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Southern Cross Schools Pre & Prep School *Babbler*

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School for the Planet

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Grade Four Kruger National Park Trip



Early on the morning of 30 August, the Grade Four Class left with much excitement for the Kruger National Park. During their stay, they experienced many wonderful sightings including lions mating, a lioness on a fresh kill, two leopards, elephants in herds, a klipspringer perched high on a rock making a wonderful silhouette, two secretary birds, a hippo with a 'skin of terrapins', herds of buffalo as well the normal routine of animals blocking the roads as they went along their way. A class trip holds with it not just the outing itself, but so many occasions to bond with each other and work as a group outside of the school environment. It is invaluable in terms of teaching beyond the classroom, and allows individual skills like cooking, organisation, budgeting, museum visiting and 'braaing' to come to the fore. A truly wonderful experience!

Congratulations!

Green Awards

The following Green Awards were presented at assembly on Friday, 8 September:



Savannah Poggenpoel, Stephan Moller, Ruvimbo Ngwarai, Zahra Pollard, Imani Uerlings, Danni Wall, Diederik van Dam, Annabel van Dam, Eden Dumon and Aurora van der Burgh.

Entrepreneurs Market

The Prep School playground was a hive of activity on Spring Day, as our well prepared and very excited children set up for their Market Day. Weeks of preparation leading up to the event afforded our children the time to work on vital aspects of entrepreneurship. Planning, organisation, marketing, calculations of expenses and the experience of working independently or interdependently, were some of the many skills that were developed during this process. The event was a great success, with some businesses making a profit, others ran at a loss, but the experience gained through an assessed assignment such as this one, was invaluable to all.



Food Fun



One thing the Bush Babies enjoy, is exploring with their taste buds. Food is such a big part of their daily lives and makes for a fun and delicious way to learn.

Pen Pals



Our Grade Two's and Three's have been waiting patiently since last term to receive letters from their pen pals, all the way from The International School of Cape Town. They could barely contain their excitement as Mrs Lee



and Miss Rhoda handed out their letters. There were smiles all around as they read the messages and learned all about their new friends, with some even receiving invitations to 'faraway play-dates'!