

NEWSLETTER

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345 Nursery School & Carlswald House Prep
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.



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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.

Warmest regards,
Stewart Tagg
Headmaster





Dear Bouncing Bear Parents

What a wonderful year it has been! We are now in the final countdown and the month of November was filled with smiles, laughter and plenty of fun in the sun. The Bears enjoyed a busy learning month as we explored birds and eggs. We learnt about the clever parrot that can talk and the playful cockatiel that loves to dance. The children were fascinated to see how birds build their homes using grass and twigs, creating warm nests up in the trees. We also learnt about dinosaurs and how they once ruled the world long before us. The Bears were very excited to discover a big new word “extinct” and they enjoyed using it during our activities. One of our biggest highlights this month was the reptile show! The children had an amazing time seeing snakes, dragons and even spiders up close, learning about their homes and the things they like to eat. We even got to say “Cheese!” with the snakes, a moment the Bears will surely remember! It has truly been an amazing month of November, filled with adventure, learning and laughter.

Here is a little sneak peek into our exciting month





As we approach the end of another joyful and busy school year, Happy Hippos spent the past two weeks exploring an exciting theme all about birds. Our Little Feathered Friends theme was filled with hands-on learning, curiosity and bright smiles, making it a wonderful way to wrap up the term.

During our daily circle-time discussions, we explored a variety of fascinating birds from around the world. We learned that flamingos are tall, elegant birds with bright pink feathers who enjoy eating shrimp and algae while wading in shallow lakes. The children also discovered that pigeons are common city birds who enjoy seeds and crumbs and build simple nests on ledges. The ostrich captured everyone's attention with its impressive size—being the largest bird in the world and its incredible running speed across the savanna. We even looked at some of the smallest birds, such as hummingbirds, tiny yet mighty flyers that sip sweet nectar from flowers. Through these meaningful conversations, the children compared bird diets, nesting habits and habitats while developing a deeper appreciation for wildlife. We also explored the colourful and diverse appearances of birds. The children enjoyed observing bright feather colours, reds, blues, yellows and greens—and examining various egg shapes: round, oval and beautifully speckled. They eagerly identified the patterns they saw in pictures and models, engaging their senses throughout the learning experience. To support their fine motor development and creativity, the children created playdough birds and egg mouldings, shaping wings, feathers and tiny beaks with great concentration and pride. They also completed a variety of bird-themed puzzles, strengthening their problem-solving skills while having lots of fun working individually or with friends.

One of the highlights of this month was a special visit from a reptile educator who introduced the children to a fascinating selection of reptiles, including snakes, lizards and even spiders. Some of our brave little adventurers chose to gently touch the reptiles, while others preferred observing from a comfortable distance—showing that every child learns in a way that feels right for them. This exciting experience helped the children recognise that although reptiles may also lay eggs like birds, they differ greatly in their habitats, body coverings, and diets. As we conclude this engaging theme—and our final learning journey for the year, we are incredibly proud of how much our Happy Hippos have grown socially, emotionally and academically. It has been a wonderful year filled with curiosity, laughter, creativity and blossoming friendships. We wish all our families a joyful, restful holiday season. We look forward to welcoming our little explorers back in the new year, ready for even more exciting learning experiences and discoveries. What a delightful year it has been!





Dear Squeaky Squirrel Parents,

What a wonderful month it has been! We dived deeper into our theme *"My Environment"* and focused on recycling. The children absolutely loved collecting materials and spending a day crafting with the items they brought from home. It was such a heartwarming sight to see their imaginations come to life as they created with purpose and pride. Their excitement while transforming "trash" into treasures showed just how capable and creative they truly are.

We then moved on to our theme *"Birds and Eggs,"* where we explored the differences between birds that can fly and those that can't and discovered how birds build their nests and care for their young. The children were so curious and engaged throughout our discussions, stories and hands-on activities—asking thoughtful questions, observing carefully and sharing their own ideas with confidence.

And now, we are excited to begin our very last theme of the year—*Dinosaurs!* The anticipation in the classroom is already building and we can't wait to see what our young explorers will discover as we journey back in time together. It's hard to believe how quickly the year has passed.

As the school year wraps up, we couldn't be prouder of our Squirrels. They have worked so hard, grown so much and continue to amaze us every single day. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing your wonderful children with us.





November in Grade R

November was such a wonderfully busy and memorable month in Grade R. We continued exploring our Space theme and the children loved learning more about the planets, rockets and stars. Their curiosity and excitement during each activity truly made our classroom feel like a little galaxy of its own.

This month, we also focused on feelings and emotions, helping the children understand how to identify and express what they're feeling. It has been amazing to see them grow in confidence as they share their thoughts and support one another with kindness and empathy.

One of the biggest highlights of the month was our Reptile Show. The children were fascinated by the different reptiles, and it was wonderful to watch them engage with courage, ask questions and learn about these incredible creatures up close. Their enthusiasm and respect for the animals made it such a special experience.

Of course, the most magical moment of all was our Disney-themed graduation. The children performed beautifully on stage and it was such a joy to celebrate all they have learned and achieved this year. From the smiles and laughter to the proud moments with their families, it was a truly unforgettable day.

