



Constantiaberg Pre-Primary NEWSLETTER #3

A note from the Principal's desk...

What a great and busy term it has been. I think the children and the staff are ready for a well-deserved break. It has been great getting to know all of you and I already feel we are gelling like a family should.

A big thank you goes out to our governing body members who have been busy behind the scenes organising the different events this term and making sure our school runs smoothly.

The Events committee headed up by Nicky MacKay did a sterling job organising sports day. It was such fun. Thank you for the many compliments you have passed on to us we really appreciate them. Thank you to the moms who gave up their time to help doing the hairspray, face painting, tattoos, candy floss and popcorn. Thank you too to the dads Andrew, Myron, Brett, and Blessing for the efficient way they set up the lanes and the foresight to get more tape so we didn't run out. You guys made perfect lanes. Well done. Last but not least thank you Etienne for coming to our rescue with your vibey music and awesome speaker.

A few Saturdays back we also held a workshop at school. Well done Tim and Asta for getting so many parents to come along to help. The music was fantastic the camaraderie was great and the work you achieved was wonderful. The children were so excited and proud to see the newly painted equipment. Thanks moms, dads, and grandpa you did a great job.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Small acts of service,
when multiplied
by millions of people,
can transform the world.





Special thanks to Peter Rademan for fixing the pipe on the roof putting the horse back on its stand and coming in last week to fix a cupboard in the Starfish class. You are a star.

You may have noticed that our mosaic wall had to be removed in its entirety. Sadly, the paint was peeling off and the mosaics and leaves were also falling off as a result. We have now re-painted the wall and hope to replace the tree soon. Thank you moms for painstakingly scraping the wall and removing glue from the mosaics so we can use them again.

The little wooden house in the garden has also been transformed on the outside, into a fairy and creature wonderland by Tracy. What an artistic mom. She spent many mornings painting the wooden house and turning it into the beautiful house it now is. Thanks so much Tracy you are amazing.

I would also like to thank the staff for all they did to help make the workshop a great success.

We ended off the term with some outreach when the children visited Anchusa and Bergridge (our neighbouring retirement homes) to sing some Easter songs and give out Easter eggs to the elderly. They also had a blast on Messy Day and will enjoy an Easter egg hunt (shhhhhh) on break-up day. And now it is time for a holiday!

School reopens on the 12th April.

I hope you all have a fabulous holiday and a blessed Easter. Travel safely if you are going away.

- Josette

AFTERCARE

Aftercare got off to a great start this year with the numbers being filled almost immediately. The children have settled in well and are really enjoying their afternoons in our lovely playground. New friendships are being formed and they enjoy using their imagination making up new games.

- Dot Steyn

MAINTENANCE

The first planned work party for the year occurred on the 11th of March. A massive thanks again to all the parents who gave their time and elbow grease. We completed the painting of several pieces of equipment and upgrades to some of the favourite wooden horses and go-carts are currently in progress. We will certainly be arranging several more of these workshops over the course of the year as often a coat of paint only lasts so long with our lovely kiddies :) A big thanks to Claudia (surname unknown) for kindly offering to transport and collect our newly repaired push bikes which needed a little TLC.

The biggest item which is going to in the near future is the replacement of our school's roof. We are currently working through the quotations received as this is a substantial capital outlay and our plan is to have this completed before the winter rains arrive. Other items that will be undertaken this year are the installation of a UPS as well as the much-needed re-surfacing of the bike track which are also set to take place in the next couple of weeks. Very exciting times indeed for our wonderful school!

- Tim Scholtz



PARENT CONVENOR

Just a quick note from me to thank you all for your valued contributions to our school life this term. We had a great response each time we needed help with so many of you signing up to help at different committees, helping out with school maintenance, coming together to make events run smoothly and helping with all other requests for help that we have sent out. So thank you all very much for that! Enjoy your holidays and I'm looking forward to a fun filled 2nd term ahead.

- Asta Ashley

EVENTS

Term 1 has been filled with lots of fun and excitement! A huge thank you to the events committee as well as all the other parents that have offered up their time to assist in making this terms events a huge success! Cupids arrow spread a little love around the school and we took the cutest photos! Sports day was a huge success where not only did our children have an absolute ball, parents, siblings, grandparents and friends all joined in on the festivities! Messy Day this week is an all time favourite! Sun, mess and lots of fun! We can all look forward to exciting events in Term 2! We get to celebrate all those special moms and dads on Mothers day and Father's day and the parents even get a night off thanks to our wonderful teachers.

