



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY
SCHOOL.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

31 January 2012

Dear Parents and Pupils,

My messages to the SP boys in assemblies this month have touched on the importance of them making the most of the opportunities they are privileged to have at Prep as well as to persevere when times require this attribute to come to the fore. I share these messages with you, as when parents and schools work in a collaborative manner, true synergy exists! This weekend saw a host of cricket matches taking place and many of our tennis players were in action too. I am proud of the way in which these boys behaved under stiff competition and look forward to our lads going from strength to strength this term.

In all schools there are many unsung heroes whose efforts often go unnoticed or unappreciated as they work tirelessly behind the scenes. In this newsletter I wish to acknowledge Jenny Wilkinson and her team of gardeners and grounds-men who ensure that our sports fields are in tip top condition and that the gardens are pristine. Hilton Haakonsen and his estate management team must field hundreds of requests on a daily basis in order to stay abreast of the never ending deluge of maintenance requests. I am particularly grateful to them for addressing the state of the SP Boys' ablution block as this was in dire need of attention. Much work on our cricket net facilities has been completed and we hope that in the next week the final matting will be laid at the Retief Nets which together with the new set of turf pitches offer our boys a wonderful practice facility, one which I am sure would turn many prep schools cricket masters green with envy! The JP library has received a fresh coat of paint and the foyer into Fairlawn will be receiving some attention to ensure that this space offers a clean and aesthetically pleasing entrance.

A snap survey was sent to all new Prep Parents last week, the purpose of which was to determine the efficiency of our admissions processes as well as to garner information which could help inform our marketing strategies. Please may I remind all new parents to complete those short surveys and return to Sasha by Friday, 3 February. Your input is important to us – thank you!

A final request is to abide by the road markings at Tradesman's entrance. I know that they are badly faded, (I have written to the municipality requesting a re-painting), but in the meantime please do not park where it is illegal as this compromises the safety of our youngsters.

On a similar note, please drive slowly in this area as until such time as we can get speed bumps erected, speeding vehicles are a problem. I am sure that these requests have been made countless times before but it is certainly well worth mentioning again!

The on-going professional development of teaching faculty is an important part of any school and I am delighted to report that Roxanne Long & Marc Paul have registered to read for their B.Ed Honour's Degrees this year. We wish them an enriching learning experience and best of luck as they switch their teachers' desks for student seats! Susan Green and Vera Skae are standing in for them respectively so as to ensure our teaching programmes are not compromised. Our staff were led through a workshop by Jane Jarvis on Friday afternoon which proved to be a valuable exercise.

Finally, the 'Back to School Service' at the Cathedral on Sunday was superb and I was proud of Prep's representation by our pupils along with a strong staff contingent. It is clear that Prep is fully back in the swing of things!

Gareth

Conquesta

We have received the most recent results for the Conquesta Benchmarking Tests. The Grade 4s were placed 15th in Afrikaans and the Grade 5s were placed 6th in Maths. These tests are undertaken by hundreds of independent and top public schools across Southern Africa on an annual basis. I am delighted with last year's achievements.

Junior Prep News

Swimming lessons during Phys Ed in the mornings:

Junior Preppies must come to school dressed in their uniform on Day 1 and Day 3 when they have swimming lessons during Phys Ed. They only change into sports clothes for afternoon activities during the lunch hour. (Preppies, who have early morning private tennis coaching with Mr Eksteen, may be in sports clothes for the morning.)

Remember they need dry 'undies', a towel, a sports shirt and swimming caps for the girls with longer hair (goggles are optional) packed in their swimming bags in preparation for each lesson. Everything needs to be CLEARLY MARKED please.

Pre-Primary News

Cookie Day is on Fridays! Please remember to send R10.00 per term. Cookie Day funds are used to boost our fund-raising for new educational equipment at the Pre-primary. When it's your Cookie Day, make it an exciting experience for your child: discuss together what she would like to provide, and either buy the items together or bake them at home!



