

NEWSLETTER

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Dear 345 Parents

It is difficult to believe that we are already in June – we are midway through 2026! As your little ones mature so quickly over a short period, I am sure that you have also observed wonderful development within them, supported by the teaching that happens in and around the classroom, as well as by the social development through engagement and interaction with their friends. These are all growth steps leading to ‘big school’ and beyond.

We constantly strive to improve classroom delivery. Across Carlswald House Prep and 345 we will be embarking on reflection and revision projects to ensure that while the world is changing very rapidly, we remain aligned to broader outcomes as we better prepare our children for their future. Technological capability is doubling every 3 to 5 months. The solution is most certainly not more screen time, but rather that the necessary future skills, that will be required for living in a world quite different from the present, are keenly entrenched to support future development.

At 345 the staff will be undergoing a skills upgrade over the next few months as we introduce a new approach to young teaching and learning that will better prepare a modern child for their future. We are most excited about this and will be sharing with you along this journey so that you can further support these development phases at home.

Yours in education

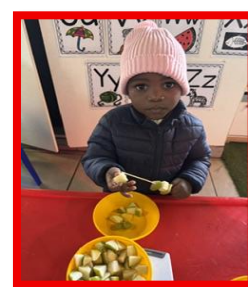
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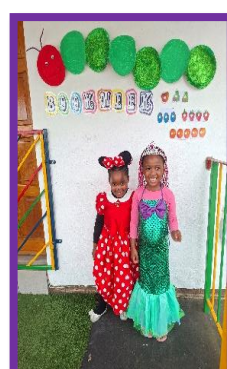


What a joyful month May has been! Our Ladybugs have been busy learning, growing, and having so much fun together. A highlight this month was our exciting Chocolate Factory experience, where the children and their moms made and decorated their own chocolates together. The children absolutely loved this special activity, and it was wonderful to see everyone's creativity and excitement. The moms and children also shared a beautiful and fun-filled moment during our music quiz activity, where the moms chose their favourite songs and sang and danced together with their little ones. It was such a heartwarming experience filled with smiles, laughter, and special memories. We also enjoyed the Hooked on Books Show, where stories came alive through puppetry. It was a wonderful way to spark imagination and encourage a love of reading. Thank you to all the moms who joined us for our special Mother's Day celebration. Spending this meaningful time together created such lovely memories for the children. To all our wonderful moms thank you for your endless love, care, and support. It means the world to us and to your children!





What an exciting start to the second term. The term started off with a bang as we celebrated the very special mommies in the Butterfly Class. It was such a memorable and heartwarming day, filled with dancing, laughter, and lots of fun. The moms got to experience what a day in the Butterfly Class looks like, from joining in movement activities and coordination games to being creative with playdough, drawing, and threading activities. The children were also so proud to surprise their moms with their special chocolate photo frames for Mother's Day. We hope all our Butterfly moms felt extra loved and appreciated on their special day. We also had a wonderful time celebrating Book Week! The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own snacks, watching the exciting *Hooked on Books* show which is always a huge hit and exploring stories and characters through creative activities. They loved learning about The Very Hungry Caterpillar, making caterpillars, and discovering the life cycle of a butterfly. What fun we all had! To end off the week, the children dressed up as their favourite book characters, and they all looked amazing. Well done to everyone for the fantastic effort. Our themes for the month were Sports and Winter, and the children enjoyed participating in all the fun learning activities linked to these themes. We also warmly welcomed five new Butterfly friends into our class this term. It has been lovely watching new friendships begin to blossom. The term is only getting busier and more exciting from here as we look forward to celebrating our wonderful Butterfly dads next month. June is going to be such a fun-filled month!



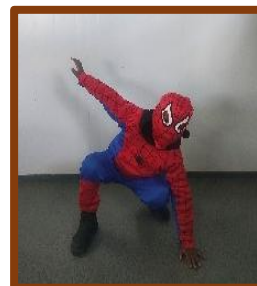
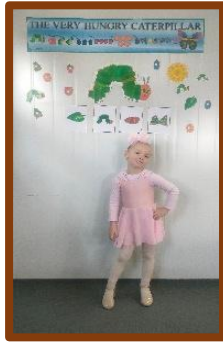


We started the month with a beautiful Mother's Day celebration. It was a very special morning as the children proudly shared a glimpse of their school day with their moms. The joy, love, and excitement in the classroom made it a truly memorable way to begin May. Book Week was a huge highlight and such a hit with all our different characters coming to life. The children absolutely loved dressing up as their favourite book characters and sharing in the excitement of stories. We especially enjoyed reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and engaging in all the fun learning activities linked to the story. A big treat was the *Hooked on Books* show, which captured the children's attention and brought storytelling to life in such an engaging way. In our classroom, we enjoyed a variety of hands on learning experiences. The children had fun with dress-up play, which encouraged language development, imagination, and social skills. We also focused on patterning activities to build early mathematical thinking, threading to strengthen fine motor skills, and compound words, where the children enjoyed breaking words apart and building them back together in a playful way. Another special highlight was our cooking activity with Little Leapers, where we made sandwiches together. The children loved this experience and the opportunity to create and enjoy their own food. May was filled with joy, learning, creativity, and many special memories in our classroom.





This month of May was filled with many wonderful memories and exciting celebrations in our classroom. We proudly celebrated Mother's Day by inviting our lovely moms to spend special time with their children. Together, they enjoyed making delicious chocolates, creating sweet memories that the children truly treasured. It was heartwarming to see the joy and excitement shared between the moms and their little ones. We also celebrated Book Week with great enthusiasm. Our focus story was the beloved children's book, *The Hungry Caterpillar*. The children enjoyed listening to the story, exploring the life cycle of the caterpillar, and participating in fun related activities. One of the highlights of the week was our dress-up day, where the children came dressed as their favourite book characters and proudly shared their favourite books with the class. It was a magical month filled with learning, creativity, and fun.





The Hedgehogs class had a wonderful month filled with fun, learning and many special memories together. During Book Week, the children loved exploring stories and developing their excitement for reading. Our main focus for the week was *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which inspired fun discussions and activities in the classroom. The children also thoroughly enjoyed our Book Character Dress-Up Day and the exciting *Hooked on Books* puppet show, which brought stories to life in such an engaging way. We shared a lovely Mother's Day celebration, where the children enjoyed spending special time together and sharing meaningful moments with their families. Throughout the month, the Hedgehogs also focused on developing important skills through fun activities such as making shapes with our bodies, playing hopscotch to improve coordination and balance and practising writing our numbers beautifully. It has been a month filled with laughter, creativity, confidence and learning and we are so proud of all the Hedgehogs for their enthusiasm and participation each day.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

