



# SETTLERS' PARK PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful way to end our busy term with our Family Fun time. It was so encouraging to see the interaction in families and the enjoyment of the children when they could share some of the classroom activities with their Dads and Moms. They loved celebrating their achievements. This was a first for all of us and we are very happy with the positive feedback we have received. Many thanks for the role each of you play in your child's educational journey during these vital formative years.



### Mini Comrades:

Thank you to each child and parent who participated in the event and who raised funds for our school. It was a most enjoyable morning. We raised a total of R16 370. After our expenses, we will have money to use towards our many projects including the building project and refurbishing our roofed areas.

### A special thank you goes to:

The **Ants** are the winning class. They raised the most funds on average per child. They will be rewarded with a special treat of a hot chocolate drink and a chocolate. Well done Ants!

### The children who sold the most money trees are:

Adriana Schutte (Crickets) and Blake Oellerman (Ladybirds) who both completed 3 sheets. Alison Holtham and Hannah- Paige Sigamoney (Ants) as well as Mandy Griffiths (Bees) all completed 2 sheets. Well done and thank you to these children. They were each given a book voucher from Bargain Books.

### EQ Programme – The colour monster

This term I have visited the RRR, RR and R classes to do a very important aspect of a child's life – EQ. (Emotional Intelligence) The children have been fascinated with the colour monster and his ability to change colours as his emotions change. Some of the emotions they have been exposed to in a fun, interactive way are: happy (yellow), sad (blue), anger (red), fear (black), calm (green), love (pink), tired (orange), excited (purple), shy (white), guilty (brown), and jealous (grey.) Please chat to your child about how they are feeling.

### Dads' morning: Friday 18th June 2021

Please join in the fun and dress up as a pirate with your children doing the same. Please meet us at 7.45 a.m. on the Settlers' Park field with your child and bring some activities of your choice – e.g. books, puzzles, and / or a game, as well as a "breakfast picnic". It will be a good idea to pack a hot drink in a flask e.g. milo or hot chocolate and include some marshmallows. (Or you can stop at Coffeebox on your way to the outing.) Some ideas for pirate snacks are cannon balls (cheese puffs, meat balls, chocolate balls, chicken balls or any fruit cut into balls), sandwiches or cheese cut into appropriate shapes – eye patch, crocodiles, hooks, pirate punch (blue), scurvy dogs (hot dogs), pirate gold (cheese cut in squares), gold chocolate coins, jelly sharks, dead man fingers (cocktail sausages), peg legs (cocktail sausage rolls), popcorn (pirate teeth) or any other fun ideas. Pinterest has lovely ideas. Please bring a picnic blanket to sit on. We know that not all our dads will be able to make it. In that case, please send a grandpa, an uncle, a brother, or a friend. Children are welcome to go home afterwards with their dads, as it is break-up day (This will be a normal school day with aftercare for those who do not go home with their dads. In this case, please drive your child back to school at 9 a.m. to continue our day.)

Please chat to your child's teacher or me if you have any queries. Vehicle access to the field is from Allan Hirst Drive. (across the road from Northern Park school). Please park on the long grass adjacent to the cut area. Please follow all COVID protocols. In the case of inclement weather, we will meet at school.



**POPIA:**

Over the past couple of years, we have been working hard to become compliant with the POPI act which becomes effective on 1 July 2021. Please read the attached letter for more information, sign and return it to us by Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**FUNDRAISING:**

**My School:** Please encourage family members to register and nominate us as a beneficiary.

**Glass Recycling:** Please recycle glass into our bin outside the school. Please throw bottles *into* the bin.

**2022 enrolment:**

To assist with our planning for 2022, please return a hard copy of the form that was mailed on Monday 10 May 2021.

**Term 3:**

Our RRR classes, the Butterflies and Caterpillars will do Music lessons each Monday starting from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 with Mrs Van Heerden, the Ants' teacher, in her classroom. Their own teachers accompany them. From Friday 16 July, these classes also go to Psychomotor with Mrs Carrie Erikson (Bees' teacher) in her classroom. Their teachers will be in the lessons too. We thank both ladies for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment. These lessons are at no extra cost to parents.

**Dates to diarise:**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Public holiday (Youth Day)

School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June (normal school day and Aftercare until 5 p.m.) We are having a pirate fun day. (See details above.)

As we celebrate our fathers and all special men in a child's life, on Sunday 20 June, please read below.

How dads interact with their children has a massive impact on how children will value and respect themselves further down the line. Here are five ways to earn "Frequent Father Points". This is an acronym that Nikki Bush, a well-known parenting expert and public speaker, has developed for dads (called the "PAPPA" effect).

**P-PRESENT**

**A-AVAILABLE**

**P-PROTECTIVE**

**P-PROUD**

**A-ATTENTIVE**

- A quick explanation:
- Be **present** both emotionally and physically.
  - Be **available** – don't be so busy that children think you don't care.
  - Be **protective** – fathers are a symbol of physical and emotional security.
  - Be **proud** – teach children to value themselves by valuing and believing in themselves.
  - Be **attentive** – pay attention, listen, talk and share.

**3<sup>rd</sup> term:** (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Grandparents' Day on Settlers' Park field. (This is if COVID permits; more details will follow.)

Please note - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August - Public holiday (National Women's Day)

**Mid-term break**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August (school starts on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August)

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September: Science fun day

**Friday Treats:**

In term 3 we shall use the same list of children receiving Friday Treats as for Term 2. If you wish to withdraw or add your child's name to the Term 3 list, please complete the attached Friday Treat form.

**Active play:**

As children spend time at home in the holidays, please see the attached very interesting article on the value of active play. Please spend time with your children encouraging them to be involved in active, outdoor play.

Enjoy your break and stay safe.



Kind regards,

Ellen Borain  
Principal

*"Your greatest contribution may not be something you do, but someone you raise."*