



ST GEORGE'S
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Newsletter

Dear St George's Family



We certainly have been experiencing some interesting weather of late as we welcomed the first day of Spring this week. It seems rather bizarre that at the same time much of our country witnessed snow fall over the past weekend in areas that previously have not had snow for decades. Isn't weather a wonderful example of what epitomizes life? It can change at the drop of a hat and despite all our preparations, we can still get caught off guard. For me, Spring certainly is a time for reflection after the long cold months we sometimes have had to endure. Where have we come from and how have we adapted, managed, and engaged with our past and where are we going?

A change of season is also an amazing reminder of the different seasons we experience in our lives, whether it be in our jobs, homes, schools etc. The COVID-19 pandemic certainly is a season that no doubt will always be remembered for many generations to come. On various Curro platforms, the analogy of a storm has been used and I would like to share this brief piece of writing with you originally compiled by Petro Bosman (Curro Language Specialist):

As humans, we are used to all kinds of storms – weather storms, outbursts or eruptions, physical and emotional storms, even those proverbial storms in a teacup. We've recently had to weather a storm of a different kind – but there's much we can learn from doing so.

Adrienne Pinkney, a wellness and life coach said, 'Storms teach us valuable lessons about ourselves, others and the lives we have created'.

So, how can we perceive the storm we're in to see the gifts in it too?

Storms bring people closer together

'When we know a storm is on the way, we seek shelter. Storms bring us together. Storms send us home. And after the storm, we assist those who need to rebuild.'

Storms change our behaviour

'Storms humble us into new patterns of behaviour. Those who are loud, turn quiet. Those who are impatient, learn to wait. In order to survive, we have to adjust quickly.'

Storms teach us about our foundations

'Relationships (or anything else) that are not built on the right foundations will not weather the storm. The storm shows us who we are, and who those around us are.'

Storms help us to discover new strengths

'In a storm, survival of ourselves and those we love become paramount. There isn't time for ego, selfishness, pettiness and unforgiveness. We learn to move toward the truth of who we are: love, light and interconnected.'

Storms offer perspective

'Storms help us remember what is really important. When losing things, we gain a new perspective on what is most important: safety, family, wellbeing and health.'

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Want to know more?

- Read more on [Dr Adrienne Pinkney's journey](#) and philosophy.
- Read Charlie Mackesy's bestselling book, [The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse](#), which teaches us about weathering storms.

I know I certainly have spent the better part of the last two years seeking the calm in the storm and this photo taken by Mrs Trollip this week, has shown me the calm in the storm has been our very own precious Prep school on the Hill. I often refer to rainbows being symbols of hope and the teachers, staff and pupils of the Pre-Prep and Prep certainly have given us all hope in the way they have navigated this "storm". This of course alongside our pupils and ever supportive parents.



May you all have a restful weekend and God bless, take care and keep safe!

Yours sincerely

Alex Hall - Campus Head

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Staff News

Mrs Samantha Odendaal, the newly appointed Learning Support therapist and Senior Prep Teacher joins us from Monday. Mrs Odendaal has experience both in South Africa and internationally and has studied further to attain her post graduate learning support qualification. Mrs Odendaal will be relocating from Gauteng and is very excited to begin her new career and life here in the friendly city. Welcome to the St George's family!

We, therefore, say goodbye to **Ms Nicky van der Walt**, who has been standing in for Mr Stamper's LO and Social Science classes this Term, and assisting in the Learning Support Department until Mrs Odendaal arrival. Thank you for your superb job we know very well, that this is not a farewell as we have no doubt your continued support will be given during these challenging times.

Congratulations to **Miss Angela Martin** who, despite Level 4 Lockdown restrictions and having had to cancel their first wedding date, married Dale Geswint last weekend. We wish you many years of happiness and adventures. Welcome back to school Mrs Geswint!



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School Events

International Literacy Day – Wednesday 8 September 2021

We will be celebrating International Literacy Day with an unexpected twist for our pupil during school – D.E.A.R.– to encourage the love of reading amongst our pupils.



Message from the Sports Desk



St George's Pupils involved in Curro Chess Tournament



Over the past weekend, eight St George's pupils were involved in the online Curro Chess Tournament. We entered two teams, under 14 and under 12. The results for the Tournament will be shared during the course of the week on our Facebook page. It was great for some of our pupils to participate. We believe that the interest in Chess will only grow from strength to strength.



Athletics Events Programme for next week

There is much excitement in the St George's Campus.....as there are sporting events next week which hasn't been able to happen in a very long time.



On Wednesday 8 September, our Pre-Preppies are holding their Sports Day.

Also on Wednesday, 8th, 60 of our Grade 3 to 7 pupils will be involved in the **Inter-Schools Cross Country** event which is being hosted this year at Kingswood in Makhanda. The shortest race is 1.5km and the longest is 3km. We wish all our runners the best!

Then on Thursday 9th, our Junior Prep pupils (Grades 1-3) have their Fun Races Day.



PLEASE NOTE: the two events on Campus are for PUPILS ONLY due to the current Covid Restrictions.

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School Matters

Term 3, 2021 Calendar

(please note that these events are subject to change due to Covid Regulations)

Friday 3 September	One Day without Shoes Initiative	
	Pre-Prep Picnic	
Monday 6 September	Book Character Dress Up Day)	[POSTPONED]
Wednesday 8 September	Pre-Prep Sports Day	[PUPILS ONLY]
	International Literacy Day	
	Independent Schools Cross-Country at Kingswood	[NEW]
Thursday 9 September	Junior Prep Fun Races Day	[PUPILS ONLY]
Mon 13 – Fri 17 September	Pre-Prep Parent/Teacher Meetings (see Pre-Prep Newsletter for further details)	
Thursday 23 September	TERM 3 ENDS	
	11h00 for Pre-Prep	
	11h30 for Junior Prep (Grades 1-3)	
	12h00 for Senior Prep (Grades 4-7)	
	Class teachers will send older siblings out at the pick-up time of the younger sibling	
Friday 24 September	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Heritage Day	
Tuesday 12 October	Term 4 Commences – 07h45	

St George's Preparatory

Term Dates 2022

The Term dates have been set for 2022:

Term 1

Commences: Wednesday 12 January
Ends: Friday 18 March

Term 2

Commences: Tuesday 5 April
Ends: Wednesday 29 June

Term 3

Commences: Tuesday 19 July
Ends: Friday 23 September

Term 4

Commences: Monday 10 October
Ends: Friday 9 December

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A Peek at the Prep

We post photographs, events, announcements etc. on our Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram Accounts regularly – keep up to date with all that the Prep and Pre-Prep get up to – click on the links below and like, follow and share!



FACEBOOK



TWITTER



INSTAGRAM

Pupils loved the 'Tug of War' sports session last week!



You are never too young to go the IT Labs! Our Grade 000 boys and girls loving their computer lesson

