

# The Leopard's Letter

**Dear Parents**

A reminder to please make every effort to bring next year's books and plastic covers in to your child's teacher (for 2024) before the end of the year.

The Grade 1s, 2s and 3s are going to be running/walking the 2km course of the Leopard Trail next Saturday at 15:00 for 15:30. There is no charge for this. They must wear their Eagle/Falcon shirts as their efforts will be rewarded with points for their teams. They may leave as soon as they have had their name ticked off on the House list after the run.

Any adults who would like to enter a team for the Plennegy Relay Run are encouraged to contact the School office for details. After the relay run there is a potjie competition which you will automatically be entered into should you have a relay team.



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**JUNIOR SCHOOL**

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## The Week Ahead

### Monday 6 November

Chess Club	12:45 - 13:15
Gr 1 and 2 Beginners' Swimming	12:45 - 13:15
U9 Cricket Practice	14:00 - 15:00
U9 Girls' Tennis	14:00 - 15:00

### Tuesday 7 November

Gr R Girls' Introduction to Sport	12:00
Gr 1 & 2 Girls' Tennis	12:45 - 13:30
Gr 1 & 2 Boys' Swimming	12:45 - 13:30
Intermediate Swimming (Gr 3)	13:45 - 14:30

### Wednesday 8 November

Gr R Boys' Introduction to Sport	12:00
Gr 1 & 2 Beginners' Swimming	12:45 - 13:15
U9 Cricket Practice	14:00 - 15:00
U9 Girls' Tennis	14:00 - 15:00

### Thursday 9 November

Grade 3 Camp departs	07:30
Gr 1 & 2 Girls' Swimming	12:45 - 13:30
Gr 1 & 2 Boys' Cricket	12:45 - 13:30

### Friday 10 November

PE for Gr R-2 scholars	
Gr 3 Camp returns	12:30

### Saturday 11 November

Plennegy Relay Run & Interhouse Leopard Trail	15:00
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The grade RRs made bread pizza dough by breaking up old bread and mixing it with water. Then we went for a walk to find ingredients in nature to put on our pizzas. Looking for olives, cheese, mushrooms and tomatoes was interesting. It was a morning of good fun, developing creativity and fine motor skills along the way.

#learningthroughplay





# JP Gems Grade 2 Art - By Teacher Lauren Poree



The Grade 2s produced beautiful sunrise paintings using a technique known as pointillism. They used Q-tips and made little dots instead of painting a solid colour with a brush. This technique was developed by a French artist known as Georges Seurat in the late 1800s. He explored the science of optics and colour in his artwork. Instead of mixing colours together he experimented with creating tiny little dots close to one another. This would trick your eye into mixing the colours together to form a picture. When you look at Seurat's pictures close up you can see the tiny little dots and the individual colours but as you move away your eyes blend the colours together and you see the image as a whole. The Grade 2s final products were amazing!



# GREETINGS FROM THE LAIR

BY TEACHER LISEL SILK

THE FONDEST MEMORIES ARE MADE WHEN  
*gathered around the table*



In the 'business' of our everyday life, we rush from one place to another, often not making enough meaningful contact with our children. How often do we really listen to what is happening in their little lives without the distraction of messages, social media or the television? A simple family meal can make all the difference as it has emotional advantages for your child.

We usually think of the evening meal as being the reference meal for a family to gather, but don't forget about breakfast or brunch on the weekend before everyone heads out the door to go their separate ways. There are many benefits of sharing meals with your family (for both children and adults).

One study showed that frequent family meals are associated with better family functioning, stronger relationships, and better social and emotional health for children and parents!

Here are some proven ways a sit-down meal with the family can help your child:

1. Family meals encourage attachment and belonging.
2. Family meals promote good behavior.
3. Family meals encourage conversations.
4. Family meals promote adjustment from every day realities.
5. Family meals establish confidence and self-esteem.
6. Family meals help with better grades.
7. Family meals encourage healthy development.
8. Family meals help your child learn manners.
9. Family meals encourage healthier eating habits.
10. Family meals help everyone contribute in helping at the table- fostering responsibility and accountability.

Eating together  
is not just about  
nourishing the  
body; it's about  
feeding the  
soul.

**Learn \* Assist \* Ignite \* Restore**



# JP Gems

## Thank you Mrs Goolam!



The Grade 3s were fortunate enough to have had art lessons with Mrs Goolam this semester. They really enjoyed her creativity and were inspired by her artistic talent. Thank you for sharing this with our children, Mrs Goolam!

THANK  
YOU  
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# NB Dates for Term 4

Tues 7th Nov	12:00 - 12:30	Grade R Girls' Introduction to Sport
Wed 8th Nov	12:00 - 12:30	Grade R Boys' Introduction to Sport
Thurs 9th Nov	07:30	Grade 3 Camp departs
Fri 10th Nov	12:30	Grade 3 Camp returns
Sat 11th Nov	15:00	Plennegy Relay Run
Tues 21st Nov	13:00	Mini Cricket Festival @ Epworth
Tues 21st Nov		Books2You (Venue TBC)
Wed 22nd Nov		Books2You (Venue TBC)
Thurs 23rd Nov	17:00	Grade 3 Formal Dinner
Mon 27th Nov	17:00	Gr R Graduation/Gr 3 Farewell (only involves Gr R and 3 scholars)
Wed 29th Nov	18:00	Carol Service and Moonlight Market
Thurs 30th Nov	10:00	PS Class Parties at PS JP Class Parties - at Northfields Manor (BE)
Fri 1st Dec	07:30	Grade R Welcome to Big School Ceremony
Fri 1st Dec	10:00	School closes for December holidays





# 2024 School Dates

Term 1	15 January - 22 March
Mid-Term	16 February - 19 February (school closes at 11:00)
Term 2	15 April - 21 June
Mid-Term	17 May - 20 May (school closes at 11:00)
Term 3	15 July - 20 September
Mid-Term	16 - 19 August (school closes at 11:00)
Term 4	30 September - 6 December



A colorful illustration of a jungle scene. On the left, a female explorer with grey hair, wearing a tan hat, a white tank top with a gold medallion, and purple pants, points towards a sign. In the center, a wooden sign with a red parrot on top reads "BOOKS2YOU" in a stylized font, with "jungle" written below it. On the right, a tall giraffe with a yellow and brown patterned neck looks down at the sign. The background is filled with green foliage and a blue sky.

BOOKS  
**2**  
YOU

Dear Parents,

To promote reading and literacy in our school, we will be hosting a book fair on:

21st & 22nd November 2023

You are invited to visit the fair to purchase books for your children and/or donate to the library.

In appreciation for hosting the Book Fair, Books2You give a percentage of the total sales back to the school in free books. This is a wonderful way to add new titles to our library at no extra cost!

Book prices start from R70 to R165 per book

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair...

Your support is appreciated.

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