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Message from the Junior School Principal

Brandon Paulese

"Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words."
Quote attributed to St Francis of Assisi.

As you read this newsletter article, we would have come to the end of another busy and productive term at our beautiful school. It is important that we look back with thankful and grateful hearts for the many blessings received this term.

This term has arguably reflected the closest we have had to normality since March 2020. Term three started with the mask protocols and other restrictions either lifted or eased. Our first assembly focused on the legacy of Nelson Mandela, as we celebrated Madiba Day and what the girls could learn from the life of this giant of a man.

Both the Preschool and Junior School put on the most delightful concerts, the Grandparents concert and the "Pan" production. I am convinced that these performances will live long in the memory banks of all who participated and attended. The colour, creative costumes, inclusive songs, the infusion of our Springfield values and upbeat tunes and music will linger for a long time. I still struggle to get the songs out of my head and often find myself humming the tunes.

Our curriculum journey of Quest (Project based learning) and becoming a thinking school, continues to take shape across all the grades from Nursery to Grade 7. The amazing display of projects in Grade 4 - 7 which formed part of our showcase was another taster of where we are heading with innovating our curriculum. The celebration of learner work in the open morning and afternoon for our Grade 1 - 3 parents was another highlight. It was wonderful to see so many parents come and celebrate the work of their daughters, a proud Springfield moment.

The Art Exhibition was outstanding, and it was remarkable to witness the progression between the Grades and the amazing gifts and talents of our girls.

On the sports field, the girls have certainly excelled at the Winter Sports, with excellent performances and results at the PGSGU events, league matches and being crowned the top Under 13 Hockey girls' hockey team in the Western Cape.

We celebrated Heritage Day, where we had an infusion of the tapestry of our rich cultures and the important sharing and lesson of how even though each of us is different, we all have a common purpose of wanting to ensure that every member of the school community has a place of belonging.

Our PTA organised a marvellous Busy Bee day and we look forward to another one in the new term. The Community Connect group continues to do sterling work and ensure we live out our value of service, especially to communities in need.

Our liturgical life, which is the heartbeat of our school, saw us celebrate the feast of St Dominic the founder of the Dominican order. We are most grateful to celebrate our Dominican heritage and our Dominican Sisters, who very much define our ethos and culture as a school community.

The richness of our Catholic calendar saw us recently celebrate Saints such as St Vincent de Paul, Padre Pio, Mary Magdalene and during the holidays, Saint Therese of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi. We are certainly grateful for God's presence in all that we do as a community.

These were just some of the many memories we are grateful for this term. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to every single person in our wonderful Springfield community who together make the many things possible and continue to assist in turning the ordinary into extraordinary blessings.

On the 5 October, we celebrate International Teachers' Day, with the theme this year "Teachers at the heart of education recovery." We need to acknowledge the role of all our exceptional staff for being at the forefront of the unforgettable highlights as we continue to rebuild our community after the impact of the past two years of Covid. We wish and salute them as I'm sure you join me in wishing them a happy Teachers' Day.

I wish you all a wonderful and restful holiday, travel mercies, abundant blessings and please keep safe.

With sincere thanks and gratitude

BRANDON PAULSE

Principal of the Junior School

School News

Happy Hamper ticket sales open on Snapscan and Karri from 1 October. Pupils will be able to buy via snapscan from both Junior School and Senior School Offices. Cash from the Junior School office as well as from the Centenary Hall from the start of Term 4.

A vibrant pink poster for the 'Happy Hamper' event. The text 'happy hamper' is written in a large, white, lowercase sans-serif font. The background is decorated with colorful confetti and streamers in shades of orange, yellow, green, and red. Below the main title, the event dates are listed: 'DISPLAY 17 - 24 OCT' and 'DRAW 25 OCT'. At the bottom, the prizes are listed: 'PAMPERING / SPORTS / PICNIC / LEGO TEDDY BEARS / STATIONERY / BEACH'. A small circular logo of the school is visible at the bottom center of the poster.

happy hamper

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