

# Heads Up

- the nuts and bolts for the week -

No 20 : 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear parents

## School photographs

Please be prompted to alert your child's teacher if he/she was absent last week, in case we have missed the opportunity for a school photograph.

## Summer uniform

Going forward, we are strictly in summer uniform. Please assist your child in ensuring the proper dress code. No winter items please. For more information, please see the summer dress code described on the school's website: <https://bellavista.org.za/uniforms/>

## Calendar

Remember to refresh the calendar on the app from time to time (swipe down) to get the most recent and updated inputs.

## Our school community

Sharing happy moments like birthday parties is part of what makes us a community, and an important part of your child's socialisation at school. There are couple of related issues arising that have been brought to my attention and I must please call on parents to consider their planning and arrangements so as to afford every child here the opportunity of belonging and acceptance. Please consider the following guidelines borne out of many decades of experience with the primary school aged child.

### *Around parties -*

- Save for the 'coming of age event', keep parties low key.
- Try not to engage the 'bigger and better' trap.
- The very best parties happen in homes or parks, with games like pass-the-parcel and musical statues!
- Modulate the sensory input - rough, high sensory activities can lead to tears and 'come downs' later in the day or over the weekend.
- Include everyone (If it were your child left out, you'd hold the same position as I do on this one! I see the parent and child's heartache):
  - the whole grade
  - the whole class
  - all the boys
  - all the girls

### *Around presents -*

- The purpose is to give thoughtfully and to teach our children to give and receive graciously.
- Inexpensive gifts thoughtfully chosen mean more.
- Avoid collectively gathering cash when kids are under 12 years - it puts those who can't in an awkward position and, besides, the child doesn't need substantial cash gifts.
- Be personalised and personal - have your child make or write a card to his/her friend.

Enjoy the week

Alison Scott (Mrs)

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Cognitive  
Enrichment  
Flyer attached

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School  
Photographs

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School Calendar on  
the app



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C E A Tool  
Connecting  
Events

To find  
relationships  
amongst  
past, present  
and future  
learning  
experiences  
automatically

If I use the  
Building Block  
Connecting  
Events then I'll  
be able to  
predict and  
analyse  
accurately.