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Japari Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the second week of our Spring Term, I am happy to report that Japari is running smoothly and our children and teachers are settled and working well. Our wonderful children have once again taken all our required health protocols in their stride. Thank you parents, for your patience when dropping off and collecting your children. The entry and exit protocols are time consuming, but so necessary. On this note, please ensure that your child wears a clean mask every day. We would also ask that you pack a water bottle for your child as we would like to discourage pupils drinking from the water fountains during these times.

Parents are reminded that access to the school property is by appointment only. This includes parents who wish to pay school fees with a credit card. Arrangements can be made to see the Bursar or payment can be made at the reception.

We started our support programme in Grade 4-7 this week. This is conducted every Monday and Wednesday at 09:30. All pupils are divided into phonics, comprehension skills, Maths skills as well as Mindful Art and computer extension work – depending on the need.

These groups will change so that pupils can have the benefit of all the support areas. The Grade 4s also have a Rave-O group. So far it has been very successful and teachers are already finding that the pupils are benefiting as it is still early in the morning when they are fresh!

Our weather appears to have settled and we also have reached the end of our uniform transition period. Pupils are required to be dressed in full school summer uniforms from Monday 14 September, for the balance of the school year, always adhering to the school's regulations regarding dress code. This includes the compulsory wearing of a school cap. We will now revert to full school summer uniforms without the wearing of civvies on alternate days. Hair must also conform to school regulations.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Mrs Viviana Schwendinger who joins Japari in our Psychology Department. Mrs Schwendinger will be available to carry out psycho-educational and emotional assessments. In addition, an Intern Psychology student will join us in 2021.

School psychology is the application of psychological principles and techniques to the education of children. School psychologists are uniquely qualified members of school teams that support students ability to learn and teachers ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behaviour, to help children succeed socially, academically, behaviourally and emotionally.

School psychologists partner with families, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals, to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school and the community.

I learned that there are troubles of more than one kind.

Some come from ahead, others come from behind.

But I've bought a big bat. I'm all ready you see.

Now my troubles are going to have trouble with me."

Dr Seuss

Regards

**Steve Rees
Headmaster**

DID YOU KNOW?

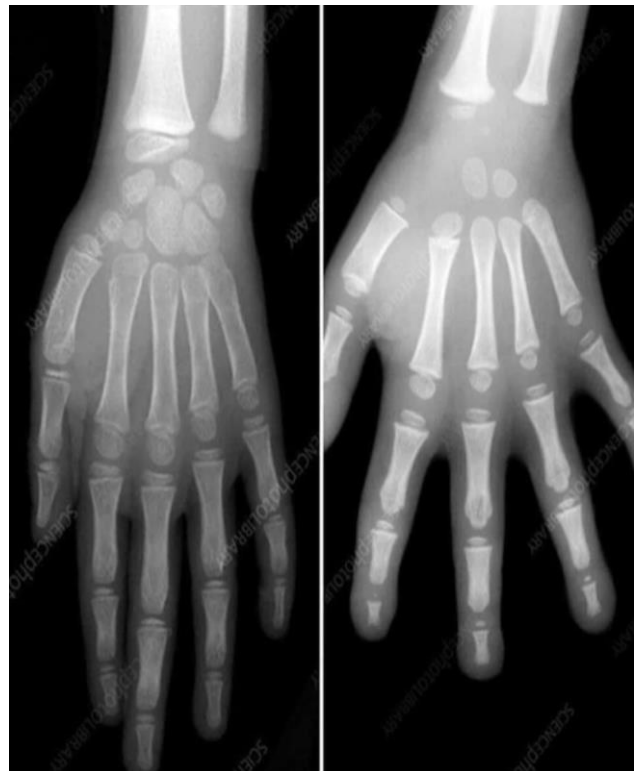
"Look at the differences between a typical preschool child's hand (left) and a typical 7-year-old child's hand (right).

Want to know why a preschool aged child isn't able to write yet? This is why! Their hands are still developing and are not fully formed. So what should they be doing to support this?

PLAY!! Playdough, colouring, cutting, gluing, playing outside, digging in dirt, sensory play, dress up play, science experiments, baking, beading, puzzles, throwing balls, etc.

All of these things help their hands develop. When they are physically ready to write, they will! No need to rush them, they will show you when they are ready."

(@Raisingherbarefoot)



Term 3 Cycle Test dates

For Grades, 5, 6 and 7

18 September	English
25 September	Mathematics
02 October	Social Science
09 October	Afrikaans
15 October	Natural Science
23 October	Technology, plus EMS for Grade 7s



**SUMMER DRESSES AND
SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRTS**

**ON SALE WHILE
STOCKS LAST**

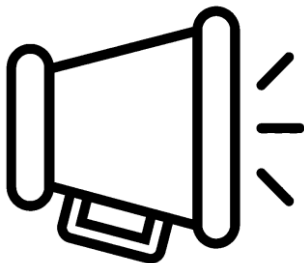
Dresses now R130.00 each
Shirts now R105.00 each

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MID TERM BREAK

School will close at 11:00 on
Thursday 15 October and re-open
on Tuesday 20 October



Spread the word!

*Enrolments for
2021 open*



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every swipe
count for your
school

