

WOODLANDS INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7 November 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

A WEEK IN REVIEW

Another year has almost passed. Another group of amazing Woodlands Pre-Primary Children are ready to move on, to tackle the next leg of their academic journey.

What a bittersweet day Wednesday was, seeing the Grade 0 class of 2025 standing on stage in their Graduation gowns, as if they just grew up overnight. Remembering how privileged I have been to witness some of them grow and develop over the last FOUR years. To see that child, who struggled to take leave of Mom and Dad, walk confidently on to the stage to receive their certificate. To know that we have been instrumental in laying a firm foundation on which their future academic endeavours will be built. I beam with pride to see how far they have come, to imagine what future lies ahead for them. My wish is that they see themselves through my eyes, that they will always remember how special they are, that success is a state of mind and that they can achieve whatever they put their mind to



We wish our Grade 0's the best of luck and success as they stand on the brink of their Junior College adventure.

Go forth and conquer, we know you can do it.

You will all be missed.



Mrs. J Copeling
PRESCHOOL PRINCIPAL



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Class Placements

I know many parents are anxious about their child's class placement for next year. Children are very adaptable so please do not let your anxiety and personal preferences rub off on them.

Will my child like their new Teacher?

Will their friend be placed in the same class as them?

Will they make new friends?

Is this Teacher the best fit?

Are the stories I've heard about this Teacher true?

Well, let me put your mind at rest.

Here at Woodlands Pre-Primary, we always have your child's best interest at heart. We ALL strive to help them reach their ultimate potential. Much thought is put into placing each and every child. Not only whose class they are placed in but also with whom they are placed.

Each Teacher possesses their own personality and characteristics as well as personal strengths and weaknesses. With this in mind, children are placed with the teacher with whom, the present teacher, feels they will best form a strong bond and in so doing, thrive. Do not lend your ears out to car park gossip but allow time to develop your own relationship with the new Teacher. Be positive and encouraging in front of your child about their new Teacher and class.

Will your child be placed with their best friend?

Possibly not! Some friendships are amazing but just not conducive to learning. Best friends can distract each other from the learning programme so in some instances they may not be placed in the same class. They will, however, get the opportunity to play together during outside time.

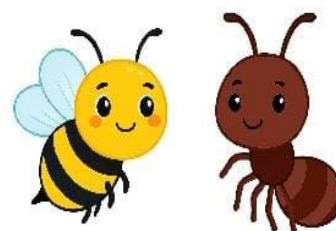
As Socrates once quoted - "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new"

In an ever-changing world, the ability to adjust to a new situation and to handle change is a skill that will ensure success in life.

