



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY  
SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

At the end of an extremely busy and productive term ("which one isn't?" quipped a staff member recently), we can, I believe, reflect on an extremely successful term in all respects. There have been many highlights in the academic, sporting and cultural spheres and we can, indeed, be very proud of our girls and boys on their fine achievements.

Naturally, this would not have been possible without the input, commitment and loyalty of our staff at Prep and to each and every one, we owe a debt of gratitude for a job well done.

Similarly, to you, our parent body, thank you for your support in ways too many to mention here but, epitomized I think, in Monday night's Tikkie Aand—a hugely successful and enjoyable event—despite the masses! Thank you to you all for your help over the Winter Term.

#### "I'll Sing You One-oh!"

Included in your report pack is an order form for the updated history of Prep, written by past Second Master, Mr Lorraine Mullins, which is scheduled for completion in time for Christmas! This promises to be a wonderful reminder to all pupils, past and present, of what this school has meant to so many over the years.

If I could please appeal to parents still wishing to order a copy/ies to please assist us by completing and returning your order form at your earliest convenience.

#### Sponsored Walk

Also in your report pack is a Sponsored Walk form. This annual event is scheduled for the third term once again, as is our tradition. Over the years this has become our major fundraiser and I would appeal to parents once again, to support this worthy cause!

#### Staffing

Our best wishes to the Jacksons as they prepare to welcome their baby daughter into the world early next month! Please note that Mrs Elaine Clarke will be assisting in Grade 5 next term.

Other news is that Mrs Vera Skae, who has been filling in for Mrs Cordell, leaves us at the end of this term.

It has been wonderful having Mrs Skae as part of the team and we do so appreciate her assistance and input into the lives of our Senior Preppies.

Sadly, I returned home after Tikkie Aand to catch the late night news, only to find a world seemingly in utter chaos—devastating famine in Somalia, a world-wide economic crisis, as well as social upheaval emanating from countries who should know better!

These are not problems which emanated overnight but are, I believe, symptomatic of much deeper problems in society. This was brought home during live footage of the carnage in London when an MP appealed to parents over the television to contact their children and get them to go home. What a sad indictment of our society—and a stark reminder perhaps of the role which the family plays in the correct upbringing of tomorrow's generation. We see it all too often in our own country—a breakdown of law and order—and we, more than ever, need to ensure that we cling to those values which will, ultimately, ensure the perpetuation of society as we know it.

It has therefore, been a privilege to serve a school such as St Andrew's Prep for the past 14 years; a school where children are nurtured and where values are upheld. Long may it continue.

I thank you and wish you all well for the future.

Kind regards

**Graham**

GRAHAM GOODEN  
HEADMASTER

## Charity Cook-off for Kuyasa Special School



Compass SA (KKS Food Services) are sponsoring a 'Cooks for Charity' event in aid of Kuyasa Special School in Grahamstown.

The event will be held at Prep on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September where chefs from the Eastern Cape will be involved in a 'cook-off' to generate funds for Kuyasa School.

Seen here is Graham Gooden, our Headmaster, donating a cheque to the Kuyasa Fund as well as items to be auctioned off during the event.

## Tikkie Aand



## Grade 4 Greek Evening



## Grade 1 Outdoor Ed

