



28 August 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe with this cold and miserable weather that Spring is just around the corner. The spring season promises new life budding all around us. I pray that this will truly be the season of new life for us all after a bleak 2020 so far. May we all focus on the flowers blooming and all the positive things in our lives. We will celebrate Spring Day on Friday with a civvies day and if we could ask each pupil to bring one item for any one of our Outreach initiatives next week please, we can share a little 'spring' with those in need.

We bid a very special member of the Cannons family farewell on Monday. Mrs SK is embarking on a brave new chapter as she begins retirement by moving to the UK to study towards her Masters. Although the move and studies may be daunting, the fact that she will be close to her family for the first time in many years is going to be amazing. We will all miss your wisdom and friendship Helene, a professional lady in everything she undertakes.

Have a wonderful weekend. Stay warm and dry.

Kind regards

Tracy Wahl

Primary School Principal



Updates and **REMINDERS!**

- School Photos –Wednesday 16th September
- Assembly – link posted to the Communicator each Monday.
- Please let us know if you have any intention of withdrawing your child from Cannons Creek at the end of the year.
A reminder that a terms notice is required to avoid paying penalties, however, we would appreciate earlier notice where possible to assist with our planning.



Dear Cannons Creek family

This is my last chance to put something in the newsletters before I retire from Cannons. As I'm sure you are aware from the Cannon Natter and What's Up, I am scheduled to start an MSc Health Psychology degree at Portsmouth University in England in October. As I was preparing my office and material for the new School Marketer, it gave me an opportunity to reflect on the past 11 years. I had come to Cape Town from Durban at the end of 2008 and sometime during 2009 I ended up sitting next to Mr Booth at an ISMA (Independent Schools Marketing Association) meeting at Herzlia. We were talking about Durban and Thomas More College where I had been involved initially as a Board Member and later as their Marketing Manager. (I had decided to take a break from my Private Practice as a Psychologist in 2004 to take up the position at TMC). Mr Booth said that his wife Carol was looking for someone to market Cannons Creek and arranged an introduction. At that time, I was employed as marketer by the three IES International Schools of Hout Bay, Helderberg, and Blouberg. I remember meeting Mrs B in what was then the Primary School Staffroom, now Mr Starck's classroom. I remember the feeling of walking into Peak Building and thinking that it had the same warm feeling as that of Thomas More College. It felt like home. Mrs B said that she could only afford to offer me a part-time position at Cannons Creek for one day per week, and I started on a Wednesday in November 2009 working from 09h00 to 15h00. My office was where the High School Counselling office is now, and I had to start the Marketing Department from scratch. I had no phone, had to use my personal laptop, and immediately started working on promotional material for Cannons. In 2010 Groote Schuur High School offered me a position as their School Marketer, and so I resigned from IES, marketed GSHS three days per week and Cannons one day per week. It was not considered to be a conflict of interest as GSHS was a public school, and Cannons an independent school. Over the years the three principals Mrs B, Mr van Haght and Mr Marius Ehrenreich (the GSHS Principal) also became friends and this made me very happy.

Slowly the marketing of Cannons increased to two days per week until finally I was required here three days per week. At the end of 2014 I left GSHS to market Cannons every day of the week, on a half-day basis.

In my time here I have seen so many amazing changes: growth in our pupil numbers, a greater awareness in the Cape Town community of our school, the establishment of the first school radio station in South Africa, an increase in our facilities: the Hobbies Club field and fencing, the construction of Riverside Building and the Primary School moving into it, the building of the Theatre and the bridge between Lonsdale and Peak Buildings, the building of the Carol Booth Centre, our Clothing at Cannons, The Tuck Inn, the Aftercare rooms. The growth in Culture and Sport has been lovely to see and our Academic standards and achievements are very well respected. Other changes over the years saw some staff members retiring or relocating, and of course a new chapter started when the new the Primary School Principal Mrs Wahl, and new Deputy Principal Mr Cripps, were appointed. How exciting all these changes have been! There will be more changes in the years ahead and I look forward to hearing about these and will celebrate every Cannons' achievement and success.

