



**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

7 June 2011

Dear Parents

This week sees the build up to K-Day on Saturday with various sports between ourselves and Kingswood taking place. We are pleased to be hosting this year's derby and I would encourage all parents to support their children over what promises to be an exciting few days of traditional sports between our two schools.

Sadly our U13As will play against Grahamstown Primary and not Kingswood on this day. The reason for this is as follows: At our Regional Heads meeting on 3 February this year I tabled a suggestion regarding the playing of our U14 boys in prep school teams. In any one year we have half a dozen or so U14s who, because of their age, are required to play their rugby and cricket at College whilst, in the case of hockey and squash, they are catered for with their peers at Prep. This presents a challenge in that the College practice times are not in sync with ours, boys miss out on their prep lessons and the logistics and communication is, at times, problematic. At the Heads' meeting I suggested that, unless a boy was good enough to play U14A - in which case he should, for his own benefit - he should play with his peers. Whilst this would give us more depth being a small school, it would also do the boys' self-esteem the world of good in playing alongside their peers. Ultimately I feel, we need to be moving towards the New Zealand Schoolboy system (which has been successfully introduced in KZN Midland schools) whereby the criteria for playing in an age group incorporates height and weight criteria. One only needs to look at the size of some of the players our Preppies come up against week in and week out to realise that we tend to box well above our weight.

My intention in raising this issue was to lead Eastern Cape Independent Schools in this direction. I may say that I was very gratified with the response with there being no objection to this at the meeting and we, at Prep, accordingly went along with this in selecting teams for rugby and cricket. This does, of course, depend on the relationship between schools and a degree of trust and, one has to say, looking at our results against much bigger opponents, we have, by and large, got it right. At the end of the day, it is not about the result and we accept that we are going to lose a fair share of our fixtures because we tend to take on the big guns. The important thing is to 'manage' these fixtures in such a way so as to have an even contest.

Unfortunately it would seem Kingswood Junior did not interpret the above in the same way and their U14s have been included with their Grade 8 group. This misunderstanding is regretted. Rather than change teams at this late stage we have arranged an alternate fixture for our U13As. All other Kingswood fixtures will incorporate boys of the correct age on Saturday.

As mentioned, this is a most unfortunate set of circumstances. I have spoken to our Regional Director on this matter and it is his intention to workshop this with Prep School Heads before the end of the year so as to clarify this issue.

Ultimately, we want to do what is best for the boys and ensure that, on any one weekend, the maximum number of boys get to run out onto the field to represent their school at all levels.

I do wish to reassure parents that we are working hard behind the scenes to resolve this issue of height, weight and age in rugby with a view to inclusion, as well as the prevention of injury. I do wish to appeal to our parents to be understanding in this matter and to get behind their sons and daughters in a way which promotes healthy competition and good relations between our two schools.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

**Graham**

Quote for the week:

"A calm demeanour will deter the danger of words spoken in anger."  
Shmiras Haloshan

## Junior Prep News

Please do not send birthday invitations to school for the class teachers to hand out unless the whole class or the whole gender group in the class have been invited. We would prefer that you find another way to deal with these invitations if only certain friends are being invited.

We will be celebrating Youth Day with DSG and SAC on Lower Field from 12h00-13h20 on Thursday. Children come to school dressed in winter school tracksuits, blue shirts, jerseys and school shoes. They should be collected from school by 13h30. There will be no Aftercare or other afternoon activities on Thursday.

It is our K-Day weekend coming up. Please enjoy supporting our teams in good spirit. The weekend programme will soon be circulated to all our parents. JP netball and boys hockey matches will be played on Friday and girl's hockey and rugby will be played on Saturday morning.

Don't forget to check our website for more photographs  
[www.saprepschool.com](http://www.saprepschool.com)

# Pre-Primary News

Despite having to wade across the field and battle through the torrential downpour, lots of grandparents and special guests joined us on Grandparents' Day. After enthusiastically singing songs, the pre-primers excitedly showed their special guests the work they had done and the toys they love to play with.

Our Parents' Info Evening - "Ready, Steady, STOP! - What is School Readiness?" to be held next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 17:30 (NOT on 16<sup>th</sup> June), promises to be informative.

