Happy New Year to you and welcome to our 75th Edition of "Big School Buzz" as we gear up for the challenges and opportunities of a brand new year. As tough as it may seem, reimagining education, business and life in general in a post-pandemic world will require us to seek out positivity at all times, learn from each other, pivot where necessary, and work towards a future built on strong faith, optimism and collaboration. And this edition of our newsletter is possibly a fine place to start with its inspiring and insightful content.

Sit back and browse through each valuable page at your leisure and soak it all up, page by informative page. From educational updates, leisure activities and valuable back to school tips, to exciting new product launches, technological breakthroughs, and more. Please feel free to forward this edition to your fellow colleagues, friends and family as we grow the “Big School Community”, together. Wishing you a blessed and successful year ahead, and do lend a helping hand to anyone less fortunate than yourself along the way.

Yours sincerely

Editor & Crew

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Managing The Financial Demands Of The Back2School Season. With the cost of living rising daily, petrol prices soaring and electricity price hikes looming again it is fundamentally important to plan early, save in advance and reduce your financial stress as best as possible when doing your Back2School shopping. Be smart when shopping for all the First Term essentials by searching for the best deals available, spread the costs over the first 4-6 weeks of school and be sure to sweep your home first for school supplies you may already have. And now is as good a time as ever to review and update your family’s investment portfolio to include a structured Education Plan that will make dreams come true in the future.

Back2School Is Easy With The Blue Page Supplier Directory. The Big School Buzz Blue Page Directory is fast becoming a key connector between suppliers and consumers. A truly fabulous A-Z Supplier & Service Provider Directory that is specifically designed to assist consumers, and help local businesses grow and thrive. This easy to use interactive facility allows consumers to connect and engage with suppliers in the education sector, across the board. The directory is now a permanent fixture and spotlight feature on the Big School Adventure website for easy reference, and will be updated periodically as new company listings come online. Make use of this compact directory to ease the burden of Back2School in 2021.
EQ4Kids®
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME FOR KIDS AGES 3 - 18

The skills and lessons taught through EQ4kids will help children to:

- Recognise their emotions
- Understand emotions and their consequences
- Learn to express & regulate emotions
- Learn essential life skills

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This programme will make a vital contribution to your child’s life. It will enhance your child’s ability to form stable, supportive relationships and enjoy greater well-being as well as academic performance. Developing a child’s emotional intelligence plays a key role in raising happy, resilient and well-adjusted kids and adults one day.

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Nurturing Creative Thinking In Our Kids Is A Parental Imperative. Children start learning even before they are born. No wonder parents are called a child's first teachers! Parents make a powerful difference in what children learn and how they think - so spark your kids' creativity by encouraging their curiosity, using common everyday experiences to inspire new ideas, building their confidence, and using their art to spark conversations. Learning is all about making connections – from the known to the new. From here and now to the future, from us to them. Being creative with your children is fun, easy and important. Stimulating children’s imaginations, listening to their ideas and spending time doing creative activities together, are key to their success. Children’s fresh and unique styles should be valued and their creative expression encouraged, at all times. We owe it to our children to unleash their fabulous imaginations and develop the originality that exists in each and every one of them.

Help2Read Improves Lives Through Literacy. Help2read's programme is premised on the fact that a child who cannot read, cannot learn either. Without the ability to read, children cannot progress in order to realise their true potential. In South Africa, numerous socio-economic challenges hinder the attainment of literacy. Central to Help2Read’s approach is the dedicated and consistent ‘one-on-one’ reading help and literacy development support that is provided by their volunteers and Literacy Tutors. They provide hands-on training to all volunteers and tutors, and resource the schools and partnership organisations with whom they work with the right literacy tools and books for nurturing and promoting a passionate love for reading.

Eco-Schools Engage The Youth Of Today To Protect The Climate Of Tomorrow. Eco-Schools is a global programme initiative engaging millions of school children across 64 countries, making it the largest schools programme in the world. The programme’s greatest achievement is arguably the fact that it produces generation after generation of sustainably minded, environmentally conscious people, ensuring young people have the power to be the change for sustainability that our world needs by engaging youngsters in fun, action-orientated and socially responsible learning.

Charlie Chaplin Immortalised In Exquisite Montblanc Pen. Montblanc created a commemorative pen in 2007 to honour one of Chaplin's most famous films, Modern Times. The Montblanc Charlie Chaplin 88 pen has turning gears and intricate cog-wheels in 18K solid white gold to reflect the machine and dystopian setting of the film, and features classic Chaplin icons such as a solid gold clip in the shape of his trademark cane, whilst the barrel and cone suggest his baggy trousers, with the stylised cap top resembling his iconic bowler hat. Sheer brilliance in artistic craftsmanship and a fitting tribute to perhaps the greatest figure of 20th Century cinema.

Big School Buzz Fast Fact Corner:
- Encouraging and supporting your child at all times is a parental imperative.
- Packing a trash-free lunch for school is kind to the environment.
- Avoid ill-fitting school shoes that may cause lifelong foot problems.
- My School Card benefits a school with every swipe you make.
- The SA Schools Act outlines your rights and obligations as a parent.
COLOUR VOCABULARY

Primary Colours:
Red, yellow, blue are the three primary colours. They cannot be mixed from other colours. All other colours are mixed from them.

Secondary Colours:
Violet, orange and green are the three secondary colours. They are created by mixing equal amounts of two primary colours.

Intermediate Colours:
Sometimes called tertiary colours, intermediate colours are created by mixing secondary and primary colours together. Red-violet is an example of an intermediate colour.

Hue:
Another word for colour.

Tint:
Any colour that has been mixed with white.

Tone:
Any colour that has been mixed with black and white.

Shade:
Any colour that has been mixed with black.

Value:
The lightness or darkness of a colour.

Intensity:
Sometimes called saturation, intensity is the brightness or dullness of a colour. Making the complement with a pure colour lowers its intensity without making it muddy.

Warm Colours:
Reds, oranges, and yellows are considered warm colours because they remind us of fire and heat. Warm colours seem to advance, or move forward.

Cool Colours:
Blues, greens, and violets are considered cool colours because they remind us of cool water. Cool colours seem to recede or go back.

COLOUR
Produced when light strikes an object and reflects back into your eyes. The three properties are: hue, intensity and value.

Analogous Colours
Complementary Colours
Triad Colours
Monochromatic Colours

SHAPE & FORM
Shape: A flat area enclosed by a line. Shapes can be geometric (circle, square, triangle) or organic (free flowing).
Form: A three-dimensional figure or object. Forms can be geometric (sphere, cube, pyramid) or organic (free flowing).

SPACE
The area around, inside or between shapes or forms. Space can be positive (the space inside shapes and forms) and negative (the space around or between shapes and forms).

TEXTURE
The surface quality of an object. It is the way something actually feels, or looks like it feels when touched. Texture can be real (the way something actually feels when touched) or simulated when line and/or shading give the illusion of the way something feels.

LINE
A path created by a moving point. Characteristics of lines are: direction, width, length, sharpness, and texture. Lines can be vertical, horizontal, diagonal and curved. Some words that describe lines are: zigzag, jagged, fuzzy, smooth, spirial, thick, scribble, wavy.

VALUE
The lightness or darkness of a colour or grey. You can change a colour's value by adding black or white. White is the highest, or lightest value. Black is the lowest, or darkest value.