There are people whom I would like to acknowledge as I leave: firstly – Mrs B, thank you for taking a chance on me and offering me a position here all those years ago; Mr van Haght and Mrs Wahl, a big thank you to you for your friendship and your support of the marketing department. I have so enjoyed working with you. Thank you too to the Trust for your faith in me. To my colleagues: the teachers, admin staff (especially Mrs van Haght and Mrs Hutton), the support staff, and also the security staff: it has been wonderful getting to know you, and working with each one of you. What a phenomenal group of people you are! Thank you for the laughter, tears, occasional fights (usually with the Finance Department!) and for allowing me to be part of the Cannons Creek story. To the parents of Cannons – thank you for your support and also for being brand ambassadors for our school; you are really an extension of the marketing department! Lucky marketer! To Mrs Geraldine Williams and the Events Committee members over the years, aka The Dream Team, thank you for all that you do for Cannons. It was a lot of fun working with you. To the fledgling Parent Committee, Mrs Ayesha Kaplan and her team, good luck as you bring this body into being and thank you for your support of the Cannons' leadership and their vision. To my PR Committee members over the years (this year it was Thomas Kabalin, Hannah Kline, Myra Ikram and Alex Botha), thank you to all of you for your work in letting other schools know about Cannons, and for being wonderful ambassadors for our school. You made me so proud! To our Grade 6 pupils who will be joining the High School, and to our Matrics, the best of luck as you start a new phase of your life in 2021. To all the pupils of Cannons: I will miss the sound of the laughter and chatter in and around the school, and of little people saying: "Good morning Mrs SK" (or once... Mrs XK), when I pass them in the passage. Each one of you is special. Don't ever forget that. To the whole Cannons family: thank you for letting me be your school marketer. I wish the new marketer much happiness here and ask that you will support him or her, as you have me.

As I leave I wish everyone associated with this school, past, present and future the very best. May God continue to hold His hand over Cannons, to bless Cannons and all who have been, and will be, and are part of the Cannons family. May this school thrive and flourish for decades to come.

I would like to end with one of my favourite poems by e.e.cummings:

i carry your heart with me

i carry your heart with me (i carry it in
my heart) i am never without it (anywhere
i go you go, my dear; and whatever is done
by only me is your doing, my darling)

i fear

no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet) i want
no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true)
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)

Thank you and goodbye.

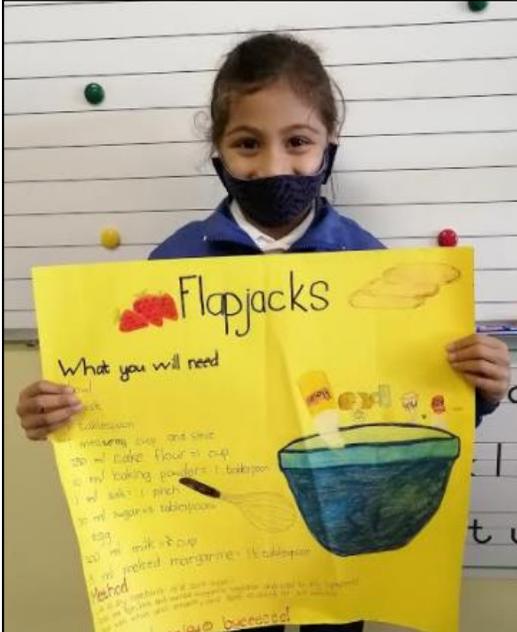
Helene Steinfeldt-Kristensen aka Mrs SK

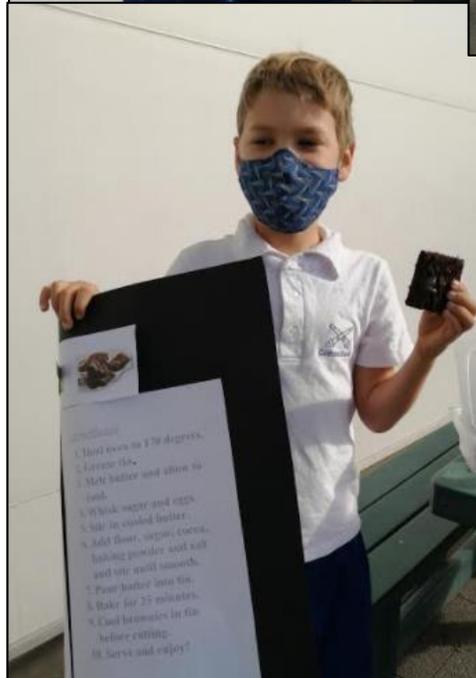
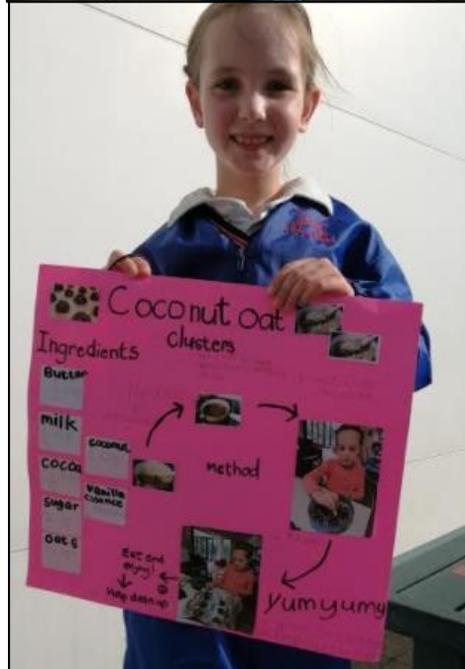
A fitting farewell for a fabulous lady ...