There will be NO Aftercare on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Squash Winter League - 8 June 2011

SAPI vs SAC 6ths lost 5-12  
SAPII vs KC 5ths Walkover

### Hockey - 10 June 2011

U13A vs DSG U13A won 3-0  
U13D vs KC U13C won 3-0

### Rugby vs Herbert Hurd - 11 June 2011

U13A won 29-0  
U13B won 43-10  
U11A won 26-14  
U11B lost 0-27  
U9A lost 5-12

### Tennis Round Robin - 12 June 2011

U12 at Kingswood  
Murray Koster 1st in Group 1  
Melusi Mtshali 2nd in Group 1  
Scott Cuthbert 1st in Group 2

## PREP MEMORABILIA

With K-day coming up, it would be great to have as many parents as possible in Prep Jackets, Caps, Beanies and Scarves if you still have yours from last year!

If not, we still have a few Men's Medium Jackets left over, which are also suitable for smaller ladies at a special price of R350.00 and some supporter Caps too, which now sell at R40.00. Please come up to Top Prep this week to purchase any of these items or we will be selling a small selection of memorabilia items at K-Day too.



# OPEN DAY

**Date & Time:** THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2011 - 09:30

**Venue:** The Highlander, St Andrew's College (Worcester Street)

**RSVP:** Cherié Wille 046 603 2391 or email c.wille@sacschool.com

### Programme:

**09:30** Registration and Tea;

**10:00** Welcome by the Heads;

**10:15** Tours of the schools;

**12:00** Youth Day concert on Lower Field;

**13:00** Lunch at the Highlander

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday 14 June d6

14:00 Rugby vs Grahamstown Primary - U11A U9A (h) - *cancelled*  
14:00 Hockey vs Oatlands - U9A/B/C U8 girls (h)  
15:00 Rugby vs Westering - U11A (h)  
17:00 Prep Board meeting (Prep Clubhouse)

### Wednesday 15 June d7

14:00 Rugby vs Umhlali Prep - U13A (h) - *cancelled*  
14:30 Rugby vs Good Shepherd - U13B (h)

### Thursday 16 June d1

Grade 6 and 7 Formal Assessment commences  
12:00 Combined Schools' Youth Day Celebration (Lower - SAC)  
17:30 PP Parents' Information Evening - *postponed to 22 June*

### Friday 17 June d2

Grade 6 and 7 Formal Assessment  
11:00 SAC Council meeting

Time	Team	Venue
12:00	U8A	Webster
12:00	U9B	Webster
12:45	U9A	Webster
12:45	Junior C	Webster
13:30	Senior C	Webster
14:30	Junior B	Webster
15:30	Senior B	Webster
16:30	Junior A	Webster
17:30	Senior A	Webster

12:00 Hockey vs Kingswood - U13A/B/C/D U11A/B (h)

14:00 JP Netball vs Kingswood (h)

### Saturday 18 June

**Duty Master - Mr Richard Jackson (Cell: 082 8386214)**

09:00 Rugby vs KC & others - U13A/B/C U11A/B U9A/B (h)

Time	Fairlawn A	Fairlawn B
09h00	U13C vs Yellowwoods U13A	U9B vs KC U9B
09h45	U9A vs KC U9A	U13D vs KC C Combined
10h30	U13B vs KC U13B	U11B vs KC U11B
11h15	U11A vs KC U11A	
12h00	U13A vs Grahamstown Primary	

### Sunday 19 June

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

### Monday 20 June d3

Grade 6 and 7 Formal Assessment  
14:15 Pre-Primary Assessment meeting

### Tuesday 21 June d4

Grade 6 and 7 Formal Assessment

### Wednesday 22 June d5

Grade 6 and 7 Formal Assessment  
17:30 Pre-Primary Parents' Information Evening

### Thursday 23 June d6

**Duty Master - Mr Siphelo Mtshiki (Cell: 071 950 8362)**

Grade 6 and 7 Formal Assessment concludes

12:00 Half-term commences

No Aftercare

### Friday 24 June - Monday 4 July

Half-term

### Tuesday 4 July

17:00 Boarders return in Full Blues  
Children's Arts Festival

