

WHATS BUZZING AT BENS



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REMINDERS

☒ Holiday Club

If you have not signed up yet, please do so as soon as possible. This will run from 13 to 30 April. Half and full-day options are available.

☒ School Reopens

School reopens on Wednesday, 6 May 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

☒ Special Person's Tea

We invite your child's special person/people to join us from 9:30-10:30 on Friday, the 10th of April. A maximum of two people per child please.

☒ Colour Splash

Colour Splash has been postponed until the 29th of May from 15:00-18:00.

THANK YOU to everyone for your sponsorship and donations!



Message from the Headmistress



Our weekly Bread for a Buddy drive has gathered new momentum in the past few weeks. Each Thursday, Mrs Pinker has been making sandwiches at the entrance to BeNS to boost the number of sandwiches that the children bring to school. The Grade 0 children are now taking turns, in groups of 5, to assist Mrs Pinker to make the sandwiches. We have had some wonderful conversations while getting sticky and helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

It has reminded me of a wonderful statement from Pope Frances... "Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself, and flowers do not spread their own fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you."

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Miss Wandile Sikhakhane to our school community as she takes over from Mrs Beehan in Grade 00 in Term 2.

Miss Sikhakhane has already spent time meeting many of our parents and has been warmly engaging with the children in her class. She has quickly familiarised herself with the routines and is building lovely connections with the learners.

We are confident that she will be a wonderful addition to our team and look forward to the positive impact she will have in Grade 00.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Miss Sikhakhane!





Teacher Feature



PINKY DLAMINI- GR0000 TEACHER

I love... music, dancing and meat.

My favourite place.... is my home.

Someone I admire... is my mom!

What I love about people.... Different hair!



MONICA SHEZI- GR0000 ASSISTANT

I love... helping!

What I love about people... that they are there for each other.

My favourite place... is at church.

Someone I admire... my children.

SHATADI GRANNY TSHWANE- AFTERCARE SUPERVISER



Known as... Teacher Granny

I love.... my family

What I love about people... we always encourage each other, every time we meet.

What people should know about me... I'm a helpful person. Anytime you need help I will jump in. I am a person to trust, and I always tell the truth.





Mrs Beehan, we will miss you!





Interesting Read



We don't have a "behavior problem" generation.

We have a boundary problem generation.

Somewhere along the way,
we confused gentle parenting with permissive parenting.

Gentle doesn't mean no consequences.
Gentle doesn't mean endless negotiating.
Gentle doesn't mean your child runs the house.

It means calm.

It means consistent.

It means you don't scream...
but you also don't budge.

Kids don't feel safe when there are no limits.

They feel powerful for a minute.
And then anxious.

Because when no one is steering the ship,
they realize they're the ones holding the wheel.

And that's too much responsibility for a child.

Yes, teach them emotional intelligence.
Teach them how to name their feelings.
Teach them empathy.

But also teach them this:

No means no.
Respect isn't optional.
Actions have consequences.
The world does not revolve around you.

Teachers have classrooms to run.
Coaches have teams to lead.
Bosses have businesses to manage.

If your child collapses every time they're corrected,
that's not confidence.

That's fragility.

Our job isn't to eliminate discomfort.

It's to teach them how to handle it.

Because resilience isn't built in comfort.
It's built in structure.

Be gentle.

But be firm.

Be loving.

But be clear.

Because accountability at home
feels a whole lot better
than humiliation in the real world.