



Educastle English Medium Academy

Quarterly Newsletter

January 2025

**Dear Parents and Partners,**

Greetings from Educastle! As we step into the new year, we look back with pride and gratitude at an eventful final quarter of 2024. It's been a period filled with growth, joy, and milestones for our learners. We also look ahead with excitement as we prepare to welcome everyone back for the 2025 school year. Here's a detailed recap of our last quarter and the plans for a fantastic year ahead!



## Highlights of the Last Quarter (October – December 2024)



### Fun Day

The school was buzzing with laughter and excitement as our learners enjoyed a day filled with thrilling activities, games, and bonding. Fun Day was a wonderful opportunity for children to explore, play, and create lasting memories together. A big thank you to the parents who supported us in making this event so special!

### Graduation Day

A momentous occasion for Educastle! We celebrated the first graduation of our Early Childhood Development (ECD) learners moving on to Grade R. Two children graduated on this special day, but the event was a joyful experience for all. From vibrant dances to heartfelt presentations, every learner had a chance to shine. Parents, your support and cheers made the day even more memorable. Congratulations to our little graduates as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey!



## Looking Ahead for the 2025 Academic Year

### Back to School 2025

The new year brings fresh beginnings, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome our learners back to Educastle for 2025! Our team has been hard at work planning engaging activities, meaningful projects, and memorable celebrations to make the upcoming school year one of growth and discovery for every child. Below are the key dates and events to mark on your calendars:

### Important Dates for the 2025 School Year

#### Term 1

- **13 March 2025:** Trip to Library Gardens Museum, Pet Land and Sasko or Sunbake
- **20 January 2025:** Parent Meeting and Selection of School Forum
- **25 January 2025:** "My Body" Day with a Visit by the Dentist/Colgate Company
- **14 February 2025:** Valentine's Day Celebration (Red and White Themed Outfits)
- **25 March 2025:** Recycling Materials Art Project



#### Term 2

- **17 April 2025:** Easter Egg Hunt
- **25 May 2025:** Mother's Day Celebration
- **06 June 2025:** Trip to Airport, Polokwane Game Reserve and Fire Fighter
- **25 June 2025:** Father's Day Celebration

#### Term 3

- **28 July 2025:** Parent Meeting
- **25 July 2025:** Pyjama Day
- **3 September 2025:** Arbor Day Celebration (Planting Trees with Learners)
- **4 September 2025:** Spring Day Celebration (Fun Day)
- **25 September 2025:** Trip to Bakone Malapa and Snake Park

- **26 September 2025:** Heritage Day Celebration (Traditional Attire and Meals)

## Term 4

- **28 November 2025:** Graduation Day

We are thrilled to continue fostering a love for learning in a nurturing and creative environment. Thank you for being such an integral part of our community. Your support helps us create meaningful experiences and ensure that each child thrives.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the upcoming school year, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, let's make 2025 an unforgettable year for our learners.

Wishing you a joyful start to the new year and a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

**Mrs MM Makofane**

Principal, Educastle English Medium Academy