Thank you to parents for your drive-by. The children loved showing off their the Jerusalema dance for the special occasion and also sang So Long, Farewell to Mrs SK.



The Grade 2s did an amazing job presenting their recipe orals to their friends on Monday.





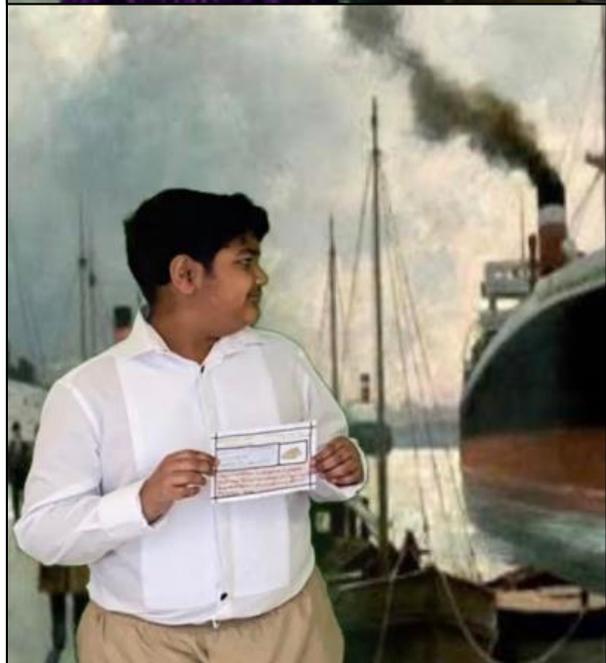


GRADE 4

The Grade 4s are learning about water transport, focusing on The Titanic. They were each given the name of a passenger or crew member who was aboard The Titanic to research. They then spent the day dressed up as their character and discussed the experiences of the passengers in first, second and third class.











DRAMA

Social distance drama in the theatre as the matrics are writing their exams in the Hobbies Club. Lovely to see the children on stage.

We wish all the Grade 12s Good Luck in their exams!



SPORT

During some of our PE lessons this week we brought it back to basics. Locomotive skills were drilled, skipping, running, crab walking, monkey walking etc. Working both the upper and lower body.



TAKE THE CHALLENGE – RESULTS FOR WEEK 6

Girls

1st - Casey Laver
2nd - Stella Melunsky
3rd - Tanaka Joubert

Boys

1st - Luke Laver
2nd - Ben Joubert
3rd - Luc Nasson

Teachers

1st - Mrs du Plooy
2nd - Ms Levitt
3rd - Mrs Coetzee

House

1st - Peak
2nd - Lonsdale
3rd - Riverside

**No new challenge
for this week!**



The gift of giving, especially to those in need is very rewarding for our souls. We all identify with different causes that are dear to our hearts. I would like to encourage our children and families to support any one of the initiatives with whom we as a school are involved. These projects are ongoing.

Alms of Love

You can bring a sandwich and/or fruit to school every Friday.

Mothers that Care

The following items can be dropped off at school on any day:

- Blankets
- Knitted goods
- Toiletries (especially sanitary pads)
- Tinned food
- Soup making ingredients
- Peanut butter



Groote Schuur Hospital Covid Care packages

Patients are unable to have visitors to cheer them up during their hospital stay at this time. Care packages are being put together as a token of joy and motivation for the many who are affected by COVID and other illnesses. It would be a lovely idea for our children to draw little pictures, make cards, write inspirational messages which will be laminated and added to the packages. Should you be inclined to make up an entire package, you are welcome to request a list from the office.

Groote Schuur care packages include:

- Magazine / puzzle book
- Toiletries
- Snack



GIVE A LITTLE JOY BY DOING AN ACT OF KINDNESS FOR OTHERS



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Thank you for Supporting Virtual Slipper Week

Dear Friend of The Foundation,

Virtual Slipper Week proved that dreams can't be locked down, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Reach For A Dream together with Wimpy launched Virtual Slipper Week from 10-16 August to inspire hope and strength in the lives of our dreamers in waiting, who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses. We asked everyone to support The Foundation by participating in the event through making a donation and sharing your #SlipperSelfie during Slipper Week.

With your support and participation in the event, I am proud to say that we created awareness across South Africa and we raised R235 461,00 during Slipper Week!

Today, we are incredibly grateful to you for taking the time to contribute toward Virtual Slipper Week, for your continuous support and ultimately for raising awareness for The Foundation and our dreamers in waiting.

On behalf of myself and The Foundation, thank you for standing by Reach For A Dream during this time. None of this would have been possible without your kindness, generosity and willingness to get involved.

We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Warm regards,

Julia Sotirianakos
Reach For A Dream CEO

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