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NAIS has a brand new
website!

www.nais.co.za

Keep up with what is
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Top 10 Homework tips for Parents

1. Know the teachers — and what they're looking for.

Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies and how you should be involved.

2. Set up a homework-friendly area. Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.

3. Schedule a regular study time. Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.

4. Help them make a plan. On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour.

5. Keep distractions to a minimum. This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.

6. Make sure kids do their own work. They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.

7. Be a motivator and monitor. Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.

8. Set a good example. Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.

9. Praise their work and efforts. Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.

10. If there are continuing problems with homework, get help. Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder.

Getting to know our School Director

It started with a challenge: imagine you are cast adrift on a desert island with a school community in desperate need of a great leader. . .

1. Vision

It's easy to dismiss the concept of "vision" as vague and woolly, but our school leader is a visionary with a clear sense of moral purpose. He has a great vision – the ability to formulate and shape the future, rather than be shaped by events.

2. Courage

Mr. Tate shows great determination, with the willpower and patience to see things through. He is willing to take risks and is steadfast in challenging under-performance or poor behaviour.

3. Passion

"We are there for the children and we mustn't ever forget that". Mr. Tate is passionate about teaching and learning and shows great commitment to children. He takes an active interest in his pupils' work – and that of his staff.

4. Emotional intelligence

Mr. Tate is a team-builder. He understands the importance of relationships, empowering his staff and pupils and shows great empathy. He gets the relationships right – open, trusting, humorous – and much else follows naturally.

5. Judgment

Mr. Tate shows great judgment and he sure is a wise leader. He knows it isn't simply a matter of acting alone. It's about involving the whole school community and taking people forward together.

6. Resilience

The business of headship is full-on and, at times, gruelling. Mr. Tate is optimistic and resilient, he remains calm in a crisis and is always energetic and positive at all times.

7. Persuasion

Mr. Tate is a confident communicator and storyteller. He is a persuader and good listener, adept at describing 'the story of his school' to any audience. He is also a great motivator. Getting people to do things and go that extra mile lies at the heart of our great leader.

8. Curiosity

Mr. Tate is outward-looking and curious. He has one foot outside of the school looking at what's going on elsewhere and one foot firmly grounded within the school. He is an excellent networker and great opportunists, always in touch with events.

"Thank you Mr. Tate for being such an inspirational and great leader to our School".



**Our Kindergarten
and Grade 1 class
delivering important
letters to Mr. Tate.**

Today you are **YOU**,
that is **TRUER** than true.
There is **NO ONE** alive
who is **YOUER** than **YOU!**
~ Dr. Seuss

Important Dates

1 February: NAIS Got Talent Show
14 February: Friendship Day
22 February : Sports Day

Birthdays

20 Feb - Mrs. Trudie van Wyk



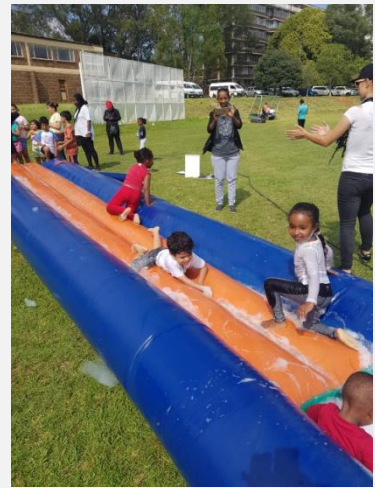
Upcoming Dates in March

21 March: No School - Human Rights Day
29 March: Parent-Teacher Conference Day

Birthdays

19 March - Ms. Ellen Stewart

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