



ST GEORGE'S
PRE-PRIMARY



Dear Parents

There is great excitement at the Pre- Primary as Easter draws closer because we have our very OWN Easter bunny (or should I say bunnies!) in our garden! The children are eagerly anticipating finding an Easter egg from the bunnies at our Easter Parade.

It has been so incredibly rewarding for all of us Pre-Primary staff witnessing how easily and happily your children have settled and transitioned into their new class, and in some cases, settling into a brand new school. For me, it is such a privilege for us to be involved and instrumental in this very crucial stage of your children's life. We are also very grateful to you, the Parents, for your enthusiasm and constant support in helping us to ensure they have a very happy, fun filled day at school.

Our Pre-Primary is truly a place of nurturing, love and care and your children inspire us daily in all aspects of teaching and learning.

The 1st term has been a special time of getting to know each other's families better, a lot of learning through play, discovery and exploration and next term promises to be just as awesome.

We are always very excited when we get to celebrate the birth of our children's siblings. A huge congratulations to the Oakes family on the birth of their precious daughter, Stella-Grace and the Walker family on the birth of Elon. We look forward to having them join us in Grade 000 in a few years!

I hope you all have a very Blessed Easter with your families and that your holiday spent with your children is a very special one.

Shareen Combe
Head: Pre-Primary

TERM 2 - IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

21/22/04	Fri/Sat		Founder's Weekend
25/04	Tue	17h00 – 18h00	PP Parent's Social Evening
27/04	Thur		Freedom Day
28/04	Fri		School Holiday
01/05	Mon		Worker's Day
04/05	Thurs		Group Photos
06/05	Sat	09h00 – 11h00	PP Paint & Play
12/05	Fri	10h00 – 12h30	PP Mother's Day Morning
17/05	Wed	08h30	Gr 00 Bayworld
18/05	Thur	08h30	Gr R Bayworld
15/06	Thur	10h00 – 11h30	PP Father's Day Morning
16/06			Youth Day Holiday
30/06			PP Pyjama Day and Term 2 Ends



Grade 000 News

Our first term has flown by and all the kiddies are settled and are having happy days at school. We enjoy visiting the bunnies and going to the Prep school to do our sport.

We have learnt so much about summer, our senses and our bodies, among other themes.

Our favourite day is Friday when we are allowed to bring a special toy from home. We also get to enjoy Bakerman or Bakerlady.

We are excited for what's to come in term 2!

All our love Mrs Boyers and Miss Pizzo



Grade 00 News

This has been a fun filled, busy term for our Grade 00 children. They have thoroughly enjoyed settling into their new classes and routines.

Fitness Friday's are lots of fun and we all enjoy getting fit together.

We have learnt about some interesting themes this term and a highlight was definitely the Bayworld outing where we learnt about Reptiles. The children also had a tour and got to see all of the Reptiles within Bayworld. The kiddies have so enjoyed bringing an object to school beginning with the sound of the week. We look forward to next terms adventures.

Have a lovely Easter Holiday.

Love Mrs Howe and Miss D



Grade R News for Term 1

The Grade R's had a busy start to the year. Our first theme was Sizzling Summer which we ended off with a beach outing. The children enjoyed sand between their toes and waves splashing their clothes. We also explored and learnt many new facts through our other themes.

Whilst preparing for big school, we introduce the Grade R's to the wonderful world of Jolly Phonics. We are hard at work learning to count and write our numbers.

The Grade R teachers have enjoyed getting to know each child and look forward to another busy term.

Have a lovely Holiday!

Mrs Higgs, Ms Vogel and Ms Long, Ms Grimbeek



FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN TERM 1

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Kerrin Watson-Smith and her amazing PA Team/Class Rep Moms, and to ALL Parents who have so willingly helped to organise and work at our various Fundraising events.

Our Family Fun Evening was a lot of fun. It was a wonderful time spent getting to meet our new families and all getting to know each other better.

As Kerrin is now our representative on the Prep PA, we have more opportunities to raise funds at the various events held at the Prep. We raised more funds at the Camp Out and will also be involved at various events next term.

Thank you again for all your contributions and cooperation towards making these events so successful.



OUTREACH PROJECT

Vistarum Mission station

All of us staff at the Pre-Primary have had interaction with, and visited, the team and families who have been taken in and looked after at Vistarum.

This is an incredible haven for homeless families and to see their needs has been a truly humbling experience. They rely solely on donations and blessings and they are very, very grateful for your generosity and kindness with all you have donated towards this very worthy cause.

We continue supporting them throughout the year and thank you for your blessings. Miss Pizzo and I also visit the children in their crèche every second Friday to drop off your donations and we spend time playing with the children and doing art and baking with them. They treasure this time and it is extremely rewarding.

Shareen Combe

IMPORTANT NOTES

School gates only open at **07h15** and our formal school day begins **promptly at 08h00**. It is very unsettling for the children who arrive late and it is disruptive to the teacher and other learners in the class when children do not arrive on time.

Friday Bakerman – Children are to please bring R2 **every Friday**, there are children who constantly forget to bring their money and this is very unfair to those parents who always remember.

Our 'Hot Dog Day' continues to be a success and will resume on the **2nd Wednesday** of Term 2. A new order list will be sent home for you to pre-order your hot dogs and pay for the term.

Please note that **between 07h00 and 13h00** the parking spaces in front of the Pre-Primary are for staff only.

Please be aware that the aftercare finishes **promptly at 14h00**.

Sadly, we say Goodbye to Aunty Jackie Hayes at the end of this term as she retires from Aftercare. We wish her all the very best and a happy, blessed retirement.

However, we are also excited to announce that our new Aftercare providers will be a company called **'Brainy Bugs'**, with Phoebe and Charlene Wright. They are a committed team with a vision to create a nurturing and stimulating aftercare programme that reinforces the child's learning and social skills. Their aim is to build caring relationships with the children where they feel safe to play, learn and make friends, and a trusting relationship with their busy working parents. The programme will entail stimulating, education-driven activities that connect to the themes that the children are following in class. The hours will be from **14h00-17h30**. They will also be holding **Holiday Clubs** at the Pre-Primary during certain holidays...so watch this space!
Brochures and more information will be available from Mrs Alexandris' office.

All parents to please communicate with the Coaches as to when their child's extramurals will begin. School ball skills and swimming will begin in the second week of the term.

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2017

