



# Dunvegan Nursery School

Let the learning begin

Newsletter No. 1

January 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a brand new year at our preschool! As we step into January with fresh energy and hopeful hearts, we are so excited to begin another year of learning, growth and discovery together. The start of a new year always brings a sense of possibility, and we are grateful to welcome our children and families back into our school community.

This year's theme is "Together we make beautiful music", a reminder that each person plays an important part in the rhythm of our school.

At the end of last year, our staff came together for a drumming session — hands on drums, hearts open, listening carefully to one another. Individually, each beat was meaningful, but together we created wonderful harmonies and rhythms. This experience perfectly reflects who we are as a school. When we listen, support and move in time with one another, something truly special is created.

As we begin this year, we carry that metaphor with us. Parents, teachers, children and support staff all bring their own unique beat, voice and melody. When we work together with care, respect and kindness, we create a beautiful harmony where children can thrive.

Thank you for being part of our school's music — we look forward to a year filled with connection, learning and shared joy.

## Our Staff

Teacher		Group	Assistant
Cindy Keet	Principal & Gr R Teacher	Blue Group	Michelle Kellock
Chantelle Hind	Gr R Teacher	Yellow Group	Naledi Lephuting
Lynne Pawley	Gr RR Teacher	Green Group	Lethu Mbangatha
Claire Hemingway	Gr RR Teacher	Turquoise Group	Noxolo Khoza



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Tracey Weschke	Deputy Principal & Teacher	Red Group	Inno Nojiya
Bongie Manamela	Teacher	Orange Group	Ntombi Nkosi
Alta Muszko	Teacher	Purple Group	Charmaine Nkosi
<b>Aftercare</b>			
Claire Hemingway	Aftercare Supervisor	Charmaine Nkosi	Holiday Club Supervisor
<b>Senior Aftercare</b>			
Donald Rikhotso	Gr 1	Ntombi Nkosi	Purple
Charmaine Nkosi	Gr 2	Sanelisiwe Thabethe	3-6 years
Naledi Lephuting	Gr 3	Inno Nojiya	3-6 years
Chloe Coetzee	Gr 4	Lethu Mbangatha	3-6 years
Justin Van Heerden	Gr 5-7	Noxolo Khoza	3-6 years
<b>Other Staff</b>			
Patsy Whelan	Administrator		
Princess Duma	Security		
Walter Katisi	Groundsman		
Samantha Legodi	Housekeeping & Catering		
Connie Zulu	Housekeeping		
Siziphiwe Nkosi	Housekeeping		
Mavis Mawasha	Housekeeper		

### School Times

School opens at: 07:15 am

Half Day: collect between 12:30pm and 13:00 pm

Full Day: Please fetch your child before 17:30 pm

### School Terms

We are following the Government term dates. Please note that these dates may change.

Term 1: 14<sup>th</sup> of January – 27<sup>th</sup> of March

Term 2: 8<sup>th</sup> of April – 26<sup>th</sup> of June

Term 3 21<sup>st</sup> of July – 23<sup>rd</sup> of September

Term 4 6<sup>th</sup> of October – TBA

### Policy on Children's health

No child may attend school if he/she is unwell, has an upset stomach, rash or a fever. Children on antibiotics should be kept at home and no medication may be sent to school in the child's bag. Thank you.

**All new children** – please make sure that we have a copy of your birth certificate and vaccination card.

### School Fees

School fees are due in advance by 2<sup>nd</sup> of each month. Statements are sent out on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please contact the office if you have any queries or if you require a statement. We do have SNAPSCAN available in the office.



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Our banking details are as follows:-

**Dunvegan Nursery School**

**FNB**

**Account No: 5468-0457-553**

**Ref: Child Name or Account No**

### **Fundraisers**

We run various fundraisers throughout the year. Please look out for more information to follow.

### **Extra - Murals**

Our extra-mural teachers will entertain the children in January with demos. Please remember to complete the enrolment forms and return them to your child's class teacher should you wish to enrol your children for the extra mural. Extra murals will begin in February.

### **Photographs**

School photographs will be taken from the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of February. The school has been very happy with our current photographer, Yvonne from Red B Photography, who has taken our photos for a few years. The format of the photos will be action and playground shots (individual and sibling photos).

The cost of the initial set of photographs are included in the Annual Membership Levy. Any additional photographs ordered will be charged to your account.

### **Developmental History Forms**

All new children will receive Developmental History Forms. Please complete and return these forms to your class teacher. A "Meet and Greet" time will also be set up with your class teacher.

### **Facebook and Website**

Please visit our wonderful Facebook page and website. [www.dunvegannurseryschool.co.za](http://www.dunvegannurseryschool.co.za). Our pages are filled with posts, quotes, activities, information and great articles for parents to read.

### **Overheard in Class**

Teacher: What did you do during the holidays?

Child: I went snorkeling in the sea. I saw a great white shark. It opened its big jaws and licked me.

During a discussion about our bodies:

Teacher: We don't have bones in our ears or noses. What are our ears and noses made from?

Child: Cotton wool.



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## Term 1: 14<sup>th</sup> of January – 28\7<sup>th</sup> of March

### Term 1 Dates:

14th Jan – Official School Start.

17<sup>th</sup> of Jan – Demos: Playfit .

19<sup>th</sup> of Jan – Demo- Messy Play and Dance Mouse.

21<sup>st</sup> of Jan – Demo Science and Buil Em bricks.

22<sup>nd</sup> of Jan – Demo Tribal Blue and Ballet.

23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan – Demo Construction Kids, Tumbling Tigerz and Pottery.

29<sup>th</sup> of Jan – Demo Karate.

30<sup>th</sup> of Jan – Hotdog Day. Firedrill @ 11am. Aftercare in the afternoon.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb – School photographs.

13<sup>th</sup> of Feb – Valentine's Day Dress Colour Run & Flip Flop Day.

27<sup>th</sup> of Feb – Hotdog Day.

6<sup>th</sup> of Mar – Puppet show.

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of March = Gr R baseline assessments.

16-25<sup>th</sup> of March – Grade R parent's meetings.

12<sup>th</sup> of March – AGM (Provisional).

26<sup>th</sup> of March – Special Visitor.

27<sup>th</sup> of March – Hotdog Day & Break up Day.

TBC – Hearing Screening.

### This Month's Themes:

WEEK	PURPLE GROUP	YOUNGER GROUPS	OLDER GROUPS
14 – 16 <sup>th</sup> of Jan	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation
19 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> of Jan	Orientation	I am special/ My family	Me & My body
26 – 30 <sup>th</sup> of Jan	My body/5 senses	My school	My family & home



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We operate on an open-door policy and are more than happy to discuss your child's progress and any questions that you may have. However, it is not always possible for the teachers to chat during the school morning. They are more than happy to make an appointment for a suitable time when they are not busy with the children.

Please feel free to email me on [admin@dunvegannurseryschool.co.za](mailto:admin@dunvegannurseryschool.co.za) or call me on 011-453-7969 should you wish to discuss any matter. If I am not available, I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely  
Cindy Keet  
Principal

You have received this newsletter because you have a child who attends our school and we are committed to keeping all parents and/or guardians informed. If, however, you would prefer not to receive any further newsletters from us, please notify the Office Administrator by email [admin@dunvegannurseryschool.co.za](mailto:admin@dunvegannurseryschool.co.za).

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*- John Oates -*



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