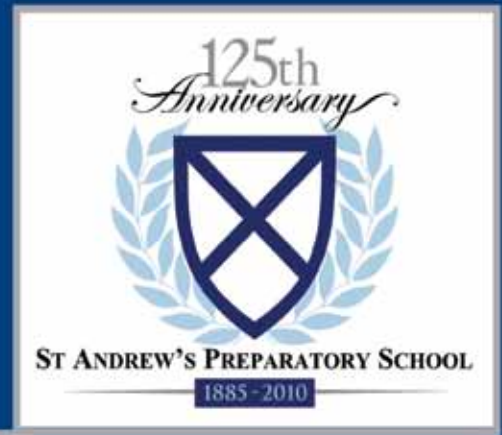




Prep 125th NEWS



CELEBRATING OUR PAST, CREATING OUR FUTURE

Dear Old Preppies and Donors,

The year 2010 has come and gone. Our 125th Anniversary year will, I'm sure, live on in the minds of current and past Preppies, as well as parents, for many years to come.



Whether you managed to attend any of the celebratory functions or not, we hope that you have felt part of the celebrations and enjoyed the contact again with your old alma mater.

The festivities were a great success and in the process we also managed to raise a profit of R500,000 towards an Art and Technology Centre. We are extremely grateful to all those who have made a contribution. We even received donations from some current Preppies. One very special contribution came from André Renaud (Grade 4) last year. His father wrote "As today is André's tenth birthday, he has decided in celebration of his birthday to make a donation of R5,000 to the Prep 125th fund. I send herewith the relevant form, together with proof of payment which I have effected on his behalf."

Unfortunately we are still short of our target but, hopefully we will continue to receive donations in the coming year – particularly with the book launch later this year. Remember, however big or small, every donation will help to make our dream a reality. Please remember that donations receive a Section 18A tax receipt qualifying the donor for current tax benefits (maximum of 10% of annual taxable income for South African donors). There are also tax benefits to donors from the US and the UK.



As far as our capital project, the Art & Technology Centre, is concerned, the design has been approved by the sub-committee tasked with this project. As the new facility requires the upgrading of our electrical and plumbing services, we will need to seek municipal approval. It is therefore not envisaged that we will be in a position to commence with this project until the latter part of the year. We are, naturally, very grateful to all the donors who have come forward thus far. We will list these names on honours-type boards in due course.

The 125th anniversary was also an opportunity for



Prep to identify and amend the old leavers' boards. There are a number of Old Preppies whose names do not appear on these boards and the current Preppies have been tasked to compare lists of Old Preppies on our database with those on the boards. And so begins a list of names that are to be included as soon as this task is complete. To assist us with this, we ask all Old Preppies whose names are not on the leavers' boards to inform us of this and also let us know if you are aware of any others. I look forward to ensuring that all the names appear on the boards, they are an important historical reflection of Prep.

So whilst 2010 is behind us, Prep continues to educate lively little Preppies each day. The hive of activity in the classrooms, corridors and playing fields is something these walls have seen for generations. Whilst we endeavor to maintain those traditions which make Prep special, we are aware that we need to keep abreast of technology and maintain the standard of our facilities and quality of education for our future leaders.

I thank you for your support.



Kind regards
GRAHAM GOODEN
Headmaster



PS:

Should you wish to **make a donation** towards Prep, please contact Mrs Bev McCarthy at b.mccarthy@saprepschool.com or phone her on 046 6032362. All donations gratefully appreciated!

PPS:

Don't forget to order your copy of **'I'll sing you One-Oh!'**, a history of Prep written by Lorraine Mullins. R360 per copy. To order email: contactprep@saprepschool.com

PPPS:

Some of the limited **Prep 125th wine** is left over. Purchase from Prep by contacting Angela Southey on a.southey@saprepschool.com

THE CATTY GANG

"We were like an exclusive gang. Very naughty, indeed some stories too naughty to name. Every light bulb in Bedford Street was shot out by our gang. If you shot a bird you were allowed to cut a groove in the "Y" of your Catty. Each member had more than one "Catty" and each of us were very proud of our equipment. The elastic used for the Catty was called "bulldog elastic" and this could be bought from Hewitt and Palmer or Stirks in High Street. The "Y" of the Catty was carefully selected from various hard wood trees in the Grahamstown area. They were difficult to find as the tops of the "Y" had to be equal thickness. We took absolute pride in finding a good quality "Y". In fact it was not called a "Y" but a "MIK". We knew a place at Fairlawn where a rock pigeon roosted. Well one evening we all went down from Top Prep. Stalked the pigeon, counted 1 2 3 and then we all shot. Shame poor pigeon had no chance so we all could cut a groove in our Catty. The ammunition used varied from stones, marbles, but the best were the .22 bullet lead obtained from either College or Rhodes shooting ranges." - *Robbie Blaine*



THEN: Back: Rod Weeks
Middle: Andrew Fletcher, Julian Ford, Colin Kelly
Front: Charles Cordner, Robbie Blaine and Bobsey Hart.



NOW: Robbie Blaine, Graham Hobson, Colin Kelly, Andrew Fletcher, Bobsey Hart, Oscar Brown. Oscar Brown and Graham Hobson invited guests to the Catty Gang but we all left Prep in the same year and are all fantastic friends today.

