



## St Patrick's CBC Weekly Information Sheet 42 - Term 4 2017

1 December 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, Christmas is around the corner. **What a blessed year this has been!** The school closed yesterday, and even though all the teachers are at school today, and we have parents popping in all the time, there is definitely an 'empty nest' feeling around campus.

With **2018** fast approaching, I have so many reasons to be grateful. It has been an incredible journey for our school as a whole this year. New milestones were reached and the school in general has developed so much, in terms of improvements to the facilities and all-round standards.

Of course there were many low points as well. It was rough sometimes and many times I couldn't see the way forward. In moments like that, I usually just focus on taking small steps, and I take them in faith. I can only thank the Lord for his grace and mercies this year. **2017** has been a good one!

We are unfortunately losing a couple of pupils, mainly due to transfers. To you and your family, we wish you all the best with your new endeavours.

I often reiterate the importance of **communication** and this is even more important in light of our family which is continuously growing. You may raise your concerns at any point with the relevant class teacher. From next year there will also be a Grade Head for every single grade from Grade R to 7. These names will be communicated at the beginning of next year.

Then we have also made a couple of key **management changes**. Congratulations to **Mrs Siobhan Isaacs** and **Mr Francis Hloma** who will be the respective Deputy Heads for the Primary and High Schools.

There will not be Phase Heads for the Primary School, but we have also introduced a Head of Department: Pupil Affairs for the Primary School. This role will be filled by **Mr Peter Hauman**. Discipline and general pupil well-being will form part of his responsibilities.

**Mrs Carlie Murray and Mr Kevin Vertue** will remain in their positions as the respective High School Phase Heads for the FET (Grade 10, 11 and 12) and GET (Grade 8 and 9) phases.

As previously mentioned, **Mrs Anne Solomon**, will head up the School of the Arts from January 2018.

Congratulations to **Darian Booysen** (Grade 8). He has been announced as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in the Northern Cape Express SuperSport Sport Star Awards. Well done and keep up the good work!

Apologies again for having had to cancel the **Carols by Candlelight** earlier this week. We unfortunately couldn't take the risk of setting up the stage, sound and lighting outside with the light showers every so often. Thank you to all the parents who managed to attend Thursday morning's show. A big thank you to all the staff and pupils involved. The little ones at Crèche also had the opportunity to dress up in their lovely costumes and performed their item for the parents who were able to attend. It was very special.

Saying **goodbye** is never easy. Mrs Muller (Natural Science) and Ms Van Rensburg (Drama/English) are leaving Kimberley, Mrs Robertson (Grade 3) will not be teaching anymore, but will be joining our team at the Aftercare and Mrs Burden (Mathematics) will be spending more time with her family. While we will miss you and have fond memories of working with you, we wish you the best both professionally and personally. You will all be sorely missed.

The Crèche officially opens on Monday, 8 January 2018, even though the rest of the **school** (from Grade PR) **opens** on Monday, 15 January 2018 at 07h25. Crèche parents may choose when you would like your little one to start. Please remember to supply all food and beverages should you choose to start on the 8<sup>th</sup> already as the Boarding House is not yet operational at that time.

The **text book and stationery orders** for next year closes today, 1 December 2017. Please note that any orders submitted at this stage, will not arrive in time for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, due to the closure of many of the big suppliers over the Festive Season. The prices, as indicated on the order forms, are also only valid until 1 today. All orders submitted after that date will only be processed in January 2018, so they may be subject to annual increases by the suppliers. Please make sure that your order is correct as we may not return any text books to our supplier. If yours have not been submitted, please do so as soon as possible.

The **Finance Office** is still open for payment of fees and general finance queries every Monday to Friday from 07h15 to 15h30 until the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2017, when the entire Admin Office closes for Christmas.

*Let this Christmas Season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter. May the New Year bring you goodwill, happiness and joyful memories to treasure.*



Yours sincerely,

Jacques Tredoux  
Executive Head

### CRÈCHE ANNOUNCEMENT:

First day photos will be taken on Friday, 19 January 2018 and will be available to purchase at a cost of R30 per photo. Should you wish to order one (or more copies) please put the correct amount in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's names and what it is for by Friday, 2 February 2018. Unfortunately, no change can be given.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Clothing shop hours for December will be from 08h00 – 13h00, closing on Wednesday, 13 December 2017.