We've made a slight change to our **home-time routine** this term: before storytime the children put their bags along the path, and they stay inside until they are fetched to avoid congestion on our verandah. Please continue to enjoy wandering up the path to fetch your children at ten to one when storytime is finished.

SPORTS RESULTS

U13A Cricket vs Selborne - 28 January

Prep 153 runs
M Koster - 38, A Froneman - 36 n.o.
Selborne 155 for 2
A More - 5 overs, 1 maiden, 1 wicket, 10 runs
Prep lost by 8 wickets

U13B Cricket vs Selborne - 28 January

Selborne 120 for 6
A Makeke - 2 for 17, M Danckwerts - 2 for 14
Prep 68 runs
R Brown - 22 n.o.
Prep lost by 52 runs

U13C Cricket vs Selborne - 28 January

Selborne 281 for 6
T Marshall - 2 for 36
Prep 150 runs
H Ngxenge - 56
Prep lost by 131 runs

U11A Cricket vs Selborne - 28 January

Selborne 115 runs
R Ford - 3 for 18, W Gqiba - 3 for 12
Prep 65 runs
D Brody - 20 n.o.
Prep lost by 50 runs

U11B Cricket vs Selborne - 28 January

Prep 163 runs
R van Coller - 63, J Sparks - 31
Selborne 56 runs
H van Deventer - 2 for 2 off 2 overs
Prep won by 107 runs

U9A Cricket vs Selborne - 28 January

Prep 51 runs
J McAdam - 14 n.o.
Selborne 52 for 1
Prep lost by 9 wickets

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Tuesday 31 January (d2)

17:00 Cricket Coaches Clinic (Retief Nets)

Wednesday 1 February (d3)

14:00 Safety Committee meeting

14:00 Cricket vs Grahamstown Primary U13B (h) - Fairlawn B

14:00 Cricket SAP Dragons vs SAP Goblins - Retief

14:00 SAP Warriors vs SAP Titans - Top Field

Thursday 2 February (d4)

14:00 Cricket vs Kingswood Gr 1/Gr 2 (h) - Fairlawn B/A

14:00 Cricket **U11C** vs Yellowwoods U11A (h) - Top Field

15:00 JP Staff Development: Jane Jarvis

Friday 3 February (d5)

11:45 Cool To Be Me Workshop (Grade 6s)

Albany Tennis Trials (time and venue tbc)

15:00 Relay Gala (Graeme)

Saturday 4 February

Duty Master Mr Siphelo Mtshiki (071 950 8392)

09:00 Cricket vs Kingswood

U13A (Fairlawn A) / U11A (Retief) / U11B (**Top Field**)

U9A (Fairlawn B) (h)

U13B (Dold A) / U13C (Dold B) (a)

Sunday 5 February

Albany Tennis Trials (time and venue tbc)

18:30 Family Service (Memory Hall) [SP pupils and all staff to attend]

Monday 6 February (d6)

11:00 Combined Schools' Tea (SAP)

14:00 Cricket SAP Warriors vs SAP Dragons (Retief)

Tuesday 7 February (d7)

17:00 Prep Exco meeting (Clubhouse)

17:00 Student Housemasters' meeting (SP staffroom)

Wednesday 8 February (d1)

14:00 Cricket vs Tiger Titans

U13C (Fairlawn B)/U11B (Top Field)

14:00 Cricket SAP U13A vs SAC U14B (Fairlawn A)

Thursday 9 February (d2)

Flight bookings for Half-term due

14:00 Short-Course Gala (KC)

14:00 Grade 1 Cricket vs Oatlands (Fairlawn A)

18:00 Parent class visits

19:00 Combined Parents' AGM (Memory Hall)

Friday 10 February (d3)

11:45 Cool To Be Me Workshop (Grade 6s)

14:00 Tennis vs KC U11A (a) U11B (h)

Saturday 11 February

Duty Master Mr Zane Plescia (072 018 3878)

09:00 Cricket vs Westering U13A/U11A (a)

U13B/U11B/U9A (h)

09:00 Cricket vs Yellowwoods U13C (h)

Sunday 12 February

18:30 Evening Prayers (Duty Master)

Changes to the Calendar

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

OUTREACH

'Super Sandwich Wednesday' starts tomorrow.



