

NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Final Newsletter – November “Together... We can!”

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another remarkable year at 345 Nursery School and Carlswald House Preparatory, it is a wonderful moment to pause and reflect on all we have achieved *together*. Our 2025 theme — **“Together... We can!”** — has truly been woven into the fabric of our schools. Everything we set out to accomplish this year has been grounded in teamwork, shared purpose and the collective spirit of our children, staff and families.

Academically, our children have grown with confidence and enthusiasm. Their progress in the classroom, their curiosity and their love of learning have been inspiring to witness. Our Sports and Music Departments have also enjoyed another successful year, with our children continuing to shine on the field, on the stage and in every activity they participate in. Their achievements are a testament not only to their hard work, but to the passion and dedication of our staff and coaches. The growth of our 345 children in particular has been phenomenal. A year in the life of a young child represents tremendous development and the progress we’ve seen in confidence, independence and social-emotional maturity has been profound.

This year we continued to invest meaningfully in the growth and quality of both our campuses. We have spared no expense in ensuring our environment remains safe, stimulating and beautiful for all our children.

Some of the key upgrades completed this year include:

- New playgrounds for our Toddlers and Grade 1 and 2 children
- New and refreshed playground at our Vorna Valley campus
- The completion of our beautiful new Astro Roof and extension at CHP

Each of these additions has already made a positive impact on the daily life of our children.



On a personal note

This will be my final newsletter, as I will be leaving 345 and CHP at the end of the year. As I reflect on my journey of more than 11 years, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. I would like to sincerely thank my magnificent staff and management team for being the superheroes they are. **Together, we have achieved so much over the years**, and without their dedication, passion and heart, none of it would have been possible.

To you, our incredible families — thank you for your unwavering support of your children and of our schools. Your partnership has been invaluable and it has been a privilege to walk this journey with you.

And finally, to our very special 345 and CHP children: You are the heart of everything we do! You are talented, resilient, full of promise and truly extraordinary. I will cherish the memories we have shared for many years to come.

As the year comes to a close, I wish you all the very best for the road ahead. Continue to hold high the values that define 345 and CHP. Continue to be kind, to teach kindness and to lead with integrity and compassion.

Thank you — to each and every one of you.

Warm regards,

Stewart Tagg

Headmaster

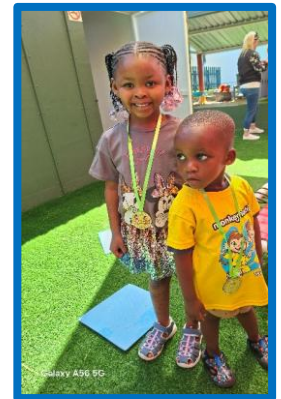


I can hardly believe that 2025 has come to an end! I hope this year has been a fulfilling one for both you and your children. It has been an absolute pleasure and delight to have your children in my class. They have truly given their best, and I am confident that their efforts will shine through in all they achieve. Watching their personalities blossom and their confidence grow has been a privilege and I feel honoured to be part of their early learning journey. Myself, Teacher Mary, and Teacher Tshepi are really going to miss our Ladybug friends. We can't believe how much they have grown this year!



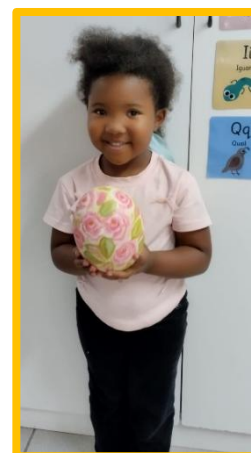
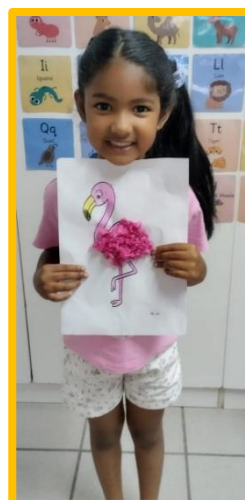


We have come to the end of the third term and I can't believe my journey with your little ones is already over. What an amazing and memorable year it has been in the Butterfly Class! It has truly been a pleasure teaching your children and watching them blossom in confidence, skills and personality. We are ending the year off with a bang. The children proudly took part in their Little Kickers, MonkeyNastix and Ballet Prize Givings. They were also very excited when the Reptile Man came to visit. Some children were incredibly brave, while others preferred to admire the reptiles from a safe distance. This term, we explored the Natural Environment, Birds and Eggs and of course, the firm favourite Dinosaurs! The class especially loved the dinosaur action songs and acting out being different dinosaurs during ring time. As the last few days wind down, I want to wish you and your families all the best for the December holidays. Safe travels if you are going away. I have absolutely loved teaching your little ones this year they have all crept into my heart. Thank you for the laughs, the memories and an unforgettable year in the Butterfly Class. One last thing for them to look forward to is our class party which is going to be so much fun and a great way to end the year.





Wow, what a busy and exciting month we've had! Can you believe it's nearly the December holiday? Our little foxes are getting ready to graduate and move up to Grade R—how grown-up they are becoming! We've been practicing our graduation poem and song and some of our foxes have turned into amazing singers. A big thanks to Zenani for the yummy cupcakes and awesome party packs, it was such fun celebrating together. We learned how to care for our environment and keep our planet clean. Our dustbin truck art activity was a big hit—we used all sorts of materials to show rubbish piled high on our trucks. Holding a giant ostrich egg was incredible! Everyone was amazed at how strong the shell was. We made bird art, nests, and eggs out of play dough, which was so much fun. The highlight of the month was meeting reptiles up close. After learning about what they eat and how they live, we got to touch them! Some foxes were a little nervous, but many were brave enough to hold snakes, snails, chameleons, and even a tarantula. What an unforgettable morning! It's been a month full of courage, creativity and curiosity. Our foxes are ready to spread their wings and leap into Grade R with confidence!





What a wild and wonderful month it's been in our **Owl Class** — we soared through a bird-themed adventure, building nests, hearing bird songs, creating colorful feathered art and learning about different birds through stories and outdoor walks, and to top it off we had an unforgettable **reptile show** where tiny hands met scaly friends and curiosity ran high; as November comes to a close, we're also buzzing with excitement for our **graduation**, practicing our little songs and poems, ready to celebrate how much our Owls have grown and all the amazing things they have learnt.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." — Nelson Mandela





The Hedgehogs had a wonderfully busy and exciting month, packed with new experiences, celebrations and so much learning. Every day in our classroom felt full and lively and the children embraced each moment with their usual energy, curiosity and enthusiasm. One of our standout highlights was the super fun critters show. The Hedgehogs showed incredible bravery, gently touching or holding some of the creatures, while others preferred to watch closely and ask thoughtful questions. Our sticker charts have been another big focus and the children have been working incredibly hard to fill them. Whether it's showing kindness, listening well, helping a friend, or trying their best during activities, the Hedgehogs have earned each sticker with pride. We have spent lots of time practising our numbers, counting objects, recognising numbers and exploring number concepts through games and hands-on activities. The children's confidence and understanding have grown so much and it is clear how capable and clever they are becoming. This month has reminded us once again just how quickly the Hedgehogs are growing: not just in size, but in skills, independence and confidence. Every child has shown something new, something brave, or something clever and it is a joy to watch them blossom. All the best for Grade 00, my little Hedgies.

"Every little step helps us grow into who we are meant to be - and the Hedgehogs take big steps every day."