Playschool



Grade 000



Grade 00



Grade 0



STAFF MATTERS

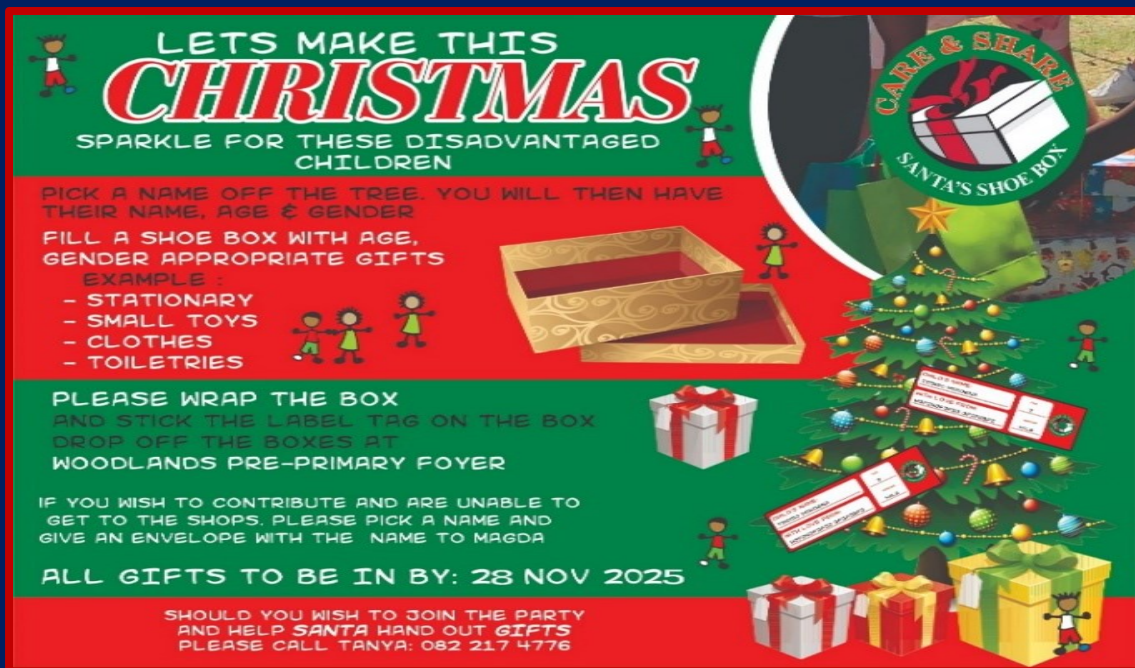
A Fond Farewell and a Joyful Welcome

It is with heartfelt emotion that we prepare to bid farewell to **Teacher Ruby**, who will be retiring at the end of the year after 16 dedicated years at Woodlands. Her warmth, wisdom, and unwavering commitment have left an indelible mark on our school community, and she will be deeply missed. At the same time, we're delighted to announce that **Teacher Dinieke**—who has been part of our Woodlands family for the past four years and will soon qualify with her BEd—has accepted the position of Grade 0 teacher for 2026. We wish her many happy and fulfilling years ahead as she steps into this exciting new role.

SANTA SHOEBOX DRIVE

REMINDER

We warmly invite our parent community to join us in making a difference through our Santa Shoebox Charity Drive. If you're able to sponsor a gift for an underprivileged child, we still have 27 tags waiting to be claimed. Every contribution brings joy and hope—and your generosity will be deeply appreciated.



LET'S MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS
SPARKLE FOR THESE DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

PICK A NAME OFF THE TREE. YOU WILL THEN HAVE THEIR NAME, AGE & GENDER
FILL A SHOE BOX WITH AGE, GENDER APPROPRIATE GIFTS
EXAMPLE :
- STATIONARY
- SMALL TOYS
- CLOTHES
- TOILETRIES

PLEASE WRAP THE BOX AND STICK THE LABEL TAG ON THE BOX
DROP OFF THE BOXES AT WOODLANDS PRE-PRIMARY FOYER

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE AND ARE UNABLE TO GET TO THE SHOPS, PLEASE PICK A NAME AND GIVE AN ENVELOPE WITH THE NAME TO MAGDA

ALL GIFTS TO BE IN BY: 28 NOV 2025

SHOULD YOU WISH TO JOIN THE PARTY AND HELP SANTA HAND OUT GIFTS
PLEASE CALL TANYA: 082 217 4776

CLASS OF 2026 – ORIENTATION MORNING – 8H30 TO 9H30

The Pre-Primary Orientation morning where the children get to meet their 2026 peers and teacher will take place on Saturday 22 November.

Pre-Toddler / Toddler / Grade 000 – 8h30

All parents are invited to attend the day with their child.

Grade 00 / 0 – 8h30

Children to be dropped off at their respective classes at 8H30 sharp.

There will also be the opportunity to meet and chat to the Extra Mural Coaches.

Children to be collected from their class at 9h30

Looking forward to seeing everyone.



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INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE
A World-Class School

Orientation Morning
22 November 2025
8h30 to 9h30

Playschool and Grade 000 for 2026
Parents and Children to meet in the classroom
Grade 00 and 0 for 2026
Children to be dropped off at 8h30
and collected at 9h30

Please see invite in your Child's message book this Friday

YEAR END FAMILY SHOW AND PICNIC – FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 17H00 TO 18H30



FAMILY PICNIC – FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER – 17H00

Please see below our invitation to our Family Picnic

DATE: Friday 28 November

TIME: 17H00 – 18H30

PLACE: Pre-Primary Outdoor Astro Turf

You are cordially invited to join us at the Pre-Primary for our end of year Family picnic. Please pack a picnic basket, bring along your picnic blanket and camping chairs and join us for a fun filled evening of entertainment provided by our very own Woodlands children.