The normal trading hours are as follows: Monday to Thursday from 07h30 – 15h00 and on Fridays from 07h30 – 13h30.

### St Patrick's CBC - 2018 School Term Dates

#### **Term 1 (50 days)**

Crèche and Admin office open Monday, 8 January

PS & HS open Monday 15 January

Close Thursday 29 March

#### **Public Holidays**

Wednesday 21 March (Human Rights Day)

#### **Term 2 (46 days)**

Open Tuesday 17 April

Close Friday 22 June

#### **Public Holidays**

Friday 27 April (Freedom Day)

Monday 30 April (School Holiday)

Tuesday 1 May (Workers' Day)

Saturday 16 June (Youth Day)

**Term 3 (47 days)**

Open Tuesday 17 July

Close Friday 21 September

**Public Holidays**

Thursday 9 August (Women's Day)

Friday 10 August (School Holiday)

**Term 4 (43 days)**

Open Tuesday 9 October

Close Friday, 30 November

\* Please note that only Public Holidays falling during term time are shown.

## THE WEEK IN PICTURES

Guard of Honour for our Grade R's going to 'big school' next year



The Crèche's Christmas item



The Grade 1, 2 and 3's made beautiful Christmas angels in Art



**The Grade 5 end-of-year pool party**



**The Nativity Play**



**PROGRAMME OF THE WEEK**

<p><b>Saturday, 02 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: J Anderson 4 S</b></p> <p>08h00 HS Marks due</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 03 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: C Cader 11 SF; Y de Vos 2-3 CC; P Leeuw OO LS</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, 04 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: E Dobson OO IS</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 05 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: P Maiya 3-4 PP</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 06 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: K Molawa 3 AvN</b></p> <p>11h30 Staff year-end function</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 07 December 2017</b>  Swimming Northern Cape Championships in Kimberley</p>
<p><b>Friday, 08 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: T Ford 5 T; L Mapunda 1-2 WV; R Mokwena 8 WmZ; R Moremi 11SF</b></p> <p>08h00-11h00 Handing out reports  Teaching staff last day  IEB markers depart for marking  Swimming Northern Cape Championships in Kimberley</p>
<p><b>Saturday: 09 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: L Lidzebe Gr 7; P Mongwe 8 WmZ; M Morule 8 SN;  C Rodger 8 WmZ; S Schoeman 3 CR; D vd Heever INFANTS</b></p> <p>Swimming Northern Cape Championships in Kimberley</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 10 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: A Blanckenberg R DvZ; D Kanyasa 3 AvN</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, 11 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: N Lewis 1-2 NO; T Phuthi Gr 7</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 12 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: A Bostander Gr 4T; M Junda R FG; A Kannemeyer 8 WmZ;  U Kies OOIS; U Kies 2 LV; K Mocumi 3-4 PP</b></p>

<p><b>Wednesday, 13 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: L Tshite 3-4 PP; M v Wyk 3-4 LJvR</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, 14 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: G Ford 4S; H Hamid 3CR; R Jakkals 10 WM;  S Lekanyane 2 TC; K Mocumi 3 CR</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, 15 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: K Birch 5T; L Mahakoe 1 MW; D Motingwe R TB; N Tshazibane 8 SN</b>  Admin office closes  Crèche closes</p>
<p><b>Saturday, 16 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: M Jebese 1 PR; B Mashifane OO LS</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, 17 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: E Hugo 2 LV; A vd Merwe 10 WM</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, 18 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: Y Gumbo 1-2 RF; J Ntwane 2 TC</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 19 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: L Gigaba R DvZ</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 20 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: B Louw Gr10; L Malgas 3-4 PP; W Nkosi 11 SF;  B Peterson 3-4 L jvR; N Strydom Gr 7</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, 21 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: B Shomoleile OO LS</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, 22 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: M Deke 3 DR; O Kesiamang 4 T; R Marlow 8 SN</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 23 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: J Majied R DvZ; P Manenga 4 T</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, 25 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: R Moshweu Gr 6 T</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 26 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: D Wesi 1 PR</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 27 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: C Booysen 1 BH; R Moilwe 1 BH</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, 28 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: L Ramakatsa OO LS</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, 29 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: K Watcham 2-3 MC</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, 30 December 2017</b>  <b>Birthday: Y Baleni 3 AvN; T Dobson 1 PR; T v Nel 1 LV</b></p>

