



11 October 2011

Dear Parents

Our athletics season concluded last Friday with the hosting of our annual Sports Day. Fun, fanfare and colour preceded the meeting with our traditional „march past“. House captains led their houses with much cheering and challenges were laid down to those who donned a different colour. It was then down to the serious business of competing! At the end of it all Griffin were crowned the winners and eleven existing school records were broken. Outside of this, and far more importantly for me, was that every single pupil was afforded an opportunity to compete for their house. Well done to each and every athlete for their contribution on the day.

Congratulations go to our record breakers;

- Timothy Bloem (Open Boys) - 100m (11.60s), 200m (24.83s) and 400m (58.99s)
- Thози Botha (Open Boys) – Triathlon (53.80s)
- Dale Brody (U9 Boys) - 75m (9.91s), 100m (14.25s), 400m (1.11.08s) and Cricket Ball Throw (46.17m)
- Carina Kemp (U9 Girls) - Cricket Ball Throw (30m)
- Kate Stretton (U7 Girls) - Cricket Ball Throw (19.62m)
- Zach Micklewright (U7 Boys) - 400m (1.21.46s)

Scott Cuthbert and Melusi Mtshali, who recently returned from the National Tennis Tournament in Bloemfontein, were placed 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> respectively. Scott attained his placing in the Main Draw while Melusi secured his placing in the Nationals. Well done to both these boys!

Tomorrow is National Bandana Day & I am pleased to announce that we have sold every single bandana that we had in stock. We have managed to raise over R5000 in support of leukaemia sufferers. Added to this will be the funds raised by Miss Clarke's initiative – the pictures further on say it all.

We also have our first "Super Sandwich Day" tomorrow where we have asked parents to pack an extra sandwich in their children's lunch packs in order to donate these to the Andrew Moyake School. This particular school has not been included in the Grahamstown Feeding Scheme and our small contribution is going to go a long, long way in making lots of little tummies feel so much better. This is an initiative that we would like to sustain and appeal to you all to make every Wednesday for the remainder of this year, "Super Sandwich Day".

The Around the World Supper is fast approaching & the organising committee, under the guidance of Mrs Liz Thomas, has kindly asked for support from our community in procuring the necessary ingredients for the various stalls. If you are, in any way able to assist here, then please contact Tanya at [t.redelinguys@saprepschool.com](mailto:t.redelinguys@saprepschool.com).

Reflecting on the above three paragraphs I am extremely cognisant of just how incredibly giving our parent body is. The support that we receive from all of you is sincerely appreciated & I extend my heartfelt thanks. I do think that we are in such a privileged position and by involving our pupils in this ethos of helping those less fortunate than ourselves we are certainly contributing to a society who reflects in their culture a spirit of cohesion, understanding, tolerance and service to others.

On the housekeeping side of things, I will be away for a couple of weeks due to a left hip that needs a bit of tweaking. In my absence Mrs Ronwynne Barnard will be taking my class and Mrs Carmen O'Donoghue will step in to oversee the running of Prep. Mrs Sharon Lister and Mrs Jean Schafer will assist Carmen in coordinating their respective departments. I will be back at Fairlawn as from the 24<sup>th</sup> October and although I will probably be fairly immobile I will be available on both cell and email.

To end, a lovely story about self appraisal...

A little boy went to a telephone booth that was at the till counter of a super market and dialled a number. The shop owner observed and listened to the conversation.

Boy: "Ma'am, are able to give me the job of cutting your lawn?"

Lady (at the other end of the line): "I already have someone to cut my lawn."

Boy: "Ma'am, I will cut your lawn for half of the price than the person who cuts your lawn now."

Lady: "I am extremely satisfied with the person who presently cuts my lawn."

Boy (with more persistence): "Ma'am, I'll even sweep the floor and the stairs at your house for free."

Lady: "No thank you."

With a smile on his face, the little boy replaced the receiver. The store owner, who was listening to all this, walked over to the boy.

Owner: "Son...I like your attitude; I like your positive spirit and I would like to offer you a job."

Boy: "No thanks."

Owner: "Bu you were pleading for one."

Boy: "No sir, I was just checking my performance at the job I already have. I'm the one who works for the lady I was talking to."

Have a brilliant half-term!

**Marc**

## Junior Prep News

We look forward to the half-term break which commences at 12h00 on Thursday. There will be no booked lunches or afternoon activities on Thursday. School begins on Tuesday at 7h30 again. Enjoy time spent with your families.

After half-term, Summer uniform with sandals may be worn as the weather begins to warm up with Summer around the corner.

I trust you would all have received your invitations to the Junior Prep production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' via email. Please RSVP asap in order to facilitate catering arrangements. We look forward to entertaining you at the Play and Feast on Friday 28 October 2011.

