



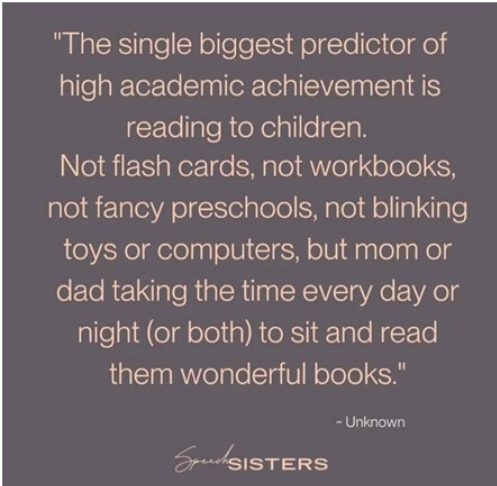
## Our Mission Statement

Nurturing children to become happy, well-balanced, resilient and academically sound individuals, empowered to make a difference.

### Dear Parents and Community

Since my last newsletter our concert has come and gone. We were all rather sad to be taking down the backdrops and packing away the costumes and props. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you to a friend of Yellowwoods Mel Briers for taking the time to video record the gala evening performance, at no charge to the school or parents. We have been able to share the link on the class WhatsApp groups so that parents are able to download the performance.

During staff development last Wednesday afternoon, we were privileged to have Mrs Debbie Lowe address the staff. Debbie has been a remedial teacher for many years and has so much knowledge to share. She's also completed the Advanced Mind Moves course with Melodie de Jager which covers a lot about neuroscience. It was incredibly interesting to listen to her presentation and to have a refresher on some of the latest neurodevelopment research. I could share reams of information but the slide above is priceless. Another important fact is nutrition. Nutrition impacts brain development, memory and cognitive function, energy, attention and focus, which are all critical to the ability to absorb and retain information. Just a friendly reminder to pack healthy snacks into your child's lunchboxes as it can only be of benefit to their day at school.



Have a wonderful half term break with your precious children.

God Bless  
Julie Sparks

Headmistress



## Important Dates

- Wednesday, 2 October - Inter House Athletics and school closes for half term break at 12h00.
- Tuesday, 8 October - School starts at 8h00. Summer uniform.
- Thursday, 10 October - Soccer matches vs King Kids.
- Friday, 11 October - Assembly and Bakerman. School closes at 13h00.
- Tuesday, 15 October - School photo day.
- Wednesday, 16 October - Demystifying Coding workshop. School closes at 13h30.
- Thursday, 17 October - Soccer matches vs Bedford Country School.





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### PRE-PRIMARY NEWS

The Grade 000's and 00's have been learning about different occupations and it has been fascinating to see what interests the children all have. We have everything from chefs and hairstylists to doctors and police officers in the making!

We are excited to announce the Pre-Primary's Christmas Market, hopefully the first of many! The children will be making lovely gifts and treats to sell at the market, and they will have a fun-filled morning at the market with games and so much more. The other grades will be able to stock up on gifts and treats. Please have a look at the flyers for more information.

Lastly, we are getting ready for an entertaining morning at the Pre-Primary's Awards Ceremony, scheduled for Friday, 29 November 2024. We are looking forward to seeing you there to celebrate your amazing children.

### Grade 000's: Mrs Vanessa Brown

The year has certainly flown by, and it is hard to believe that the children in my class, who have been with me since early nursery days, are heading to Grade 00. To prepare them for this next step, we have been focusing on fine motor development, paying special attention to cutting skills and getting those little finger muscles strong. I am so proud of all the children in my class and how far they've come.

### Grade 00's: Mrs Donna Knott

As mentioned earlier in the letter, we have been learning about different occupations. The Grade 00's have been expanding their vocabulary and I have been encouraging them to do short impromptu chats in front of the class to develop their confidence. We have seen some budding future auctioneers popping up in the process! We have been focusing on recognizing their own name and tracing it using the correct letter formation. I continue to maintain that, if a child feels secure, valued and loved, the rest of their

development will fall into place. It is wonderful to see such happy children thriving in this beautiful environment.



Dear Parents

The Pre-Primary is organising a Christmas Market and we need your help to make this day a success.

- We are looking for the following donations:
  - Craft supplies (beads, ribbon, buttons, etc.)
  - Baking ingredients (flour, sugar, milk, eggs, sprinkles, icing sugar, etc.)
  - Toys and books for game prizes (new or used)
  - Cash donations to buy supplies

If you are able to assist with any of the above, please send it to the Pre-Primary as soon as possible.

We appreciate your support!





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A festive poster for a Christmas Market. The background is dark green with various gingerbread cookies, candy canes, and Christmas trees. The text is centered and reads: "YELLOWWOODS PRE-PRIMARY CHRISTMAS MARKET", "FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER", "YELLOWWOODS SCHOOL HALL", "09:00 - 10:00 Pre-Primary kids and parents (sales and games)", and "10:00 - 12:00 Open to other grades for sales".

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