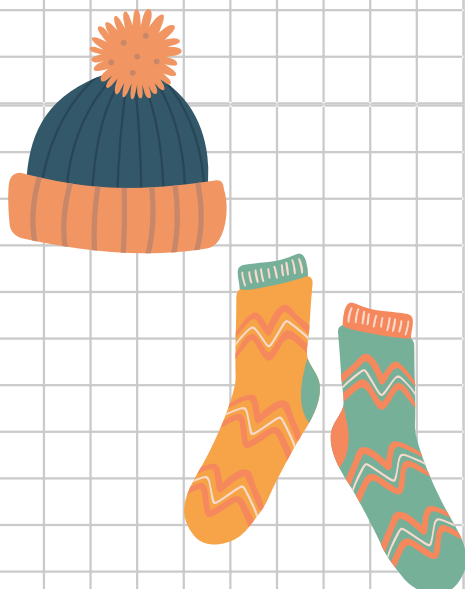
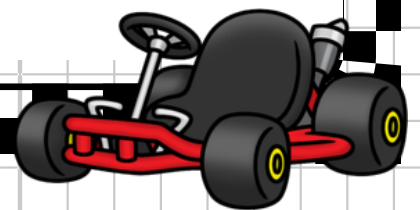
Kaskar Tournament

A reminder that the Annual Kaskar Tournament will take place on Saturday, 16 May. This year the tournament will not be followed by the Potjiekos Competition. The PTA will be moving the Potjiekos Competition to a separate date reserved solely for the enjoyment and appreciation of this event.

Here are some important arrangements for the day:

- Children to be lined up in the Quad no later than 07:30 and must come dressed in house shirts, black STP shorts and tekkies (does not need to be white tekkies).
- The Kaskar Tournament will run until 11:00 and is a compulsory school day for Grade 00 – 7.
- We invite all of our parents to join us for a morning of fun and good food – provided by our PTA.
- Parking will be available inside the school on the Siena Field. Please take into account the delay that this parking will cause when ensuring your child arrives on time for Lines.

For safety reasons, on the day we would like to go as 'cashless' as possible. When buying your STP Dollars we ask that you do so by paying by card.



Term 2 Charity Drive – A Nice Pair of Warm Socks or a Beanie

As the winter chills are approaching, we ask that each child donates one pair of NEW warm socks or a NEW Beanie, to help keep those who may not be as fortunate as them warm during the winter months. Our Almsgiving drive will run until Wednesday, 24 June.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that all children must be in full winter uniform by Monday, 11 May. A full school tracksuit is part of the compulsory school uniform for PT days and sporting events. A reminder to clearly mark all clothing items with your child's name so that lost property can be reunited with their loved ones.



Application for siblings in 2027

If you will be bringing your little one to St Paulus (for the first time) for Grade 00 – 1 in 2027, please can we ask that you complete the application form on the school's website and contact our admissions secretary, Mrs Fincham (admissions@stpaulus.co.za). Although we prioritise siblings, we would like to finalise the space available for applications for outside of the school, and those on our waiting lists.



Recycling Results

Congratulations to our winners:

Foundation Phase:	1V
Intersen Phase:	4S
Winning House:	Dominicus



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Fixtures

11 May:

Soccer Cup Match vs Crawford at Crawford U11B and U13B

13 May

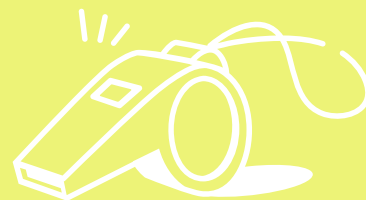
Soccer matches vs Cornwall Hill College at Cornwall Hill U10A – U13A

Soccer matches vs XPS Primary School at STP U10B – U13B

Netball matches have been cancelled due to the opposition not being able to field teams.

15 May:

Tygervalley Night Festival Netball U10 and U11 Girls



Sport Uniform and Behaviour



We ask for your support in ensuring that our children look neat and presentable when representing the school at fixtures and festivals.

For all the away winter fixtures and festivals moving forward, all children are required to leave school and arrive dressed in their full school tracksuit with white tekkies. The necessary sport kit should be worn underneath the tracksuit. Please note that Crocs and slides are not permitted before or after matches, and only the blue STP long socks are to be worn for soccer and hockey.

As representatives of the school, we would like our children to take pride in both their appearance and behaviour at all times. Please note that children who are not dressed correctly will unfortunately not be permitted to play on the day.

Thank you for your continued support.



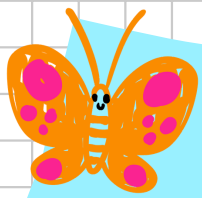
"The way a team plays as a whole, determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, they won't find that success" – Babe Ruth



IMPORTANT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS



Buses will depart St Paulus at **13:45** to various venues. We are scheduled to be back at school at **17:00**. If for any reason there is a delay, or we are to return early, a message will be sent out to the relevant parties. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



THE PLAYFUL TIMES



We learnt all about our beautiful country, South Africa and celebrated our beautiful heritage with our first “BIG” event for the term... our annual Pap-en-Worsdag! We filled our bellies with some delicious, warm food and were even allowed to eat with our hands!

YUM!



“May we learn to say “thank you” to God and to one another. We teach children to do it, and then forget to do it ourselves”. – Pope Francis