



Our Mission Statement

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Dear Parents

I had decided before starting my newsletter today that my message would be all about how incredible it is to be part of a wonderful community.

I decided for the fun of it to ask AI (Artificial Intelligence) for an overview of community.

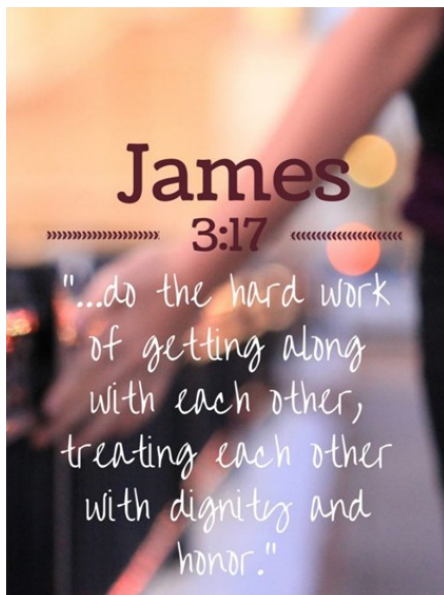
AI: The value of community lies in its ability to provide a sense of belonging, social support, and connection, which can significantly improve individual well-being by reducing isolation, fostering personal growth, and offering a network to navigate life's challenges; essentially, it allows people to feel like they are part of something larger than themselves and can rely on others for support.

Then I proceeded a little further and asked AI its value versus community and this is what came up...

AI: While AI offers numerous advantages, it is important not to overlook the value of human interaction in building and maintaining thriving community engagement. Some key aspects that AI cannot fully replicate include: Emotional Intelligence and Body Language.

Lastly, I asked AI what jobs it could NOT replace and I breathed a sigh of relief when it said among others, educators. I did not need to google whether it could replace community as I already knew the answer to that.

A huge thank you to Muriel Kitching and Lindsay Burger for donating a jumping castle and slip and slide for the Pre-Primary and Junior Primary Big Splash. The children had so much fun and we truly appreciate this donation. This annual event is one of Term 1s highlights on our calendar.



Over the last few weeks Jonathan and Mark Fetting have been working quietly behind the scenes to rally our community into donating game for the Yellowwoods Game Auction which was held last Friday. The auction was a huge success and I would like to thank both of them on behalf of our Yellowwoods community. It was wonderful to experience such a sense of community at the sale as well as the support for our school, which made me feel extremely proud and blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

Wishing you a peaceful mid-term break. Stay safe and enjoy the time with your children.

God Bless
Julie Sparks
Headmistress



Congratulations to Miya Bodie and Bukho Ampofo for being chosen as Sports House Captains for Acacia as well as Oyolo Jolingana and Ihla Mazomba for Palm.

Important Dates

- Wednesday, 26 February - Inter House Soccer and Mini Cricket. School closes at 12h00 for half term break.
- Tuesday, 4 March - School starts at 8h00.
- Monday, 10 March - Tuesday, 11 March: Books 2 U Fair at Yellowwoods.
- Wednesday, 12 March - Senior Primary (Grade 4-7) social.



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Grade 1 Classroom News Mrs Jessica Bouwer

We've had a wonderful seven weeks of school in Grade 1 so far. We've discussed how Jesus guides us like a shepherd, fights for us as a warrior, and leads us as our eternal King. It's been an amazing journey of understanding His love and power, which will lead us to a meaningful celebration of Easter before the end of Term One.

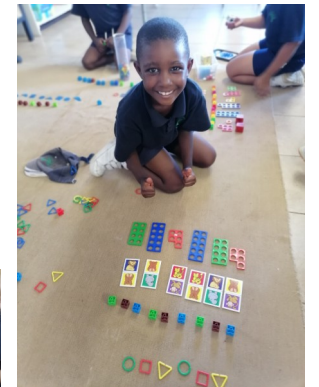
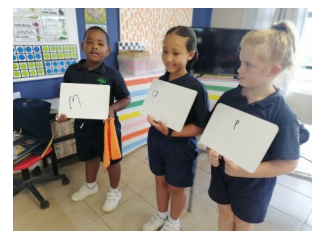
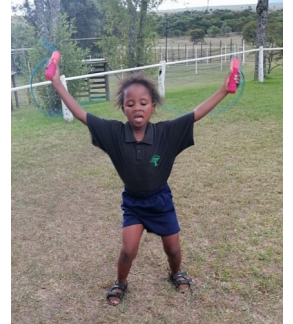
The Grade 1s are always very grateful to take a 15 minute dip in the school pool, it's a great way for them to recharge and keep up with the demands of a longer and busier day than Grade R.

Coding has been a wonderful addition to our curriculum this year; we have learned that code is a language that computers and robots use; how to give step-by-step instructions to a robot; as well as how to debug instructions to make tea. They loved instructing a 'kitchen robot' (me) to make tea, the biggest bug they felt needed to be debugged was that the first person didn't add enough sugar, while according to me the biggest bug was that the water was cold!

The Grade 1s are making fantastic progress in their NumberSense curriculum thanks to Miss Z's input in Grade R last year, they can complete two pages independently, answer mental maths questions, and count well. Thank you for making my work easier, Miss Z!

Our Keller theme this year is "Through the Eyes of the Student". This helps each learner to take ownership of their learning by the teacher intentionally guiding their outlook through lessons and questions which get them to think about how they learn. This will be further advanced when the Grade 1s will for the first time be part of the PAT chats at the end of this term.

Some of our adventures have included studying beetles that live in dead wood and nests and doing a treasure hunt for gold coins which got their "CEO" brain working hard to solve various clues to find the next instruction. We look forward to continuing our learning adventures!





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THE BOOK FAIR

Hi Parents,

Our very own Books2You book fair is set!

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