



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NEWSLETTER | **20 September 2018** | VOLUME 3:18

Dear Parents



Our Pro-Ed Sportz Coach, Yas lost his popularity stakes last week when a barn owl decided to roost on one of our rafters. The owls were released from the enclosure in the SP wetland and one made its way to the ELS. One way to mobilise children quietly and effectively is to alert them to a visitor be it feathered or furry. They arrived class by class gawking at our most welcomed guest in the outdoor play area and so ... many questions inevitably followed:

*We visited the owl last week ... did he escape?*

*Shall we take him back so that he has a home and is fed and looked after?*

*Why is his one eye open and the other closed?*

Yas sat patiently on the side line waiting for the children's focus to be redirected on him and his passion for movement and fun.

Another absolute joy and highlight to end off a busy and productive term was our six Stage Three's Mornings of Song and Dance. Countless hours of rehearsing and planning paid off huge dividends once the children took centre stage and performed their hearts out! The singing, dancing, reciting and the children literally shining on stage was a marvel to witness. I am constantly amazed at the courage of young children to stand up in front of a large audience and perform, and perform they did! Thank you to our parents and extended families for their support and encouragement which goes a long way in boosting our young children's confidence day by day. Our utmost gratitude and thanks must go to the teachers, specialist teachers and educators who continue to inspire our children in so many wondrous ways.

Our coach, Yas, has since recovered and is back in full swing delighting our children with his energetic, vibrant and contagious passion for movement and fun.

## Coffee Morning

Our first Coffee Morning for Term Four will be held on Tuesday, 16 October at 08:00 in the ELS Staffroom.

- **Presenters:** Caroline Poonan and Natalie Agostinho
- **Caroline Poonan** is passionate about wellness and its ability to influence productivity, motivation and overall happiness. She has an interest in stress management, meditation and mindful decision making. Caroline is an accomplished runner, triathlete and basketball player. Caroline has a Degree in Business / Finance from Dublin City University, Ireland, an MBA from Trinity College Dublin, a Masters in Public Health from Kings College, London, a Certificate in Personal Training from the American Council on Exercise (ACE), an Advanced Diploma in Personal Training from YMCA London and a Kids Exercise Development Certificate from the Health and Fitness Professionals Academy (HFPA), South Africa.
- **Natalie Agostinho** has worked in the fitness industry for several years and has authored fitness manuals and publications. She is passionate about helping and motivating people to achieve their health and fitness goals. She has competed in numerous sporting events and has represented South Africa in Touch Rugby. Natalie has a Diploma in Exercise Science and Sports Conditioning from the Health and Fitness Professionals Academy (HFPA), a certificate in Sports Management from Varsity College and a Kids Exercise Development Certificate from the Health and Fitness Professionals Academy (HFPA), South Africa.
- **Topic: Healthy Habits, Happy Households:**
  - Nutrition and Meal Planning – *Fuelling your body, making healthy choices, meal planning*
  - Physical Activity – *Importance of physical activity, active families, developing children's core strength*
  - Mindfulness – *Living in the moment, emotional intelligence, guided meditation*

Please would you RSVP Pat Nkonyane [pat.nkonyane@reddam.house](mailto:pat.nkonyane@reddam.house) by Friday, 12 October to secure your seat.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Jaimy and Pierre Meiring who celebrated their wedding on 15 September 2018.

We wish them many years of happiness!



Wishing our entire team of teachers, educators, specialist teachers, administrative, support and maintenance staff a well-deserved holiday break and THANK YOU!

Warm regards

Dr Bev Evangelides

## DATES TO DIARISE

**21 September**

End of Term 3 – ELS Closes at 11:30

**24 September**

Public Holiday – School and Holiday Club Closed

**08 October**

School Re-opens for Term 4

**16 October**

Coffee Morning at 08:00 – *Healthy Habits, Happy Households*

## FOCUS ON | STAGE 1 TO 5



### Stage 1 – Our Sensory Garden



As spring approached the Stage 1s took the opportunity of clearing out the old wilted and dying plants from our sensory garden, and began the wonderful process of recreating this very special space.

With the help of the children, we carefully planned where and what we were going to plant in our little garden and quickly got to work. The children were incredibly eager to help plant the seedlings, and even more so when watering the garden on a daily basis.

