



27 September 2011

Dear Parents

"Fore!"

"What did you shoot?"

"How many birdies?"

"Hey, you should have seen my shot on the 5th!"

Golfing banter was the order of the day last weekend as twenty-one of our boys took part in the inaugural Grade 7 Golf Tour. They played a total of forty-five holes in three days and they absolutely loved every one of them. It was a fantastic experience and was thoroughly enjoyed by both the boys and staff alike. We had the opportunity to play at Bushman Sands, Fish River and Port Alfred - a real treat for our youngsters who are still in the infancy of their prospective golfing careers. My thanks go to Mr Richard Jackson who put the tour together and my apologies go to Mr Luc Hoefnagels for nearly decapitating him on the 16th in Port Alfred...sorry Luc!

On Saturday our Marimba Band performed at Port Alfred High School. From all accounts it was a huge success and the band, once again, flew our flag with pride. If you have not yet had the privilege to listen to them, then I urge you to do so at the next available opportunity. They have the distinctive knack of enveloping their audience and one can only walk away afterwards feeling totally uplifted and rejuvenated. Thanks here to Mrs O'Donoghue and Mr Borerwe for their unwavering commitment in ensuring a high quality musical outfit.

Monday saw us host our annual B Quadrangular Athletics meeting. Kenton, Shaw Park, Yellowwoods and DSG Junior all sent teams to participate. Since its inception a few years ago, this event has certainly gone from strength to strength. The biggest benefit derived through this meeting has been the establishment of sporting fixtures, in several other codes, with these schools. Our relationship with them has flourished, resulting in a scenario where many more of our pupils have had an opportunity to participate in fixtures. The key here is participation. This is something we continually strive to develop so that all of our pupils, irrespective of individual talent, are able to represent their school.

We also played tennis against Western Province Preparatory School on Monday in what turned out to be a tough encounter for us. The better team on the day took home the spoils and alas the Currie Cup returns to Cape Town. Well done Mr Hosty! See you in 2012 when we come down on Winter Tour. Enjoy the trophy while it is still in your possession as we certainly plan to return it to its rightful place in the Eastern Cape.

The Grade 4-7 Camp-out at Table Farm and the Sponsored Walk are scheduled to take place this coming weekend. Everything is in place & one can feel the excitement starting to build as we move closer to Friday. A separate letter has been emailed to all parents with the Grade 4-7 day boys also taking a hard copy home with them today. This is one of our biggest fundraising events and I appeal to all of our pupils to work hard at filling up their sponsorship forms. Every penny that we raise benefits us all and allows us to further enhance our campus and develop our facilities.

Our U13A cricket team played a pre-season match against a touring team from Glenwood, Durban, this afternoon. We ended up losing by 8 wickets. At the post-match function I had an opportunity to chat to their headmaster who was incredibly impressed, not only by the behaviour and etiquette of the players, but by all of our pupils that he came into contact with. He mentioned that every pupil he met greeted him warmly and asked if they could help him. Wow, what a wonderful compliment! I will certainly convey this sentiment to the pupils at school tomorrow and let them know how incredibly proud I am of them. Thank you too, to all of the parents and staff for instilling these values.

Congratulations go to Bruce Phillips, Aidan Froneman, Peter Jarvis & Andile Makeke who have all been selected to represent Eastern Province Cricket in their respective age groups.

What a school!

Marc

Junior Prep News

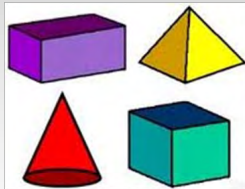
We are pleased to have Dr William Fowlds as a guest speaker at Junior Prep today. He will be talking to us about wildlife and especially the plight of the rhino, drawing on his experiences as a wildlife veterinary surgeon.

Our play practices in Memory Hall are well underway and running smoothly. The children are enthusiastic and they are putting a lot of effort into their speaking, acting and singing parts.

Pre-Primary News

Since we've been learning about dinosaurs, words like "triceratops", "stegosaurus" and "diplodocus" have become part of our general vocabulary at school! The children have enjoyed learning about dinosaurs and the theme ended on Friday with the construction of a volcano in the sandpit. Prof Pat Irwin (Morrigan's grandpa) taught us about dinosaurs at the museum too. We also saw a puppet show on Albie the Albatross and global warming last week.

