



Preparatory School for Boys and Girls

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From the Prep School Principal's desk

I am certainly hoping that these long-awaited rains will not only bring a rejuvenation to nature but also to our spirits of endurance as we deal with another term during this Covid-19 pandemic. Things always seem clean and clear after a few good days of rain and I hope that this renewed clarity will help us see a better and exciting future. This spirit of newness is enhanced by the excited voices of the children moving about the school at the start of this term. It is clear that they have adapted to the new normal a lot quicker than most of us adults. I must compliment them on how they have continued to embrace the protocols, with very little reminding from staff.

Staff continue to ensure that our pupils will enjoy some of the traditional experiences that they would normally have during this stage of the year. I am very happy to say that our Grade 7s will be going on their annual hike and they will have all their end-of-year farewell functions. These events are so important at this stage in their lives as they say goodbye to one part of their school life and hello to a new exciting part. Our Grade Rs will follow suit with their annual production as they bid farewell to the Pre-Primary and move onto 'big' school.

I have marveled at how our staff have adapted, adjusted and made a plan to create these and other opportunities for their different grades so that this new normal is as normal as it can be.

So, with all these exciting events coming up we look forward to a busy and productive term.

On behalf of all staff, I take this opportunity again to thank parents for their support and adherence to the protocols that have brought us to this point and will help us get through the last push to the end of the school year.

Stay safe
Faith Compassion Courage
Mr Reynard White



Some snapshots from this term



Culture at Epworth Virtual Showcase



The culture at Epworth Virtual Showcase was launched on the Epworth YouTube channel over the first weekend of this term. The Prep School musicians were part of this showcase as they performed in a Prep School Virtual Music Concert. The showcase consisted of varied music items learnt during the 2020 COVID-19 lockdown. [Click here](#) to view this concert.

New Recycling Depots @ Epworth

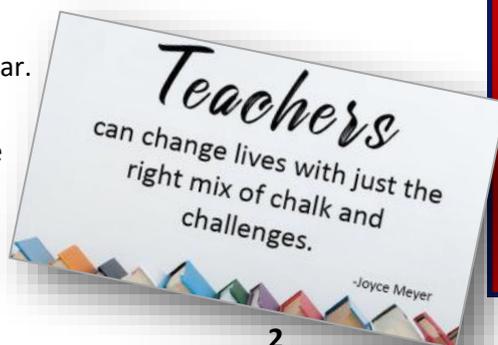
As part of the School's environmental initiatives, and to increase environmental awareness, we have recently upgraded the recycling village (on the road leading to the swimming pool) and are currently upgrading the depots in the Prep and High Schools. We are also building a new recycling depot that can be accessed by our surrounding community.

We would like to encourage our community to please help us by reducing your waste and recycling the following products at our village or depots: plastic (no 2, clear, colour and shrink), glass, tetra, paper, tin cans and cardboard.



Teachers' Day

On Monday, 5 October we celebrated World Teachers' Day. We would like to thank our teachers for the amazing way they have adapted to the numerous challenges they have faced this year. We would also like to thank all our Prep School parents for the wonderful support that you have given our teachers! Thank you!



Epworth in Community

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Business Directory

The EPiC (Epworth in Community) Business Directory is now LIVE and on our website.

Please click on the EPiC logo above to view the directory.

The businesses listed in the directory are members of our Epworth community and would greatly appreciate your support!

Dates to diarise in October

Monday, 12 October

Heritage Day Assembly and Proudly South African Civvies Day (Grades 1 to 7)

Friday, 16 October

SPCA tin collection and animal dress-up day (Grades RRR to 7)

Tuesday, 20 October to

Thursday, 22 October

Grade 7 Hike

Friday, 23 October

No school for Grade 7s
Half-term: School closes at 12:00

Monday, 26 October

Half-term: School closed

Friday, 30 October

11:00 to 17:00
Art exhibition drive-through (Grades RRR to 7)