As Stage 1 is all about play and sensory stimulation, we thought it would also be a fantastic idea to incorporate a sensory pathway into our garden, which already awakens the senses with all the different smells. The pathway was designed using marbles, astro turf, bubble wrap, CD's and CD covers, wine corks, gravel and even pennies.

The pathway has roused the children's curiosity. They spend time inspecting the items in the pathway and are still trying to find ways to extract the items from their fixed positions in concrete.



**Teacher Katy, Thuli and Tina**

## Stage 2 - Comparisons



Retention is one of the key skills in children's cognitive development. The children are able to pay attention, retain information and be able to think critically and divergently. The question is, "How does one achieve this?" Giving the children activities that involve comparisons enables them to differentiate what they have observed. However, in Stage 2E the children did a comparative exercise. They were given a mirror where they compared their body features with what they viewed in the mirror.

Lilamrita said, "Teacher I can see my eyes and my eye lashes." On the other hand, Noah Gad pointed to his face in the mirror. The children then drew their body images. What an exciting activity to do with the little ones!

**Teacher Se and Deliw**

## Stage 3 – The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle



Our provocation for the term has been *Creepy Crawlies*. Made especially for our Morning of Song and Dance was a caterpillar stage prop. The children were fascinated by the size of the drawing. We looked at a video showing how a caterpillar wiggles and does not walk up straight like we do. The children proceeded to engage in wiggling movements on the floor pretending to be a caterpillar. Over the past two weeks, we have been reading *The Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. This story has allowed the children to incorporate mathematics as well as artistic drawing using colour and shape. Firstly the children drew a caterpillar, then they began drawing the food the Hungry Caterpillar ate each day. Next to the food drawings they wrote out the numeral representing the number of things the caterpillar had eaten. This simple activity demonstrated that objects hold numerical values. Once the children had drawn their pictures, they stapled it onto a background that they had painted. Who knew that learning could be such fun!

**Teacher Jaeme and Puleng**

## Stage 4 – Celebrating Spring



The children have noticed the gradual changes in our outdoor environment since the arrival of spring and brought in flowers from their own gardens. They particularly enjoyed experiencing the lavender through their senses by observing, touching, smelling and tasting the lavender which led to a discussion about the many uses of the herb.

**Tsiko:** In spring all the bees and butterflies get nectar for us and the bees. The butterflies come out to have freedom to fly. Spring is hot and cold at the same time.

**Daniel G:** The sun comes out for the flowers to grow.

**Alexia:** The lavender smells a lot.

**Jordan:** Lavenders needs the spring sun and the water to grow.

**James:** It tastes so purple.

**Vahini:** You can have it even in tea.



Once the children were familiar with the lavender, they did an observational painting.

They did some colour mixing to match the green of the stems and the purple of the flowers, and used sticks to create the stems and their fingertips to create the buds. We were almost certain the bees would mistake their paintings for real lavender!

**Teacher Lauren and Linda**

## Stage 5 – Through the Ages



In line with our Provocation for the term “Through the Ages” our class has been looking at structures that have been built in their life time.

The children were fascinated to discover that before Reddam House Waterfall first opened in 2012 it was farm land, there were no estates or business parks surrounding the farm. It is a wonderful way to show the children the progression of time and how areas change and develop, much like how children use life’s building blocks to grow and learn rapidly in the first seven years of their lives.



In only six years the area has emerged into its own thriving metropolis. There are many buildings surrounding the school that are new and were completed in the last six years so we had a lot to draw and paint. We started by drawing the buildings in black marker- we chose to draw Bounce, our school, The Mall of Africa, and the PWC building. They worked in groups and used printed and digital images as a starting point. When they were happy with the details in the drawings they started painting as well as using soft pastels and charcoal in some of the pictures.

The children thoroughly enjoyed drawing on the larger canvas and working together with friends to recreate the images they had observed.

Teacher Kirsty and Eunice





These past three weeks we have encouraged children to participate in collaborative art activities. This teaches the importance of sharing and respecting other people's spaces. Not only did they learn to embrace the diversity amongst each other, but also how to compliment each other's work.

Some of the collaborative activities included drawing body images on the chalkboard and signature paintings on a rolled out, big piece of white paper.

