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NEWSLETTER 1

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ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES

Our Umbrella Theme this term is "The Plant Kingdom" and this will be explored through lessons, creative activities, stories, etc. Three displays relating to the theme are mounted every two weeks.

If you can help with the collection of materials, the loan of related books or with a little expertise, we would be delighted!

DATE	LANGUAGE	LIFE SKILLS	MATHEMATICS
15 JAN	Parts of a Plant	Gardening	Above & Below
30 JAN	Bonsai & Trees	Gardening in Pots	Full & Empty
13 FEB	Flowers	Perfumes & Scents	Smell
27 FEB	Herbs & Spices	Cooking	Taste
12 MAR	Easter Garden	A Special Man	Light & Dark

GRADE R PROGRAMME

Start: 7.45am SHARP - *please do not be late!*
Finish: 12.30pm. This "extended day" is to allow for independent exploration and discovery in the free-choice periods.

The School Readiness Programme covers all of the emergent pre-school skills in age-appropriate, varied, educational opportunities that encourage active participation. It is fun, loud and lively! This term's topics are:

- All About Me
- Number

The Language Programme includes elements of Time to Read, Rhyme World, Jolly Phonics and other pre-reading and pre-writing experiences.

The Grade Rs will be introduced to Robotics through the *BuildemBrix Programme* (cost included in the school fees).

In Terms 1-3, the Grade R classes go on carefully-researched **Outings** to consolidate the themes/concepts and to teach the children life skills. The children generally walk to the outing venue on their Emergency Drill Rope.

This term, the Grade Rs will visit the Spar Bakery on **TUESDAY 5 MARCH**. Information to follow.



Stepping into School 2024!

WELCOME

A new beginning! A new adventure! May 2024 be filled with fun and memories-in-the-making. I do hope you can join us in what lies ahead Enjoy!

With best regards

Barbie

BJ Daniel
Principal

SAVE THE DATES

Details will follow closer to the time

30 JANUARY - MUMS' BREAKFAST

Mums visit the School, do an activity with their children and share breakfast (BYO or order).

8 FEBRUARY - MEET & GREET/AGM

An opportunity to meet your child's teacher and other parents. *And* learn more about the School in the annual reports. The Parents' Association Committee will also be elected.

29 FEBRUARY - DAD'S & KIDS' NIGHT

A special time for Dads and their kids – build at the woodwork bench, have your hair done (!), draw or paint. There will even be a puppet show! (BYO Supper or order, beers on sale).

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