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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS...

By Mrs Painter, Head of School.

I can't believe we are at the end of another term. It has been a busy term with so much positive energy in our school. Something that comes to my attention all the time is how happy all the children are every day. Whenever I visit classrooms, children are enjoying their lessons and always have a smile on their faces. I have been most impressed this term with the effort the children have put into their academics. I have seen a major improvement in their marks and genuinely believe they are giving their 100% in all areas of their schoolwork and sport.

We had a lovely surprise visit from Miss Casey Bush on our pyjama day, who helped with teaching the Grade 1 class during covid. She so generously brought the Junior Primary children a great big Easter Egg for each of them.

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This was all donated from a Big Easter Egg drive she was part of in Stellenbosch. All the children were so excited to see her!

One of the highlights for the Grade 7's was the Careers Day that their teacher, Miss Blunden organised. We had people from various professions such as a Medical Doctor, Farm Manager, Professional Hunter, Game Ranger, Forensic Pathologist, and a Policeman. Thank you to all the visitors for giving a talk on their professions.

It is that time of the year where we start receiving new applications for 2023. We have already received many applications which is so exciting for us. We are all so dedicated to growing our great school and I ask parents to please refer any parents you know who have children that we can get to enrol at Kat Valley Prep in 2023. A great way of marketing our school is by word of mouth! I also encourage parents who have primary school children that are not at our school, to please consider enrolling them here next year.

I would like to welcome Mrs Sasha Groep, who has specialised in teaching languages English and Afrikaans. She has been appointed as the Afrikaans Teacher for Grade 4-7.

Thank you to Riverside Farms for donating our Soccer/Hockey goals. We are excited to now be able to have proper hockey and soccer matches. I have been amazed at how quickly the children have learnt to play hockey. Our inter-house hockey/sports day was a great success and so much fun. I would like to say a special thanks to Mr Stretton-Bell and Miss Bell for introducing hockey to our school. They are both STAR HOCKEY COACHES.

Lastly, I would like to say a special word of thanks to our dedicated Teachers. Seeing what they put in all through the term makes me super proud of the team we have here. They genuinely have an interest in every child's success and for them to reach their full potential. It means so much to me when I get positive feedback from parents, as it is always great to give this positive feedback to our teachers.

I wish all our learners a lovely holiday and we look forward to welcoming them all back next term.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sam Painter
Head of school

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Pictured Above:
Zipho & Nina with their gifted
Easter Eggs on Pyjama Day!



Pictured Above:
Onika, Solule & Nikita showing off
their Lemon Tree they planted for
Mandela Day.



Pictured Above:
Azahlume & Chubbs coming in 3rd
for team Star Ruby for one of their
races on Inter-house Sports Day.

TEACHERS NEWS - JUNIOR PRIMARY

By Aunty Thabi, Miss Bell, and Miss Weitz

Grade R:

It has been a great term for the Grade R learners. They are enjoying the theme 'Books' and discovering new things. We have covered the following themes: Caring for our World, Trees and Wood, Winter Clothes and Farm Animals. They all enjoyed making beautiful pieces of art based on their theme books. We also had a naartjie peeling competition which they all enjoyed taking part of.

Grade 1:

The second half of this term for the Grade 1s has been jam-packed. At the start of the term I brought my family dog, Tikka, to school for the week. The learners found it terribly exciting and it was most fun for them to interact with her. For Mandela Day we took time to plant a beautiful lemon tree for the school and spoke about the importance of trees and the environment which the learners enjoyed very much. Overall the Grade 1s have worked hard this term and I am proud of how far they have come. I look forward to having them again next term.

Grade 2 & 3:

We have had a very busy second half of term, from learning new skills for all our subjects to a multitude of subjects. The Grade 3 learners have now begun to write in cursive and have done an excellent job for their first attempts. The Grade 2 learners have been learning their clocks (to tell time) and have shown tremendous improvement as the term progressed. As a class we decided, due to our theme being about bees, to hold our very own spelling bee competition. Each learner enjoyed it very much and it was a resounding success. To my learners: thank you all for your good discipline in our class and for working so hard; I am proud of each and every one of you. See you all next term.