The Stage 3s had fun cutting out egg containers and transforming the strips into colourful, painted caterpillars.



One afternoon the Stage 1s expressed their natural love of music by making shakers using toilet roll inners and rice. They used their shakers whilst singing to 'Baby Shark' and 'Old MacDonald'.

We have also introduced the importance of exercise in Adventure Zone. The children learned that even the simple steps like walking to the dining hall are important and were proud of themselves when they reached 500 steps in a short space of time that afternoon. We used the Step counter App on my phone!

We are looking forward to our fun filled Holiday Club and welcome everyone back to Adventure Zone for Term 4.

**Nathi and the Adventure Zone Team**

### Opening Hours for the Reddam House Waterfall Uniform Shop

During the term: OPEN from MONDAY to FRIDAY: 08:00 – 16:00

#### SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2018 SHOP HOURS

- The shop will close at 16:00 on Friday 21 Sep 2018.
- The shop will be open as from Monday 1 October 2018, as per the shop school term hours above.
- The shop will be open on Saturday 6 October, 3 November, 1 December 2018 from 09:00 to 13:00.

**Reddam House Waterfall shop telephone number: 010 0600759**

## Reddam House Waterfall - ELS Planner Term 4 - 2018

| October |    |  | November |    |   | December |    |   |
|---------|----|--|----------|----|---|----------|----|---|
| Mon     | 1  | Adventure Zone open  | Thur     | 1  | SoccerStarz S4 & 5 Stage 5 Send Off 18:00   | Sat      | 1  |   |
| Tue     | 2  | Adventure Zone open  | Fri      | 2  | Dance Tots - Moms & Tots  | Sun      | 2  |   |
| Wed     | 3  | Adventure Zone Open  | Sat      | 3  |   | Mon      | 3  |   |
| Thur    | 4  | Adventure Zone open  | Sun      | 4  |   | Tue      | 4  |   |
| Fri     | 5  | Adventure Zone open  | Mon      | 5  | Diwali Prayers 08:30 SoccerStarz S2 & 3,Pottery S4 & 5,Dance Tots                                   | Wed      | 5  |   |
| Sat     | 6  |  | Tue      | 6  | Pottery S2 & 3, Cricket S4 & 5  | Thur     | 6  | School Closes 11:00 - Reports handed out<br>No Adventure Zone |
| Sun     | 7  |  | Wed      | 7  | Diwali Lego Club S5, Dance Tots, Drama S3&4, Kidi-Sports S2   | Fri      | 7  |   |
| Mon     | 8  | Term 4 Commences   | Thur     | 8  | SoccerStarz S4 & 5  | Sat      | 8  |   |
| Tue     | 9  |  | Fri      | 9  | Grade 1 Orientation Day Dance Tots - Moms & Tots  | Sun      | 9  |   |
| Wed     | 10 |  | Sat      | 10 |   | Mon      | 10 |   |
| Thur    | 11 |  | Sun      | 11 |   | Tue      | 11 |   |
| Fri     | 12 |  | Mon      | 12 | SoccerStarz S2 & 3,Pottery S4 & 5,Dance Tots  | Wed      | 12 |   |
| Sat     | 13 |  | Tue      | 13 | Stage 2 Morning of Song & Dance 08:30 - Hilda<br>Pottery S2 & 3, Cricket S4 & 5                     | Thur     | 13 |   |
| Sun     | 14 |  | Wed      | 14 | Stage 2 Morning of Song & Dance 08:30 - Se<br>Lego Club S5, Dance Tots, Drama S3&4, Kidi-Sports S2  | Fri      | 14 |   |
| Mon     | 15 | SoccerStarz S2 & 3,Pottery S4 & 5,Dance Tots   | Thur     | 15 | Stage 2 Morning of Song & Dance 08:30 - Sharusha<br>SoccerStarz S4 & 5                              | Sat      | 15 |   |
| Tue     | 16 | Coffee Morning 08:00 - Caroline Poonan & Natalie Aghostino<br>Pottery S2 & 3, Cricket S4 & 5 | Fri      | 16 | Stage 2 Morning of Song & Dance 08:30 - Betina<br>Dance Tots Moms & Tots                            | Sun      | 16 | Day of Reconciliation   |
| Wed     | 17 | Lego Club S5, Dance Tots, Drama S3&4, Kidi-Sports S2   | Sat      | 17 |   | Mon      | 17 | Public Holiday  |
| Thur    | 18 | SoccerStarz S4 & 5   | Sun      | 18 |   | Tue      | 18 |   |
| Fri     | 19 | Stage 5s join Grade 1 Assembly Dance Tots - Moms & Tots                                      | Mon      | 19 | SoccerStarz S2 & 3,Pottery S4 & 5,Dance Tots  | Wed      | 19 |   |
| Sat     | 20 |  | Tue      | 20 | ProEd Sportz Parent Rings Pottery S2 & 3, Cricket S4 & 5  | Thur     | 20 |   |
| Sun     | 21 |  | Wed      | 21 | Lego Club S5, Dance Tots, Drama S3&4, Kidi-Sports S2  | Fri      | 21 |   |
| Mon     | 22 | SoccerStarz S2 & 3,Pottery S4 & 5,Dance Tots   | Thur     | 22 | ProEd Sportz Parent Rings SoccerStarz S4 & 5  | Sat      | 22 |   |
| Tue     | 23 | Coffee Morning 08:00 Pottery S2 & 3, Cricket S4 & 5  | Fri      | 23 | Dance Tots - Moms & Tots Laser Show 18:30   | Sun      | 23 |   |
| Wed     | 24 | Lego Club S5, Dance Tots, Drama S3&4, Kidi-Sports S2   | Sat      | 24 |   | Mon      | 24 |   |
| Thur    | 25 | SoccerStarz S4 & 5   | Sun      | 25 |   | Tue      | 25 | Christmas Day   |
| Fri     | 26 | Dance Tots - Moms & Tots   | Mon      | 26 | SoccerStarz S2 & 3,Pottery S4 & 5,Dance Tots  | Wed      | 26 | Day of Goodwill   |
| Sat     | 27 |  | Tue      | 27 | Pottery S2 & 3, Cricket S4 & 5  | Thur     | 27 |   |
| Sun     | 28 |  | Wed      | 28 | Stage1 Morning of Song & Dance 08:30 - Katy<br>Lego Club S5, Dance Tots, Drama S3&4, Kidi-Sports S2 | Fri      | 28 |   |
| Mon     | 29 | SoccerStarz S2 & 3,Pottery S4 & 5,Dance Tots   | Thur     | 29 | Stage1 Morning of Song & Dance 08:30 - Amorei<br>Stage 5 Pantomime - Snow White SoccerStarz S4 & 5  | Sat      | 29 |   |
| Tue     | 30 | Pottery S2 & 3, Cricket S4 & 5   | Fri      | 30 | Stage 1 Morning of Song & Dance 08h30 - Nicky<br>Dance Tots - Moms & Tots                           | Sun      | 30 |   |
| Wed     | 31 | Lego Club S5, Dance Tots, Drama S3&4, Kidi-Sports S2   |          |    |   | Mon      | 31 |   |