Our present theme is **SHAPES** - 2 and 3 dimensional ones.



Important dates this week:

Thursday 29th September - we'll visit the coelacanth at SAIAB and have a picnic.

Tuesday 4th October - Rob Owen will be taking class group photos as well as calendar photos.

Grade R parents - please remember to notify Tanya about whether your children will be moving onto Grade 1 in 2012.



Baking Day Mondays!



Matthew concentrates on his T-Rex

SPORTS RESULTS

Squash vs Graeme - 21 September

Prep lost 2-18

Squash vs SAC5 - 22 September

Prep lost 7-9

Tennis vs WPPS - 26 September

Prep lost 39 games to 55



the book fair people

BOOKS
2
YOU

Date: 08h00 - 14h00 Wednesday 28th September

Venue: Senior Prep Library

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 27 September (5)

08:00 Books 2 You (SP library)

13:00 Food Committee meeting (Memory Hall)

Wednesday 28 September (6)

08:00 Books 2 You (SP library) until 14:00

14:00 Graeme Triangular Athletics Meeting (Graeme)

Thursday 29 September (7)

14:00 Shot Put finals (U11/U10)

14:00 High Jump heats (Open/U13/U12)

15:00 400m finals (Open/U13/U12/U11/U10)

17:00 SP Assessment Meeting

Friday 30 September (1)

11:00 SAC Council Exco meeting

15:00 Table Farm Camp-out (Grades 4-7 & live-in staff)

Saturday 1 October

Duty Master - Mr Siphelo Mtshiki (Cell: 071 950 8392)

09:00 Sponsored Walk

Sunday 2 October

10:00 U11 Cricket Tour departs (Knysna)

12:00 Junior Orchestra Tour departs (Karoo)

18:30 College Chapel

Monday 3 October (2)

U11 Cricket Tour

11:00 Combined Schools' Tea (SAC)

Tuesday 4 October (3)

U11 Cricket Tour

13:00 Junior Orchestra Tour returns

14:00 Shot Put finals (Open/U13/U12)

14:00 High Jump heats (U11/U10)

15:00 1500m finals (Open/U13/U12/U11/U10)

Wed 5 October (4)

14:00 Baton Relay practice

14:30 Shuttle Relay finals (non-baton runners)

15:00 Round-the-Block finals (Top Field)

17:30 U11 Cricket Tour returns

Thursday 6 October (5)

14:00 Cross Country finals

15:00 Final Baton Relay practice

17:00 Cricket Coaches' meeting (Clubhouse)

Friday 7 October (6)

08:30 JP and SP Sports Day

11:30 Pre-Primary race at Sports Day

Saturday 8 October

Duty Master - Mr James Cripps (Cell: 071 671 9820)

Sunday 9 October

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



Changes to the Calendar

Please check the calendar & newsletter before phoning the office for info.

Grahamstown Flower Festival – Children's Section

The Grahamstown Flower Festival has its very own Children's Festival and the organisers would like as many pupils as possible to enter. The festival will take place in the Botanical Gardens on Saturday 29th October from 09:00 – 17:30 & Sunday 30th October from 09:00 – 15:00. Children will be able to enter plants and flower arrangements into the Children's Section of the flower competition for only R10.00.

Arrangements must be made up mainly of flowers, leaves & other plant material, with the odd addition of an ornament or utensil. Arrangements & exhibits must be done in the Pam Golding Hall, completely unaided. Children may bring their exhibits to the hall on Friday 28th from 15.30–18.30, & on Saturday 29th from 07:00–09.30. The hall will open to the public to view the flower competition exhibits from 10.45 on Saturday.

Prizes will be awarded at the prize giving at 16:30 on the Saturday in the Eden Grove Blue lecture theatre.

There will also be two workshops for Children. For more information please contact info@grahamstownflowerfestival.co.za.

EP Cricket Squad



Congratulations to these cricketers who have been chosen to represent EP. Bruce Phillips (left) has been chosen for the U13A squad and Andile Makeke, Aidan Froneman and Peter Jarvis are in the U11 squad. Well done boys.

Grade 6s with the boxes they made in D&T



Pam Golding Donates Rugby Balls to Prep



Junior Preppies and Pre-Primes were treated to a Puppet Show in Memory Hall



Athletics B Quadrangular



Tennis vs WPPS



Golf Tour

