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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Last weekend's Campout and Sponsored Walk proved to be a huge success. The boys thoroughly enjoyed their overnight stay on Table Farm, whilst the walk, for both the little ones as well as the older children and including many moms and dads, was very well supported. In addition we have, to date, banked over R57 000,00! This is phenomenal and I am very grateful to all for the support, as well as those who worked so hard behind the scenes, to make this such a success.

Another event which went off extremely well was last Thursday's Grade 7 Go-Cart races held in Worcester Street. This was the culmination of planning, building and painting (not to mention test-driving on Top Field!) for this term's Grade 7 Design Technology project. Well done to all participants for an entertaining morning - as well as to the winning team for establishing a new record on this circuit!

This week we welcome Mrs Cilla Crankshaw to Prep. Cilla is no stranger to the School, having taught here from 1974-1995! She is here as part of the evaluation process which we are currently conducting and we do look forward to working with her during the course of this week.

Some news regarding our fundraisers for this month:

- Firstly the Circus will, unfortunately, no longer be coming to Prep. It will, instead, be operating from the Village Green for various reasons, one being the fact that, having expanded the Show, the vehicles are unable to gain access to our fields as our gates are too narrow.
- Secondly, parents will be aware of the Piano Man Show being held at the Monument on Friday, 29 October. Books of tickets have been distributed to all class reps and we are encouraging as many parents as possible to come and see Charl du Plessis on the 29th. We have reduced the ticket price to make it more affordable for children and our Grade 6s & 7s will all be attending. This amount, incidentally, will be debited to accounts of boys in Grades 6&7, unless parents contact Mrs O'Donoghue individually.

Finally, we have been busy with a 'rebranding' exercise regarding our School Badge. We are conscious that there are a few mutations out there! Importantly, we will be introducing the College scroll, to be worn on blazer pockets only, in an attempt to create a stronger link between ourselves and the College. A presentation has been made to the Old Prep Association and we will present this at next year's Parents' AGM in February.

This week sees our Inter-house athletics on Friday and I hope to see you there.

Have a good week.

**Graham**

Quote for the week:

"Sometimes the perfect gift is a cheery smile." Unknown

## Junior Prep News

The **Sponsored Spring** walk was very well supported. Thank you to all of you who made the effort to participate and enjoy the braai-ing and challenges that took place later that day.

On Friday it is our School's **Sports Day**. All Junior Preppies must come to school at the usual time, dressed in sports clothes, caps/hats, takkies and tracksuits for cooler weather. At 8h00, the teachers will take them across to the field and the games will begin by 08h30. They may only go home at the end of the morning, once all the events are over and their teachers have dismissed them. They will be given a cooldrink and doughnut at teatime, and the tuck-shop will be open.

It is the **Grahamstown Flower Show** this month. There are some exciting workshops suitable for children:

Easy pot plant ideas for kids – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 11.30-12.30

Environmental Learning Centre amphitheatre  
(outdoors - adjacent to Botanical Gardens)

Fun with plants – Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 14.00-15.00 Environmental  
Learning Centre Potting bench (outdoors - adjacent to Botanical Gardens)

If you have some budding horticulturists at home, do encourage them to participate in the children's section, namely section 8. Details will be sent home and all arrangements must be made by parents.

## Pre-Primary News

Congratulations to our great "walkers" - you all did so well! Thank you for participating in the Sponsored Walk and for your part in making the day such a success!

If you still have the Sponsored Walk form at home, please return it to school.

## Grade 7 Go-Cart Races



## DATES TO DIARISE

8 October	Sports Day
29 October	JP Play & Feast (JP parents & guests)
29 October	Piano Man - Charl du Plessis
27 November	Carol Service
28 November	Christmas Carnival
30 November	PP Christmas Party
1 December	Dads vs Lads Cricket and Feast for Grade 7s and their parents

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday 5 October d4

- IQAA Evaluation commences
- 14:00 Shot Put finals (Open/U13/U12)
- 14:00 High Jump heats (U11/U10)
- 15:00 1500m finals (Open/U13/U12/U11/U10)
- 17:00 125th Fundraising Committee meeting (Highlander)

### Wednesday 6 October d5

- IQAA Evaluation
- 14:00 Baton Relay practice
- 14:30 Shuttle Relay finals (non-baton runners)
- 15:00 Round-the-Block finals (Top Field)
- 15:00 JP Assessment meeting

### Thursday 7 October d6

- IQAA Evaluation concludes
- 14:00 Cross Country finals
- 15:00 Final Baton Relay practice
- 17:00 Prep Board meeting (Clubhouse)

### Friday 8 October d7

- 08:30 JP and SP Sports Day
- 11:30 Pre-Primary race at Sports Day
- 17:00 Inter-schools' Squash Tournament commences (RU)

### Saturday 9 October

- Duty Master - Mr Marc Paul (Cell - 082 332 9004)**
- Inter-schools' Squash Tournament

### Sunday 10 October

- 12:00 Inter-schools' Squash Tournament concludes
- 18:30 Evening Prayers - Duty Master (Memory Hall)

### Monday 11 October d1

- Balloon Week commences (SAC)*
- 14:00 Athletics 'B' Quadrangular Meeting (Prep/DSG, Yellowwoods, Shaw Park, Kenton) (h)

### Tuesday 12 October d2

- 14:00 Cricket season commences
- 14:00 Tennis vs Graeme U13A (h) U13B (a)

### Wednesday 13 October d3

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

### Thursday 14 October d4

- 08:00 DSG & SAC Relay Sports Day
- 12:00 Half-term

### Friday 15 October

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

### Saturday 16 October Half-term

### Sunday 17 October Half-term

- Monday 18 October Half-term
- 17:00 Boarders return in Full Blues

### U11 Cricket tour to Knysna:

The U11A cricket team toured to Knysna to participate in the annual U11 Cricket Festival, which took place from 26-29 September. This festival serves as a wonderful pre-season training camp for the U11's. Several schools and cricket academies, mainly from Cape Town, attend the festival and the high standard of cricket played ensures that we are able to start our season well prepared.