# REDDAM HOUSE CALENDAR 2019

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| JANUARY 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| DECEMBER 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## REDDAM HOUSE SCHOOL TERMS

STAFF CONFERENCE: 14/15 January 2019  
 TERM 1: 16 January to 20 March  
 TERM 2: 08 April to 21 June  
 TERM 3: 16 July to 20 September  
 TERM 4: 07 October to 04 December  
 (Staff final day: 06 December)

College examinations on these days

## IEB DATES

Marking commences: 05 December 2019  
 IEB National Conference: 02 February 2019

School Commences in 2020 on 15 January\*  
 Staff Seminar in 2020 on 13/14 January\*

## REDDAM HOUSE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

21 March to 07 April  
 22 June to 15 July  
 21 September to 06 October  
 05 December to 14 January 2020 \*

\* Provisional

Adventure Zone open during March/April,  
 June/July and Sept./Oct. holidays from  
 08:00 to 17:00

## PUBLIC/SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

21 March: Human Rights Day  
 19 April: School Holiday  
 22 April: School Holiday  
 27 April: Freedom Day  
 01 May: Workers' Day  
 30 - 31 May: School Holiday  
 16 June: Youth Day  
 17 June: Public Holiday  
 09 August: National Women's Day  
 24 September: Heritage Day

