



NEWSLETTER

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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS...

It has been a pleasure walking around the school grounds, seeing how all the children have settled in the new year, working hard and making new friends on the playground. Grade 1 & Grade 4 is always a big jump for our children, and we are blessed to have caring, dedicated teachers to make this transition an easy one.

At the beginning of the month we had a Reptile Adventure Day where the children were given a presentation on a variety of snakes and reptiles, and they even got to stroke a snake. Very brave of them!



We are very excited to have started Mini Cricket, coached by our Grade 6 Teacher, Mr Stretton-Bell, and Mr Painter. After Half-Term we are confident our team will be ready to play Mini-Cricket matches against our Local Private Schools. We are very privileged to have been able to purchase new cricket equipment for our pupils. Our coaches have been most impressed with some of the girls who have a natural flare for the game, and we can't wait to see them grow and improve.

It has been amazing to watch and see the Pre-Primary children have their swimming lessons, and how confident they have become in the water; learning to float, & put their heads under the water.

We are very excited to be launching our new website in the next couple of weeks, and we hope this will draw in more pupils.

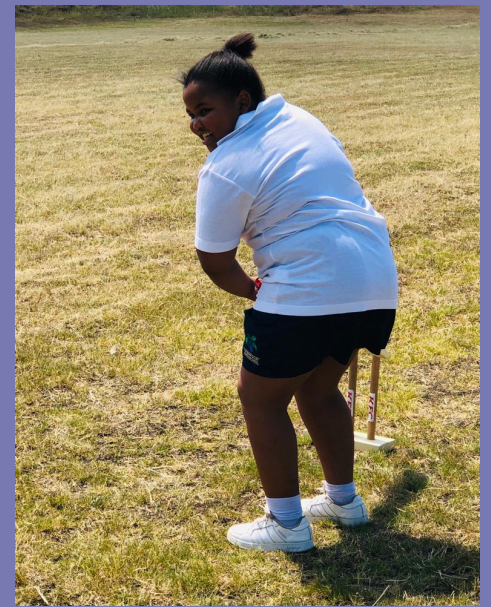
We wish you all a peaceful and relaxed Half-Term

Warm Regards,
Mrs Painter

KELLER EDUCATION

We are very excited to have joined the Keller Education Staff Development Program. To ensure your children have the best learning experience, all our staff have been dedicated to participating in staff training and on-going professional development through Keller Education. We have workshops and training once a month throughout the year, and we are confident that with the support of Keller Education, we will see a huge positive growth in our Children and Teachers.

Pictured Right:
Girls bathroom got
a new facelift!



IMPORTANT DATES

1 March: School Opens

4 March: World Book Day (& Dress Up)

15 - 16 March: Parent-Teacher Meetings

21 March: Human Rights Day (Public Holiday)



Pictured Above:
Likuye very excited about getting
to choose a sticker from Miss
Wilson



Pictured Above:
Nina (left), Mikhulu (middle), and Mia (right), wearing their new school caps to protect their skin while they are out playing in the sun.

DID YOU KNOW?

We now have CCTV cameras installed all over our campus (classrooms and playground).



Pictured Above:
Buhle (left), and Aviwe (right) smiling & looking proud in their uniform.

TEACHERS NEWS - JUNIOR PRIMARY

By Aunty Thabi, Miss Bell, and Miss Hart

The Pre Grade R and Grade R's have been learning about My Family, Day and Night, and Water Animals as their current themes. Through this, learners had an opportunity to create beautiful pieces of art which they thoroughly enjoyed. This assisted them in learning how to grip a paintbrush, and cut with scissors in order to develop their fine motor skills.

The Grade 1's have had a great start to their term, they have been learning about bugs as their current theme. My learners have gone on bug hunts where they identify different bugs around the school and made beautiful artwork of metamorphosis. We have been working hard and have started reading which has been challenging but they are all progressing slowly and loving the reading process.

In Grade 2 and 3 we have been very busy learning all about pirates and how they lived long ago. Practicing our times and divide tables has been challenging, but we're getting quite good. We have also been working on our neat handwriting and creating good sentences.

TEACHERS NEWS - SENIOR PHASE

By Mr. Stretton-Bell

The 2022 year at Kat River has gotten off to a great start with such a flourish that it is hard to sum it all up in one message. We do however have a few memorable points to mention which staff and students have been excited about.

A highlight of the last few weeks was the civvies day and Valentines Day celebrations organised by the grade seven class for fundraising which, although we had to celebrate slightly late, has been a resounding success.

In sports we have been practicing cricket in order to set up a few teams to play against some of the other schools such as Yellowwoods which we will commence with shortly after half term. While everyone is keen, the grade four and five class are particularly eager for the challenge and there has been much excitement leading up to the selection of the first team to take them on.

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Academically, the recent disruption of classes due to local transport protests has set us back somewhat but our teachers are working on catching up on the week of missed work as soon as possible in order to get back on track.

The Grade 7 class has been very busy learning about whole numbers, geometry and exponents in mathematics, where Miss Sheard reports that she has seen great improvement all round. The Grade 7's have also been busy conducting science experiments about the biosphere and seeds to great success. In art they have been making textured cubes, paper maché money boxes and valentines cards.

The Grade 6's have also been very enthusiastic about their art and also designed valentines cards, but a highlight of the term so far was our mask making project using paper maché and balloons. In science they have been focussing on food and diets and will soon be conducting a series of experiments about food processing. In mathematics we have had a heavy focus on fractions which started off somewhat shaky but Mr. Stretton-Bell reports that the learners have shown great tenacity and improvement in this field over the last few weeks.

Miss Landu reports that the Grade 4's and 5's celebrated Valentine's Day by making gift boxes. They have also been practising addition and subtraction through the use of innovative mosaics which the learners have been very enthusiastic about.

All in all it has been a very busy few weeks and staff and students alike are eager to keep up the momentum as soon as we return from the upcoming half-term break.

