



**ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY  
SCHOOL**

19 January 2012

Dear Parents and Pupils,

A warm 'welcome back' to the start of the 2012 academic year. I hope and trust that it will be a fabulous year for all members of our school community!

In this my first communique, I wish to express the following sentiments;

- I regard the opportunity to serve Prep as an amazing privilege and opportunity. I have the utmost respect for the school's heritage, the work done by my predecessors and all other stakeholders, and look forward to building on what has been so richly established. The welcome my family and I have received from the Andrean community has been generous, warm and sincere, for which we express our heartfelt gratitude.
- There exists a wonderful sense of irony in that after many years of teaching and headship, I find myself in the same boat as all of our new pupils; so much to learn! It is my intention to spend this first term engaging with as many members of our school constituency so as to develop a real sense of the context within which Prep operates, and its associated challenges and opportunities. I look forward to making your acquaintance and to developing long, rewarding and constructive relationships with all.

On this note, a series of 'Headmaster's Tea and Coffee Mornings' have been scheduled. This has been done in order to provide an early and informal opportunity for me to meet with parents who have a few spare minutes after dropping children at school. These have been scheduled according to the three phases and will take place as indicated below;

PHASE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Pre-Primary	Monday, 23 January	07h30 – 08h30	Clubhouse
Junior Primary	Tuesday, 24 January	07h15 – 08h00	Clubhouse
Senior Primary	Thursday, 26 January	07h15 – 08h00	Robert House lawns

(For those who are unable to pop into these sessions, I look forward to meeting you around school and on the side of the sports fields!)

I extend a special welcome to all our new pupils; I wish you and your families a smooth transition into prep and may your time here be one of tremendous enrichment and joy.

Commentary around dates and events for the remainder of this week as scheduled on the calendar;

- Sports activities are already in full swing this week and we look forward to an exciting and busy season.
- The Cool to be Me Workshop for Grade 6's is a Life Skills Programme which kicks off this week and will be presented on a weekly basis through the first term. It has been well implemented and received in a number of the top independent schools in the Western Cape. Mr Paul and his team are to be commended for initiating its introduction at Prep!
- An Invitation to the Mom's lunch has been emailed and we hope that this new initiative will help all new mums integrate themselves seamlessly into the Prep family.
- The Prep Picnic for boys and staff at Grey Dam takes place this Sunday. We ask that all Gr 4 – 7 day scholars assemble with all required items on the Robert House lawn at **07h30** where Mr Paul and Mr Jackson will meet you. (A separate newsletter with full detail accompanies this communique for Grade 4 – 7 boys and families).

The first regular newsletter will be issued on Tuesday next week.

With kind regards

Gareth Allman  
Headmaster