# Pre-Primary News

Shew! This week's high temperatures have taken us all by surprise and it's not unusual to see children wilting in the heat! The children have really enjoyed getting involved in sand and water play again. Please apply sunblock in the mornings and send hats (marked with names).

Please remember to leave toys at home. There is so much for children to do and play with at school, so rather keep home toys for home. Objects relating to our theme are welcome, as long as they are marked.

Have a happy Half Term! Remember that we close at 12:00 on Thursday.



DSG/Prep Junior Orchestra to perform in Memory Hall  
10h00, Thursday, 13 October  
Parents welcome

## SCHOOL POOL

The lock on the swimming pool gate will be changed on Monday, 24 October.

Keys for the new lock are available to parents from Mrs Anusha Ranchhod in the office, at R50.00.



**All Preppies are reminded to wear their Sunflower Fund Bandanas on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. This is a national programme to raise awareness and funds for The South African Bone Marrow Registry. Let's join the country and support this worthwhile initiative!**

## 'AROUND THE WORLD'



Friday 28 October  
Memory Hall

Please contact Jenny Gopal on 082 780 3633 or jenny@gopal.co.za for info, or if you would like to help in any way.



## UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

### Tuesday 11 October (1)

- 07:30 Grade 7.1 NS Excursion
- 14:00 Tennis vs Kingswood U13C (SAP) U13D (KC)
- 17:00 Cricket Coaches' Clinic (Clubhouse)

### Wednesday 12 October (2)

- 08:30 DSG Prize Giving
- 14:00 SAC Prize Giving

### Thursday 13 October (3)

- 08:00 DSG & SAC Relay Sports Day
- 10:00 DSG/Prep Junior Orchestra to perform in Memory Hall
- 12:00 Half-term

### Friday 14 October

Duty Master - Mr Zane Plescia (Cell: 072 018 3878)

### Saturday 15 October

Half-term

### Sunday 16 October

Half-term

### Monday 17 October

Half-term

- 17:00 Boarders return in Full Blues

### Tuesday 18 October (1)

- 07:30 JP Assembly
- 08:30 Pre-Primary opens
- 13:00 Aftercare opens
- 17:00 Housemasters' meeting (H/m's office)

### Wednesday 19 October (2)

- 14:00 Cricket U13A vs SAC U14B (h)
- 14:00 Cricket U13B vs Grahamstown Primary U13A (h)
- 17:00 Student Housemasters' meeting (SP staffroom)

### Thursday 20 October (3)

- Downs Syndrome Awareness Day
- 10:00 Group Photos (School, Staff, Athletics Team, SP classes, Senior 8, Leaver's and Boarding Houses)
- 14:00 Cricket vs Oatlands Primary U9A (h)
- 17:00 HOD's meeting (H/m's office)

### Friday 21 October (4)

### Saturday 22 October

Duty Master - Mr Richard Jackson (Cell: 082 838 6214)

- 09:00 Cricket vs Lorraine Primary U13A/U13C/U11A (h) U13B/U9A (a)
- 09:00 Cricket vs Yellowwoods U11B (h)

### Sunday 23 October

- 18:30 Evening Prayers - Duty Master (Memory Hall)

## OUTREACH

Please remember that Wednesday is the start of our 'Sandwich Wednesday' drive. All day pupils to please bring an extra nutritional sandwich (or more) to school on Wednesday if possible, wrapped in wax/sandwich wrap. These will be collected in the morning and JP parent, Susan Powers, will deliver them to Andrew Moyake School where many of the children do not have regular meals.

The sandwich drive will continue each Wednesday for the remainder of the term. Let's try to make sure that all 130 children at this school get something to eat at break time on a Wednesday!

# SPORTS DAY



**Congratulations to Timothy Bloem who broke 3 new records**

**Congratulations to Dale Brody (U9) who broke no less than 4 school records**



## U11 Cricket Tour to Knysna



## DSG/Prep Junior Orchestra Tour to Cradock



Junior Preppies welcomed Mr Allman during his visit to Prep last week



**BOARDERS' WEEKEND ACTIVITIES**



**Ghandi Walk**



National Tennis Championships in Bloemfontein



Well done to Scott Cuthbert who ended 24<sup>th</sup> in the Main draw and Melusi Mtshali who ended 28<sup>th</sup> in the Nationals.

Miss Clarke shaves her head in aid of The Sunflower Fund



If you would like to support Elaine's brave efforts by giving a donation to this wonderful cause, please email Karen Hobson on [k.hobson@saprepschool.com](mailto:k.hobson@saprepschool.com)