The class teachers will be in contact regarding the costume / dress requirements for each class. It is compulsory for all children to take part. Children will need to be in their classrooms by **16h30**.

Please feel free to invite the whole family.

CLOSING EARLY

As from Monday 17 November the **Junior College** will be closing at **12h30**. In order to assist parents, siblings may also be collected earlier if they so wish. Please notify the teacher if you would like to collect your Pre-Primary child earlier.

SUPPORT STAFF CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

As is tradition this time of the year we appeal to parents to please make a small contribution to Ishmael and our Support staff as a thank you for all their hard work done during the year. If you are willing and able to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked: "Support staff" and send to the class teacher.

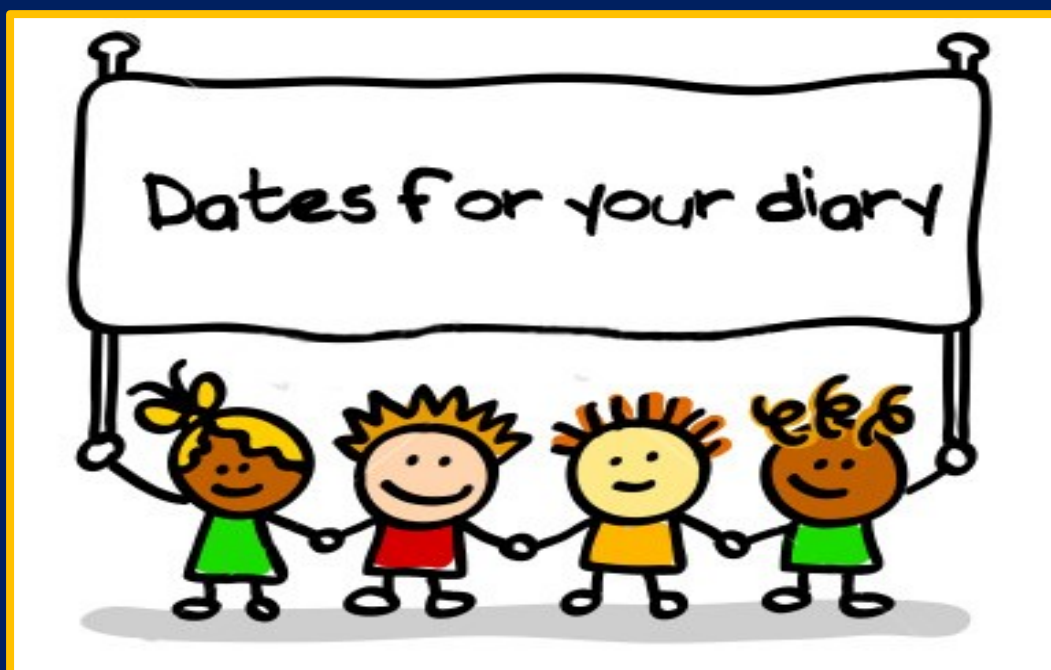
As we would like to do the hand over on Friday 28 November, we would be extremely grateful if all monies could please be in Monday morning 24 November.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity

CRAFTERS FAIR – MAIN CAMPUS



2025



THIRD TERM

NOVEMBER	
Friday 14 November	Cycle Day – Grade 000I
Friday 21 November	Cycle Day – Grade 0000W
Saturday 22 November	Orientation Morning – 08h30 to 09h30
Friday 28 November	Cycle Day – Grade 0000I
Friday 28 November	Family Holiday show and Year end picnic – 17h30
	Class Party
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 3 December	College closes at 11h00. End of 2025 Academic year
	Progress Reports published on Ed-Admin