

## Our Mission Statement

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Dear Parents

Our virtue for this week is *HONESTY*.

Mrs Miles used rocks to explain this virtue to the children at assembly last week. The more that you try to lie your way out of a sticky situation the heavier you feel. When the person you are lying to finds out, this will lead to trust being broken. At school we continually work hard to develop a culture that fosters honesty and trust. Teaching children honesty is crucial because it forms the foundation for trust, healthy relationships, and a strong moral compass, which will shape them into becoming responsible and trustworthy individuals. As parents, it is vital to teach your children to be truthful and honest. These days, when people often prioritize convenience and self-interest over honesty, instilling the value of truthfulness in your child has become even more crucial. Honesty also helps in creating a functional community where everyone is accountable and ethical. In my last newsletter I wrote about how grateful I am for our community that has been incredibly supportive. I believe this is as a result of the trust that has been built over the years between our school and the community.

I have no greater joy  
than to hear that  
my children  
walk in truth.  
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Last week I attended the ISASA (Independent Schools Association of South Africa) regional meeting. It gives me such peace of mind to hear how this association works tirelessly representing independent schools. They offer valuable professional development not only for teachers but also for administrative staff. I would

like to take this opportunity to thank Mariette Visser, our Eastern Cape ISASA representative for her amazing support. She has personally helped me since I became the principal four years ago which I truly appreciate.

We have commenced with our winter sports program and the children are excited to improve their hockey, netball and rugby skills. Please remind your child to be organized and ready for practices, by making sure they have the necessary kit. It is most frustrating for the coaches when they cannot include a child in a practice because they don't have what they need. Please remember that it is against the law for children to play hockey or rugby without a gum guard.

We wish the Senior Primary children a happy social this evening and may the best dancer win!

God Bless

Mrs Julie Sparks  
Headmistress

## Important Dates

- Wednesday, 12 March - Senior Primary (Grade 4 -7) social.
- Thursday, 13 March - Visual screenings at school.
- Friday, 14 March - Assembly and Tuck Shop. Children must bring cash.
- Tuesday, 18 March - Hearing screenings at school.
- Friday, 21 March - Human Rights Day, public holiday.

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### Grade 2 & 3 News – Mrs Julie Sparks

We've had a busy term thus far BUT always make time for cooling dips in the pool and walks around our beautiful campus. In theme the Grade 2s and 3s have been exploring topics such as sign language, healthy habits and expressing their feelings in a positive way. We are busy learning facts about incredible insects. The activities have been fun and the discussions full of laughter! In Art Class with Mrs Aliber they have drawn self-portraits and valentine cards. They painted ocean colours and waves for a picture on beach safety. They assembled and decorated family trees with lots of love and care. The Grade 3s constructed aeroplanes and painted the destinations they would like to visit. They created paper people with outfits and accessories and drew colourful, detailed, creepy-crawly insects. The class have thoroughly enjoyed learning coding terms and the concept of a robot. They even got to make their own robot hand in class this week. All the lessons come directly from Tangible Africa which has been extremely helpful to introduce this new addition to the syllabus.

