



## Our Mission Statement

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

### Dear Parents and Community

Empowering children to become independent, confident and caring human beings are the most important life skills we can teach our children. We all want to be sure that our kids feel confident, brave, self-assured and empowered to do anything they want. This is true for right now in childhood, but also as preparation for their future as adults. Sometimes those positive messages are overrun by self-doubt, fear, concern, or low self-esteem. There is that beautiful Christian song by Casting Crowns called

Thrive which is worth a listen.

Every child can thrive with love, emotional support, security and consistency in their lives. I

seldom listen to

the radio on my long drives to school and back. Listening to the news every half hour is enough to make me feel anxious and unsettled. I prefer to choose my own music and podcasts to listen to. Don't allow your children to listen to all the terrible, negative things going on around the world. Choose what you want them to listen to in order that they may THRIVE and face every day positively.

As we head towards the end of the year we have to start planning for 2025. It is always sad to say farewell to teachers who have contributed so much to the children's education, not only in the classroom but as well as culturally. Mrs Ah Wan will be leaving us to head back to the Seychelles where she will be joining her husband Sam. She has only been a permanent staff member for the past year but it feels as though she has been part of our team for much longer. We will bid a sad farewell to Shirley and her two girls Abigail and Lilly at our final assembly but at the same time we are happy that they will be re-united as a family.

Mrs Schneider will be going on maternity leave in Term 1 as she awaits the arrival of her baby

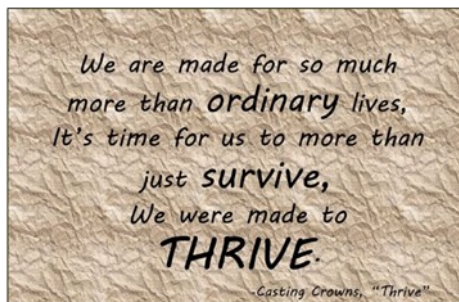
in January. We are super excited to meet the new baby Schneider.

It has been a process interviewing teachers to fill these two Senior Primary positions but rest assured they have been filled. I will be announcing the new teachers in the next newsletter, *so watch this space*.

We would love to have you join us on Saturday at the Yellowwoods Soccer Festival. Mr Bernhardt has been working endlessly behind the scenes organizing this fun event and making sure that every child from U/7 can join in and have fun on the soccer field. Thank you once again 'Coach' for all the extra time and effort that you all put into our sports programme.

God bless and enjoy the beautiful rain.

Julie Sparks  
Headmistress



## Important Dates

- Thursday, 31 October - Soccer matches vs Fort Beaufort Primary School - Cancelled.
- Friday, 1 November - Assembly and Cash Ice Cream Sale. School closes at 13h00.
- Saturday, 2 November - Yellowwoods Mini Soccer Festival (8-a-side), 8h00 - 12h00.
- Monday, 4 November - U/13 Mini Cricket vs Fort Beaufort Primary, away.
- Friday, 8 November - Assembly and Bakerman. School closes at 13h00.
- Saturday, 9 November - Bedford Country School Mini Cricket Festival.
- Monday 11, November to Friday, 15 November - Grade 6 & 7 test week.
- Friday, 15 November - Assembly, Bakerman and the Pre-Primary Christmas Market in the Hall. School closes at 13h00.



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

I have been very proud of the Grade 2s and 3s this term. They have been positively engaged in improving their creative writing skills and they have let their imaginations flourish. In one lesson they were talking trees! In another lesson they had to imagine that they were a butterfly flying around Yellowwoods reporting on all the goings-on!

In theme they have been learning about the life cycle of the silkworm. Thank you to Miss Thomas for sourcing real live silkworms for the class. Every child got their own box of silkworms to take home. This gave them the opportunity to experience first hand how the cycle works. The word metamorphosis has been added to their vocabulary through this learning experience. In the process of learning new words, they were able to write down all this information in a piece called 'My Silkworms.'

In math's they enjoyed working with money and creating a tally chart of the number of rands and cents that they physically counted. Both grades are working hard to complete their last number sense workbook in preparation for the big jump into the next grade in 2025.

Highlights this term were definitely the Annie Concert and the Inter House Athletics Day. They are practicing their soccer skills every week and are looking forward to the soccer festival this Saturday.





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## **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**



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A festive poster for a Christmas market. The background is dark green with a gold border. It features various gingerbread decorations: a gingerbread man with a blue bow tie, a gingerbread heart, a gingerbread Christmas tree, a gingerbread snowman, a gingerbread house, and a gingerbread snowflake. There are also gingerbread stars, candy canes, and a gingerbread Christmas ornament. The text is centered on a white background.

**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