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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Last week Springfield celebrated its 153rd birthday. As with any birthday it was a time to celebrate and to reflect on the history of our school and the Dominican Sisters who founded it. Bishop Sylvester David celebrated mass with the staff and students from the Senior and Junior School. Father Manuel Fernandes, Father Robert Bissell and Father Francis Jackson concelebrated the mass. Bishop Sylvester encouraged our pupils to be generations of change and to sow the seeds of good. The Dominican Sisters have been beacons for change for over 700 years and we are reaping the reward of their service to the community and commitment to the education of women. To our Dominican Sisters - thank you.

Over the past two weekends we have hosted around 250 families who have applied for admission for grade 8 2025. The prospective pupils wrote a short assessment and then joined a tour and interview facilitated by our staff and matric pupils. The current Springfield pupils came out in their droves to support the Entrance days. Along with those pupils who conducted the pupil tours and interviews, others performed, helped with logistics such as venue set-up and sound and assisted during the parent presentation and tours. The success of the day was in no small part due to the Servant Leadership displayed by all the proud "Springers" who arrived ready to help.

During the parent presentation, I spoke about the mission and vision of Springfield. One aspect of focus was on valuing the unique talents of all our pupils and giving them as much opportunity to thrive in their own particular area of interest or skill as possible. Over the last few weeks there have been a huge range of activities where we have seen the amazing talents of our pupils. There have been outstanding musical performances at the carnival and the quarterly music concert, and the music accompanying the Birthday mass was superb. We have had successful Tennis and Water polo tours where the standard of play was excellent and the level of respect, sportsmanship and camaraderie even better. The winter sports season has begun with Netball, Hockey and Soccer preseason tournaments and fixtures all over the city and Boland. The Swimming team has competed in a number of gala's including the recent "A-league" gala and our debating teams have made a strong start to their season.

In addition we were treated to an amazing production of ...



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#One Community, One Heart

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller -



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of Springfield,

As we rapidly approach the end of the First Term, and as this is our last Veritas Newsletter for the Term, it is a time for reflection and celebration of the many events that have taken place.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to each and every one of you in our community who contributed to the many wonderful happenings that have occurred in and around our beautiful school.

Our Junior School's slogan, "One Community, One Heart," has been at the forefront of our collective efforts to foster a sense of unity, compassion and belonging. Throughout this term, we have seen the power of coming together with a shared purpose and a shared commitment to supporting one another.

On the curriculum front we continue our shake-up of how we package the curriculum. Our thinking journey and through our dedication to project-based learning (Quest) this term has been one of growth, exploration, and discovery. Our girls have had the opportunity to engage in hands-on, collaborative projects that have challenged them to think critically, creatively, and innovatively. The strides we have made in project-based learning have not only enriched our academic curriculum but have also empowered our girls to become active participants in their own learning journey.

The introduction of Thrive and Think Equal will go a long way in assisting us to capacitate our girls with the correct language, but also understanding and respecting difference and celebrating each other for that difference, but most importantly to understand the essence of feeling safe and experiencing true belonging in our community.



PRESCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