- Nicky MacKay

MARKETING

A big thank you to all the parents for bringing in Easter eggs for our outreach to Anchusa and Bergridge. We had so many eggs that we shared our collection with IThemba Primary School for their easter egg hunt.

We hope you are enjoying our new and improved Newsletter. Stay tuned for some more exciting initiatives taking place next term!

- Kathryn Bilski



IMPORTANT DATES

- 12 April – Start of 2nd Term
- 14 April – Grade R applications close
- 26 April – Penguin and Starfish Outing
- 27 April – Holiday
- 28 April – Holiday
- 28 April – Carly's birthday
- 1 May – Holiday
- 5 May – Slipper Day
- 9 May – Tanille's birthday
- 12 May – Mothers day celebrations
- 17 May – Daphne's birthday
- 18 May – Ascension Day (school will be closed)
- 30 May – Parent Talk
- 7 June – Hazel's birthday
- 9 June – Fathers day celebrations
- 12 – 15 June – Report feedback week
- 16 June – Holiday
- 22 June – End of 2nd Term

THINGS TO TAKE NOTE OF

- Please put your name on the guinea pig roster if you can take them home for a visit during the week or over the weekend.
- Please label all clothing your children wear and bring to school.
- Please be on time for your class at the beginning of the day.
- Please discourage dress-up clothes unless it is dress-up day. Dress-up clothing is often not comfortable. It also causes problems among the other children at school and also causes behavioural changes in the games that are played.
- Remember we do not like sugary snacks, fizzy drinks, or flavoured water and treats in lunch boxes. Encourage healthy eating. It helps your child focus much better and keeps them healthy.
- Check your child's spare bag for appropriate clothing for colder weather and for the correct sizing. You won't believe how they have grown.
- I am very proud of the number of parents who are doing the stop and drop in the mornings. I hope many more of you will join in soon.

PHOTOGRAPHS

You will be getting an email from Debbie Hadley (the photographer) by the end of the week to order your child's school photos. Please keep an eye out for it.





Playful Penguins

What a fantastic term we have had! Full of fun, play, outings, sports day, messy day, and some learning in between. We had a wonderful visit to the library. The children loved the walk through the field, chatting the whole way there. We also visited Bergridge Park where we sand for the grannies and grandads and handed out easter eggs. Sports day was a huge success and I am immensely proud of my Penguins for doing so well. I am looking forward to creating more memories next term. Enjoy the holidays.

Sociable Starfish

What a fabulous term it has been! The Starfish class is always abuzz with music, laughter, fun, creativity, and imaginary play. We delight in the hilarious stories told by each child. Some of our highlights so far, have been going on an outing to the Library, Sports Day, and Messy Day. It is truly remarkable to see how each child has grown. They are becoming more independent and confident as the days go by. They are kind and caring friends and enjoy making each other laugh. They put so much effort into their work and as a result, their work is incredible! We relish in all the creative activities, especially messy play, and look forward to the morning rings where we get to cognitively engage in learning. Playtime is truly a class favourite as the children get to play with their dearest friends and create happy memories. It is amazing to see how far they have come and blossomed in the first three months. We have all thoroughly enjoyed each and every minute of school this term and cannot wait for next term so we can continue to see your children go from strength to strength.



Terrific Turtles

Dr Ben Botha and his dog, Amelia, came to teach us how to take care of our pets and allowed us to learn about his role as a vet. We also had a visit from Roland Baasch and Benson who showed us how to train a dog. Well done Benson, we enjoyed the clever tricks. Thank you to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to teach us some real-world skills.



Dynamic Dolphins

The Dolphins and Turtles enjoyed an outing to Glencairn Tidal pool. Conditions were perfect for a morning of exploring and enjoying our beautiful coastline. We were fortunate to see a pod of dolphins, an octopus, a crab, and many starfish. The rock pools were filled with interesting creatures and the tidal pool provided a wonderful spot for the children to swim and splash.

Wise Whales

The Whales enjoyed a fun and fact-filled outing to Intaka Island. We went scouting for birds on a nature walk, examined miniscule water critters under the microscope and enjoyed a boat ride around the canal. Lots was learnt about the importance of protected wetlands such as Intaka Island and we had a fantastic time out in nature!

