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Dear Parents and Community

What a beautiful blessing the recent rains have brought. It has been a wonderful start to the summer season as we count down the weeks until the Christmas holidays.



Our virtue of the week is **COMPROMISE**. The key to successful compromise is a give-and-take attitude. We must be willing to make concessions, but we should also expect the same from the other person. Finding common ground involves patience, and a willingness to explore creative and new options. By teaching children to be patient they will learn to listen to others, understand different perspectives and communicate effectively. Patience is a key element of emotional intelligence. By learning to be patient, children can regulate their emotions and

develop empathy for others. Professor of psychology Pamela Davis-Kean says, "The years between toddlerhood and pre-school are critical for developing patience." From 6 to 7 years kids can start to think about their own behavior and the

consequences of that behavior and better understand the concept of patience.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Mr James York will be joining our team of teachers next year. He will be taking over the position as class teacher of the Grade 6s and 7s. Mr York went to school at St Andrew's in Grahamstown where he matriculated in 2019. He is passionate about teaching; coaching sport and loves the outdoors.

Right: Mr James York and his lovely family.
Below left: Miss Casey Bush.
Below right: Miss Candice Fortuin



Miss Casey Bush will be filling in for Mrs Schneider in Term 1 whilst she's away on maternity leave. Casey was a pupil at Yellowwoods and we are thrilled to have her join us for a term to hold down the fort in Grade 4 and 5.

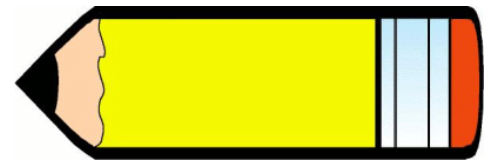
Miss Candice Fortuin has been employed to support the learning environment in the Pre-Primary and Junior Primary Phase in 2025. We look forward to introducing these teachers to you at our first Parent Teacher Meeting in January next year.

Our last fundraising event on the calendar is the golf day on Saturday the 23rd of November. It will be a lovely afternoon of fun and games for the children at the Fort Beaufort Country Club. Please see the attached advertisement and don't delay booking for the evening meal.

The Council will be meeting next week to finalize the budgets and fees structures for the new year. These will be included in my last newsletter on the 27th of November.

Have a wonderful week.

Julie Sparks
Headmistress



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Grade 4 and 5 News by Mrs. Schneider

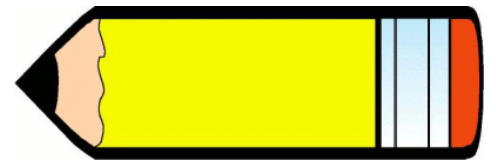
As I am writing our last Grade 4 and 5 News blurb for 2024, I am once again reminded of the few weeks I have left with this wonderful group of students. It has been a privilege to see growth and development in each individual learner. I have observed the Grade 4's conquering the big step from the Junior Phase to the Senior Phase. Growing as independent individuals in learning as well as maturing their social skills. The Grade 5's have settled in the Senior Phase and are continuing to build on their academic skills and mature as individuals.

We started Term 3 with our Integrated Studies Project, *Geometrocity*. This project doesn't just focus on math skills. There are components of social studies (mapping skills), writing, problem-solving and comprehension skills. Learners created a city that uses 2D and 3D shapes, practicing both plane and solid geometry. Learners utilised many types of skills such as building nets to create buildings and structures along with designing parts of a city using shapes, lines and angles. Although this project aimed to focus on geometry, there were so many other elements of learning which include making inferences, collaboration, communication as well as independent learning. It has made the first half of this theme a dynamic learning experience. A big thank you to Mrs Aliber for her vital contribution to the Integrated Studies projects and amazing art classes she presents. We look forward to a jam packed second half of the theme when the learners will manage two Bakermans from our city's "restaurant".

In mathematics, both classes explored real-life data-collecting scenarios to work with statistics and fun exercises to develop measuring skills. We will be completing our last Number Sense workbook soon and revising strategies taught during the year. Our English books are full of evidence of improved spelling, grammar and creative writing. I thoroughly enjoy reading each week's writing pieces and there is evidence of improved pen to paper skills.

It has been a pleasure to teach this class and I look forward to the last few weeks of Term 3 as this talented group of children continue to flourish.





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Important Dates

- Friday, 15 November - Assembly and Pre-Primary Christmas Market, children should bring pocket money. School closes at 13h00.
- Monday, 18 November - Grade 2 and 3 outing to Merino Farm.
- Wednesday, 20 November - School closes at 13h30.
- Thursday, 21 November - Grade 1 outing to Waterfall Farm.
- Friday, 22 November - Grade R Graduation Assembly and Geometrocity Bakerman Restaurant. School closes at 13h00.
- Saturday, 23 November - Yellowwoods Golf and Family Fun day.
- Tuesday, 26 November - Senior Primary Entrepreneurs Day at school and Grade 7 Leavers Dinner in Adelaide.
- Thursday, 28 November - Senior Primary end of year pool party at school.

YELLOWWOODS GOLF & FAMILY DAY
23RD NOVEMBER 2024 | FBCC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
 JUMPING CASTLE | FACE PAINT | FUN GAMES | TUCKSHOP
 15:00 - 17:00 | R100 TICKET | SUPPER INCLUDED

SCRAMBLE DRIVE
 18 HOLES - R320 | 36 HOLES - R390 | SUPPER INCLUDED

TO ENTER, WATSAPP YOUR NAME, HANDICAP & 18/36 HOLES TO NEIL 064 659 5868

YELLOWWOODS PRE-PRIMARY CHRISTMAS MARKET
 FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER
 YELLOWWOODS SCHOOL HALL

09:00 - 10:00
 Pre-Primary kids and parents (sales and games)

10:00 - 12:00
 Open to other grades for sales

FRI 13TH DEC TO SAT 14TH DEC
KIDS SUMMER CAMP
 SHEPHERDS BUSH FARM, FORT BEAUFORT

Activities

- Game drives
- Kayaking
- Swimming/Tubing
- Water games
- Survivor Games
- Star gazing
- Bonfire
- Treasure Hunt/Mapping

1 NIGHT & 2 DAYS
R950 PER CHILD.
 Drop off Friday 12:00
 Collect Saturday 16:00

DAY KIDS
R450 PER CHILD

Cost includes meals & equipment

6-12 Years Old

More info: **LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**
 Morgan 079 934 5360 **RSVP BY 20 NOVEMBER**