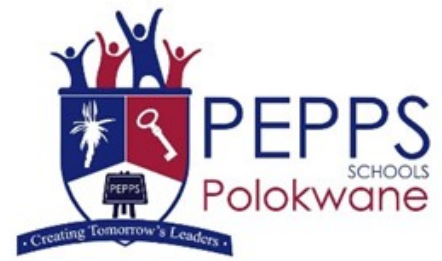


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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers



The **education** of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but **for life**.

— Maria Montessori

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the year, but as the saying goes, time flies when you are having fun. We are so blessed that, even though we started with online teaching in Term 1, we were able to continue with face-to-face learning throughout the rest of the year.

### Covid Regulations

Even with the new Covid variant on the horizon, Covid protocol has become a part of our every day life. Please take extra care during the holidays. Reinforce the importance of wearing a mask, sanitising regularly and social distancing on a daily basis. Our little ones are still small and repetition is key.

### Facility Updates

The municipality was so kind to donate 8 trees to our ECD school. Of course, we did what we do best and took advantage of this unexpected learning experience. We cannot wait for these trees to grow up to provide us with much needed shade together with all the other benefits that plants and trees so freely give.



Our creative and talented teachers are still very busy painting the beautiful wall murals and fun learning activities on the floor of the playground.



## Learning in Term 4

Term 4 might have been short, but that did not hinder the most important part of ECD, PLAY. We have been preaching the whole year that 'learning through play' is the best way for our little ones to learn and grow and by now the evidence should be clear.

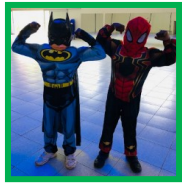
Here are only some of the fun topics we had the pleasure of 'playing' with this Term.



Construction with the *Three Little Pigs*



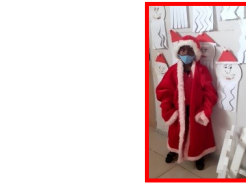
A walk on the Beach



Disney Day



Celebrating Christmas Time



All the books, including the Learning Stories, went home for the last time Friday 26 November. I am sure you will agree that it is evident that learning took place through fun-filled activities.

## myHomework, Message Books and Emails

Thank you for checking your child's Message Book and the myHomework App on a regular basis. Communication is a vital part of working together to reach our common goal: our children's success.

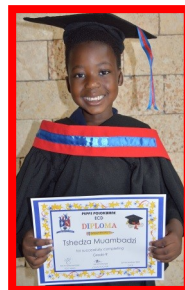
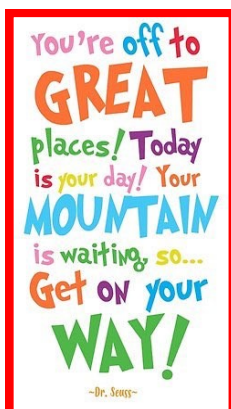
## Clubs/Extra-curricular Activities

As always, the pupils enjoyed the external service providers 'StimuZone' and 'Mini Chess', together with the extra-curricular activities presented by the teachers. Important skills were learnt through these clubs, like puppet making, gardening, tennis, learning about different cultures and construction with recycled materials.



## Grade R's are setting off to great adventures

It is with a heavy heart that we said goodbye to the Grade R's at the ECD Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 25 November 2021. They are all grown up and ready to take the next step in their educational lives. Their foundation is strong and we wish them all the best for the future and know that their Grade 1 will be a huge success.



## ADAM

Continuous and formal assessment took place throughout the term and was added to our assessment platform on a regular basis. Reports already went out on Friday 26 November and we are very proud of our pupils' achievements.

The following scale was used.

0% - 40%	1	Not yet achieved
41% - 60%	2	Partially achieved
61% - 95%	3	Achieved
96% - 100%	4	Achieved beyond expected

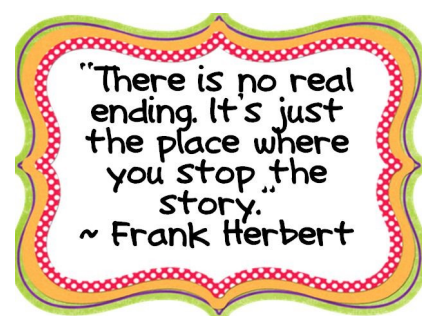
## School re-opens on Wednesday 12 January 2022.

School re-opens for staff on Monday 10 January 2022 in preparation for the new year. Pupils start on Wednesday 12 January at 07h00. Please remember to make the necessary arrangements for pick-up time, 13h00 from Monday to Thursday and 12h30 on Friday.

## End Note

Thank you for a successful year and your part in creating tomorrow's leaders. We hope you have a peaceful holiday with friends and family as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As always you are more than welcome to contact any of the ECD teachers on their email addresses if you have any queries. The ECD School telephone number is 015 101 1388.



Safe blessings



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