Pictured Above:
Lulamile and his class on his birthday!



Pictured Above:
Miso, Luniko & Aya on Pyjama Day with their easter eggs.



Pictured Above:
Jamal, Lugcobo & Lulonke from Pre-Primary smiling for the camera



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TEACHERS NEWS - SENIOR PRIMARY

By Miss Landu, Mr Stretton-Bell, & Miss Blunden

Grade 4 & 5:

The Grade 4 & 5 classes kicked off the second part of term learning about ancient Egypt and its wonderful, dynastic history. We had fun writing and interpreting hieroglyphics and even came up with our own pictorial alphabet system. In Science we have been learning about mixtures and combining materials which culminated with a much loved activity involving us making jelly. A good end to the term and I am excited to see you all back next term.

Grade 6:

The second half of this term has been very busy for the Grade 6s. We have recently finished off units in both NS and SS and we are now moving onto topics of electrical circuits and demographics respectively. The learners seem particularly excited to begin experiments and practical tasks creating basic electrical circuits next term. Our projects on the Kat River ecosystem, while not completed, are still underway and will hopefully be concluded in the first week next term. The learners celebrated Mandela Day by gifting a pair of fruit trees to the school which they planted this week. All in all we have had a very constructive term and I am pleased with the overall academic results the learners have achieved this term as I feel that many of the learners are starting to achieve more consistent results across the board. With a well-deserved break ahead I am sure that all are looking forward for the final term as we continue to build from strength to strength.

Grade 7:

This half of term was quite full of excitement for the Grade 7s. During the first two weeks they planned and hosted the Grade 7 Market Day. Lots of planning and preparation went into creating each and every stall including various colourful outfits, decorated posters and tables. Treats and goodies were sold at each stall as part of an EMS project teaching the learners some of the basic aspects of running a business. Next was Careers day: People from various professions in and around Fort Beaufort spoke to the learners about the ins and outs of their particular careers. We had an exceptionally wide variety of professions ranging from a Farm Manager to a Policeman. The learners had a wonderful time learning about the wide variety of careers there are in the world. Looking forward to seeing you next term.



Pictured Above:
Rhanesha, Gift & Lithemba
standing by their stalls for Market
Day



Pictured Above:
A forensic Pathologist showing the
Grade 7s the ins & outs of her day-
to-day for Careers Day

REMINDER

- School opens on Wednesday
31st August.
- Our website is now live! Check
us out on
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SPORT

By Mr Stretton-Bell

The second half of term saw us organize a variety of fixtures for both rugby and hockey with Yellowwoods. While the junior fixtures were unfortunately canceled, the seniors took to the task spiritedly and we saw great success in the girls netball match, the u11 boys had a very close defeat as well, losing by only 4 points. The school also hosted an inter-house sports competition this term which saw a series of inter-house matches as well as races which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in the events. In other news our chess ladder seems to have stabilized into a rather rigid order and I am confident that our top learners are ready to undertake a few matches in nearby towns in the coming term. I am sure that many of the learners are more than eager for the opportunity. We will continue with our winter sports programme over the first few weeks of next term and are currently in talks with Yellowwoods to create combined fifteen-a-side teams to take on some of the bigger schools in the region.



Pictured Above:
Selo & Elihle competing in the Egg-and-Spoon race for Inter-house Sports Day.



Pictured Above:
Teams Star Ruby & Clementine competing in the Inter-house Sport Sack Race



Pictured Above:
Enzo & Sisema competing in the 3-legged race for Inter-house Sports Day.



Pictured Above:
Nipho, Rori & Nathi placing 2nd, 1st & 3rd for Inter-house Sports Day

**STAY SAFE AND HAVE A
LOVELY HOLIDAY!**