

What's happening this term?

Online teaching and learning to continue until further notice.



# ST JAMES NEWS

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Dear Parents

## Message from the Headmaster

Anarchy reigns supreme. The looters have an upper hand according to what we are seeing and hearing in the media. Our children are witnessing a very unusual situation - people of all ages, children as young as 8 and 9 years are taken to the looting sites and are experiencing what our older generations are doing.

The question is: how is society going to change the mind set of these young children, if they are being exposed to this behaviour. The time has come to decide whether the present is going to destroy our nation or whether we are in unity going to teach our children to build a strong nation.

St James School is committed to continue teaching and learning to enrich our children's lives with our rich philosophical ethos and our superior academic curriculum. Good teaching, good parenting, and motherly love, can enable children to accept facts of life and direct and persuade them to proceed proactively in a creative mode.

Mrs Maryna Park is one such teacher that infuses motherly love with her teaching and believes that working with families and children will strengthen their love for learning. She continues further.....

## A day in the life of a Grade 3 student



*I've taught many different grades, and they are all great, but grade 3 is by far my favourite.*

This grade is such fun to teach because of their incredible enthusiasm and energy at this stage. They are easy going and keen to take on challenges.

"You want us to try dancing?" Okay!

"Basketball?" Sounds like fun!

"Whole class presenting in assembly?" Why not!

They sing, clap, take part, do art, play outside and inside with a lot of joy and laughter.

In my lessons I encourage students to ask questions and give their views. Learners need to know that the classroom environment is one of care, tolerance and compassion. You don't know something until you articulate it. Their vocabulary is growing rapidly; many enjoy talking and explaining at the board as well as sharing and reflecting on their work.

In grade 3 they are encouraged to read more independently as well as group reading. The work gets more challenging in terms of writing. They are given lots of opportunities to collaborate and work in groups as this enhances their social skills.

Third graders enjoy any opportunity to sort and organize the class, stationary, worktables, bulletin boards and book displays. The class size allows the classroom setup to change according to the current needs, individual rows change into a big square for group discussions and there

## Quote:

May your choices reflect  
your dreams, not your  
fears.

Nelson Mandela

are lots of extra tables to stand at during creative work. They really love having their own personal timetable to help them predict their daily schedule as they get gently introduced to other subject teachers in preparation for grade 4.

Special projects and outings give them a sense of community and shared purpose. Projects this year: Collecting Easter Eggs for people living in disabled homes; A Teddy Bear Picnic and Raising funds for the Animal Anti Cruelty League.

### Weekly study material and assessments

The weekly collecting and dropping of study material and assessments/assignments is on hold until further notice.

### Giving the gift of warmth: Knit-a-square



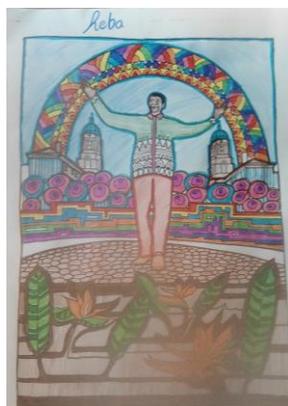
Please be reminded to send in your knitted or crocheted squares to the school by end of July. Mr Khanya or the security on duty will take them up to the office. Blankets will be made from these squares will be donated to the children's ward at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital.

### Fogging machine

Reminder: The school has purchased a fogging machine to enable us to clean and disinfect the schoolhouse on a regular basis. If any parent would like to hire the machine for their personal use, please contact Mrs Jones.

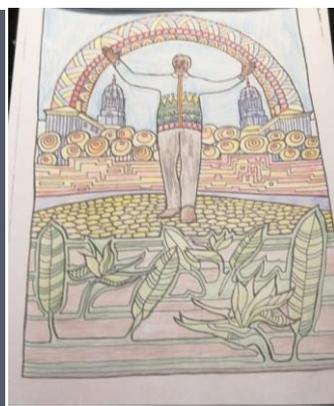
Rental for two days is R200, cost of chlorine tablets is R15. Two tablets are sufficient to fog a medium size home.

### Grade 4 Tributes to Nelson Mandela



*When a man has done what he considers to be his duty to his people and his country, he can rest in peace. I believe I have made that effort and that is, therefore, why I will sleep for the eternity.*

Nelson Mandela, 1918-2013



Stay safe, stay healthy and stay home. Let's stop the spread of the virus.

Regards

The St James team.