



# May Newsletter

Dear Parents

We hope that you had a great start to our Term 3 with lots of activities and catching up.

Unfortunately due to the heavy rains and inconsistent weather patterns we are cancelling our swimming lessons and postponing our swimming gala this term. With June and July round the corner we do not the weather will change.



## SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS - Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

**SAY CHEESE!**



Our School photo days will take place next week over a period of two days - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure that your child/children come to school in their full school uniform during these days. See the order form attached and we will also enclose a copy in your child's diary on Monday. Kindly read through the Order Form and choose a suitable package once you complete the return it to the School Office BEFORE Photo Day. The choice of Photos will range from portraits, sibling, class photos, a beautiful photo book with a collection of image of your child's involvement in various school activities throughout the academic year year class trips, PE, Swimming, art work, school events and much more. Samples are displayed in the school office.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> No Boundaries – Art Show



All our students will be participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> NO boundaries art exhibition, Thus is show dubbed ONE TREE ONE CITY

The children have already begun working on their” masterpieces: to submit that

Global awareness

## 7 important social skills to help children to

### **Ask for what you want**

Help children ask for what they want. It means they don't throw tantrums, whinge, and sulk or expect parents to guess what is on their minds. While we need to be patient with them, we need also to give children aged 3-6 the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want. Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis of courteous behaviour, as well as a basic human skill.

### **Good manners**

Teach kids good manners, in particular the three 'power words'. These words are very persuasive because they have a way of breaking down barriers. These three words are: your name; please; thanks. These terms are the basis of good manners, and, when used, will increase the likelihood of getting what you want.

### **Sharing**

Sharing is a basic social skill. Developmentally, very young children like to keep their possessions themselves. As they get older and move into Pre School and beyond the notion of sharing becomes a pre-requisite for playing with and forming relationships with others. Other children like to play and be with those who share their time, possessions and space with them. Sharing is the start of empathy as it shows sensitivity to other people's feelings.

### **Holding a conversation**

Holding conversations with others is a lifetime friendship skill. Conversations require self-disclosure, which can be challenging for some children. Good conversationalists give of themselves, but also take an interest in the person they are talking to. Many children forget that good conversations are two-way events, and tend to focus solely on themselves.

### **Winning and losing well**

Kids need to learn to win without rubbing others noses in it, and lose gracefully without throwing tantrums and making excuses. Wanting to win is natural, but they need to do so in a way that they maintain a relationship with other players so they will play again. Losing may make kids feel bad, but kids need to control their negative feelings so that others will play with them again.

### **Approaching and joining a group**

The ability to approach strangers in social situations is valuable skill that opens up many doors, both friendship-wise and business-wise. These skills can be learned and practised during childhood, so that it becomes second nature in adulthood.

## Gentle

### **Label...label... label**

Kindly label all your children's clothing items, snack boxes, bags and bottles and Please label all clothing with your child's full name. At the end of each week we display any lost property in the class blocks. You are always very welcome to check through the lost property container at any time.

### **DRIVING IN TO SCHOOL**

We would like to ask parents to please exercise some patience when driving in and out of the school compound for pick up and drop off. This is for the safety of all parties.

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Thursday 10th - Friday 11th May

### **HALF-TERM**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup> June  
School resumes Monday  
4<sup>th</sup> June (8:30 am)

### **CLASS TRIPS**

\*\*Dates to be communicated

**SCHOOL CONCERT,  
GRADUATION & END of TERM**  
Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> (10.00 am)