Day pupils are requested to please bring an extra nutritional sandwich (or more) to school tomorrow if possible, wrapped in wax/sandwich wrap. These will be collected in the morning & JP parent, Susan Powers, will deliver them to Andrew Moyake School where many of the children do not have regular meals.

PHOTOGRAPHS and UP-TO-DATE NEWS

Please remember to look for updated photos & news on a regular basis on our website: www.saprepschool.com follow the News link on the right hand side.



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL



The Headmaster, Mr Gareth Allman, cordially invites you and your partner to a cocktail party for the launch of the Prep Book

'T'll Sing You One-Oh!'

by Lorraine Mullins

When: 29 February 2012

Time: 17h00

Where: St Andrew's Prep Quadrangle

Dress: Smart casual

RSVP: Mrs Anusha Ranchhod

Email: a.ranchhod@saprepschool.com

Tel: 046 603 2400

Mr Lorraine Mullins will be available for book signing.

Message from the Finance Department

You are reminded of the following information, which appears in the finance pack sent out to parents at the end of last year:

Half Term: Pupils will be charged for costs if they stay over half term.

Pupil Accident: All children must wear gum guards when playing rugby and hockey. If not any injuries that arise from not wearing gum guards will not be covered under pupil accident insurance.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Children are invited to donate a book to the school Library on their respective birthdays. Mrs Karen Hobson has a selection of books to assist in this regard – all suitable for children at this level. The amount can be debited to your child's account. Should you wish to donate a book, kindly email Karen at k.hobson@saprepschool.com. Please support this worthwhile exercise.

PREP SHOP

Kindly note that the Prep Shop hours are as follows:

Mondays & Wednesdays : 07h15 - 08h15 & Fridays : 14h00 - 16h00

Mrs Dee Shone can be contacted on 078 426 4929 should you need to make arrangements for her to open at another time during office hours

Class Visits & Annual General Meeting Thursday, 9 February

18h00 - Teachers to address parents in their classrooms

19h00 - AGM in Memory Hall

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome by the Headmaster
3. Address by the Board Chairman
4. Report backs - Pre-Primary Parents' Committee
- Junior Prep Parents' Committee
- Senior Prep Parents' Committee
- Fundraising Committee
5. Parent Association's changes acceptance
6. Incoming committees elected for 2012
7. Tea & coffee will be served in Memory Hall



The School Communicator is an easy option for you to receive our general news, upcoming events, results, etc on a daily basis.

Just download the link from www.school-communicator.com to install onto your desk top.

For any support or installation problems please contact the D6 support team on 0860 22 11 36 or support@school-communicator.com.

PREP MEMORABILIA

To all new Prep parents, please remember that we have some lovely Prep branded Memorabilia For Sale.

- Great quality **Campmaster chairs** (excellent and comfortable for cricket season!) – **R180.00 each**
 - Cooler Bags** (hold 10 cans) – **R75 each**
 - Smaller Lunch box coolers** (keeps things really cold and fresh) – **R40 each**
 - Flexi Rulers** – **R15 each**
 - Pencil bags** – **R20 each**
 - Prep supporter Caps** – **R 40 each**
 - Prep Coffee Mugs** – **35.00**
- and many more items which make great gifts.

These items are all for sale at the Top Prep Offices
Please see Anusha for more information.

Steak Evening



Wednesday, 29 February

18h30

Prep Clubhouse

A great opportunity for new parents to meet existing parents and staff.
Details to follow.

Friday Clubs

Eco Art



Scrabble



Model Building



Mrs Jackson with the Prep boys who were off to compete in the Albany Tennis Champs



Mr Lorraine Mullins shares some of Prep's history with the Grade 6s during their Headmaster's period



Cricket vs Selborne



Prep's 127th Birthday Celebrations

