



Dear Yellowwoods Community

Things are rather quiet on campus at this moment. The learners and most of the teachers have departed for the Grahamstown Festival and it is needless to say that there was great excitement in the build-up to their departure. Today also marks the beginning of the second term half-term break. I can honestly say that it is a well-deserved break for all and sundry as the hard work and activity of the last two months begin to take their toll. There are four weeks remaining of this term when we reassemble and much needs to happen in that time, so it will demand all our effort and energy to ensure we maintain our high standards in all that we do. Encourage your children to rest and revitalise, but also encourage them to read as much as possible and to do physical exercise. This will ensure that they are best prepared for the demands of school upon their return.

Education globally is in a very interesting and unique space at present. The availability of information (literally at one's fingertips), the exponential growth of the volume of information available, the reality of instant connectivity on social media and the ever-increasing intrusion of technology into our lives has a massive impact on social structures. It is not uncommon to see a family of four sit at a restaurant table each with an electronic device in hand while being oblivious to each other's presence. The most effective means of stimulating learning, maintaining discipline, forging relationships and building a unique identity are constantly evolving. Nobody knows where it is leading to; the evolution (or is it revolution?) is happening so quickly that it is nearly impossible to quantify. I believe that true innovation happens where modern developments meet eternal Truth. We at Yellowwoods embrace change while not compromising on our values, beliefs and principles because they are our True North in the ocean of change. We do not fear the journey into the future because we know where we come from and we know Him who is at the helm.

Yours Sincerely

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – PP Mini Olympics, Grade 1-7 Grahamstown Festival outing. School closes for half term at 12h00.
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – School opens at 7h40.
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – SP reports out, Yellowwoods Book Day, Grade 2 Bakerman.
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Madiba Day.



### SANTA SHOEBOX PROJECT

share the joy of giving



#### Yellowwoods - Santa Shoeboxes

The Santa Shoebox Project is a nonprofit organization that encourages children to pay their blessings forward to other children their own age who are less privileged than themselves. Yellowwoods children are asked to start saving to buy items like Educational supplies, toiletries, sweets and a toy. This year we would like to teach our children the joy of giving. Please see pg 2 of this Newsletter for details.

#### IN THE CLASSROOM

Congratulations to our Grade 5, 6 and 7's! Our Formal Assesments went very well and it is so heartening to see how the children have benefited from authentic, hard work. Those who have found some of their results disappointing have both verbalised and corrected their errors and have gained such valuable knowledge, skills and a lesson in life that we can only learn good things from our mistakes. Well done to the pupils who have excelled and thank you to all our parents who wisely encouraged, guided and monitored their child's studying programme and general exam preparation.

The Senior Primary Reports will be handed out on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Thereafter we will arrange to meet with parents and pupils to discuss academic progress and the way forward.

NOTE: The Grade 7's will be going on an Art Outing on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> July. More information will be given closer to the time.

*"If a child is to keep his inborn sence of wonder... he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it."*

*Rachel Carson  
American Environmentalist and Writer*

Enjoy a well deserved mid-term break!



Yellowwoods Children all enjoyed participating in Slipper Day this year. As it happened, Slipper Day brought with it the first very cold weather for the winter season. We were all very grateful for our warm slippers and socks. All funds raised on Slipper Day went to Reach for a Dream Foundation South Africa.



# WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR SANTA SHOEBOX

It's our 10th birthday, which makes it easy to remember that ALL of these 10 items are required to make a spectacular Santa Shoebox for a special boy or girl:

1. Toothpaste
2. Toothbrush
3. Soap
4. Washcloth
5. An outfit of clothing
6. Educational supplies
7. Sweets
8. A toy
9. A decorated shoebox with the barcoded label
10. A promise to deliver it on time to the correct Drop Off

Please remember that all items must be **NEW** and **AGE-APPROPRIATE**.

PEP Stores is our one-stop-shop for all your needs.

Some additional things to consider:

- Please put all liquids, like cosmetics or blow bubbles, into a ziplock bag, so that the contents cannot leak out and spoil the shoebox.
- Please include extra batteries with battery-operated toys or choose a non-battery-operated alternative.

# SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

The following is a list of things we ask you **NOT** to include in your Santa Shoebox:

- Perishable or tinned food or sweets containing nuts. Please put chocolates in a ziplock bag.
- Medicine or vitamins of any kind.
- Violence-related items like toy guns or knives.
- Anything of a political, religious or racial nature.

Some suggestions for age-appropriate educational supplies:

**AGE 4-8:** Pencil bag, pencil / wax crayons, pencil sharpener, ruler, mini white board & erasable markers, exercise books, 24-48 piece puzzle, blunt-nose scissors, coloured paper, lunch box & bottle

**AGE 9-10:** Dictionary, oil pastels, HB pencils, ballpoint pens, plastic sleeves, calculator

**AGE 11-18:** Highlighters, geometry set, diary, notepads

For **LOADS** more ideas visit our [Pinterest](#) page.

**MORE QUESTIONS?  
VISIT THE FAQ SECTION AT  
[www.santashoebox.org.za](http://www.santashoebox.org.za)**

# EASY AS 1-2-3

## 1 FIND A SHOEBOX

An adult running-shoe box or a paper ream box cut down to the correct height or, even better, a plastic container measuring around 20 x 34 x 11 cm are all perfect. Stor-Age has boxes to give away from 01 September.

## 2 WRAP THE SHOEBOX

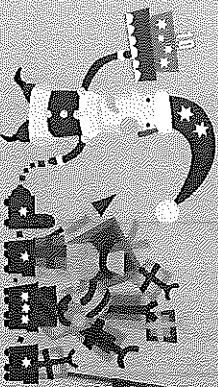
Be creative! Instead of using conventional wrapping paper, consider painting the box, or decorating it with drawings, cut-outs and stickers. If you do choose to wrap the box, please make sure to wrap the lid separately.

## 3 LABEL THE SHOEBOX

Print and paste the label/s which you've downloaded onto the lid of the Shoebox. Add sticky tape to ensure the label remains in place and secure the lid to the box with an elastic band.

**REMEMBER THAT A PLEDGE IS A  
PROMISE TO DELIVER YOUR  
SHOEBOX TO THE CORRECT DROP  
OFF POINT ON TIME**

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IT'S  
OUR  
**10th**  
BIRTHDAY!

