

WHATS BUZZING AT BENS



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REMINDERS

☒ School Uniform

Please make sure ALL uniform items are labelled!! Please also check the app for details on the uniform policy.

☒ Bread for a Buddy

Every Thursday, please pack an extra sandwich to donate to Bread for a Buddy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

☒ Holiday Club

If you would like your child to join our fun holiday club, please complete the form that has been emailed to you no later than 20 March.

☒ Colour Splash

We look forward to this exciting event on Fri 27 March from 4pm. Please return sponsor forms and donations to your class teacher no later than Monday 23 March.

☒ Special Person's Tea

Save the date - Friday 10 April. Details to follow soon.

Message from the Headmistress



Each year, I share a word with the BeNS staff that we focus on. This year, I chose "connection". Dr. Brene Brown, one of my "gurus", is an American professor, author, and podcast host who has spent over two decades researching shame, vulnerability, courage, and empathy. She defines connection as "the energetic bond formed when people feel seen, heard, and valued".

It goes beyond mere communication, representing an exchange of humanity that builds trust and strengthens communities. I hope you feel the building of connection in our special BeNS community. I am always eager to connect with parents, and I invite you to make an appointment to chat with me if you would like to do so.

STAFF NEWS

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that after 13 years of dedicated service to BeNS, Mrs. Karen Beehan will be leaving us at the end of the first term.

We wish Mrs. Beehan well as she enters a phase of being a "doggie granny" to her precious animals - Karen, I hope you know how much you will be missed.

We look forward to welcoming Ms Wandile Sikhakhane from 6 May. Ms Sikhakhane comes to us from St Peter's Prep, where she has spent the past four years.

SAVE THE DATE!
Colour Splash is coming to our school

Colour Splash 2026

Get ready for a day of vibrant energy & messy fun!

Mark your calendars so you don't miss the Colour Splash of the year!

FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES!





Teacher Feature



My family... husband Christopher and son Joshua.

I love... animals! My passion is rescuing them! My family and I have rescued several dogs and the joy of giving them a second chance and watching them become part of our home is truly unforgettable.

My favourite place.... anywhere that I am surrounded by the people I love the most - family and friends who have become family!

What people should know about me... Kindness and patience guide how I live my life. My friendships mean the world to me and I will always show up wholeheartedly for them. I have a deep love for travelling. It is not just about the places - it is about the memories created along the way.

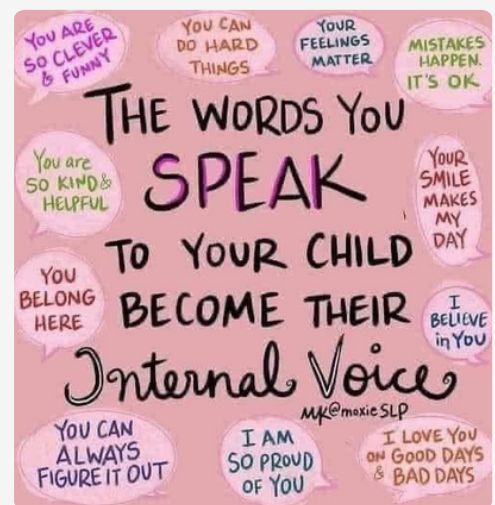


My family... my daughters Chantelle and Danielle and my husband Jeff.

I love... my family, my job, reading, gardening, pets and colouring.

I really don't like... extreme heat, Parktown prawns, brussel sprouts

What people should know about me... My family always comes first. I absolutely love children. I am slow to make friends and tend to be a friend for life once I do. Every Sunday I bake for afternoon tea - because my husband loves it... How old fashioned!





Last Month in Pictures





Interesting Read



READING at Home with Your Child

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS AND IDEAS TO HELP CULTIVATE A LOVE OF READING AT HOME!

- Let them hold the book as you read
- Allow them to turn the pages
- Invite them to read with you
- Let them finish the sentences if reading with you
- Point to the words as you read so they associate words with reading
- Model reading in front of your child
- Go to the library
- Encourage them to read the pictures and talk about them
- Read the same 2-3 books every day for a week, then switch.
- Read to them daily
- Designate a "reading time" where the whole family sits down to read
- Allow them to choose books
- Talk about the books after reading them
- Be excited about reading with your child. It's contagious!

"CHILDREN ARE MADE READERS ON THE LAPS OF THEIR PARENTS." — EMILIE BUCHWALD

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