

# ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter 19 January 2010



Dear Parents

A warm welcome back and best wishes to you all for a wonderful 2010. The year certainly holds a lot of promise - not only for our nation in terms of hosting the Soccer World Cup - but, also, for our School as we celebrate our 125th year.

Parents will no doubt be aware of a number of activities and functions that have been planned around our theme for the year, namely: "Celebrating our Past; Creating our Future". The first of these is scheduled for the end of this month when our traditional birthday celebration takes the form of a 'float' procession through town to the Municipal Offices, where a presentation will be made to the Mayor of Grahamstown. Details of this event can be found overleaf, whilst information regarding our celebrations can be found on our website—please visit this, by clicking on the link, if you have not already done so.

In the meantime, the girls and boys have settled in well and we have made a very smooth start to the year. We do welcome no fewer than 60 new children to Prep this year and to them and their respective families we do trust that your time with us will be enriching and rewarding.

We also welcome some new staff members:

Mr & Mrs Jackson: Mr Richard Jackson takes over as Housemaster at Top Prep and teaches in Grade 7, whilst Mrs Mandy Jackson is class teacher in Grade 5.

Mr Plescica: No stranger to Prep, Mr Zane Plescica has joined us as a class teacher in Grade 6.

We also welcome Mr Hilton Borerwe and Mr David Glover to our Music Department, and the following Student Housemasters/mistresses to Prep this year: Mr Neale Howarth, Mr Bryce Wild, Mr Matthew Godfrey, Miss Heidi Salzwedel and Miss Natasha Pretorius.

Our traditional School Picnic went off extremely well on Sunday with the fudge and toffee being of a high standard! After a swim and a braai, we all returned safely, but tired, to Prep, having enjoyed a wonderful day at Grey Dam.

This week our Grade 7's are away at Forest Way, near Stutterheim, on their Outdoor Education trip. Word this morning is that they are having a wonderful time. Our extramural programme gets into full swing this week. We are obviously mindful of the heat that we have experienced in Grahamstown lately and every precaution is taken in this regard.

Have a good week.

*Graham*

## Junior Prep News

The **Lost Property** basket is kept in our JP kitchen now. Please mark all items worn and brought to school clearly. This helps us to return lost items to the right owners promptly.

It is essential that all Junior Preppies have a **school cap or hat** to use for sport. Children are encouraged to wear their hats and caps during the morning play-time if they are going to be in the sun. It is helpful to put sunblock on their faces before school each morning.

The **homework diaries** need details to be filled in by the parents on the first page. The extra-curricular programme has been attached at the back of the diary for your convenience. This diary serves as a reliable means of communication between the school and the home, and a parent needs to check and sign it on a daily basis.

## Pre-Primary News

All the children have settled into the new year very well, and there is a happy buzz throughout the school!

Our 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parade is on Friday 29 February – just a few days away and we are very busy preparing for it. Our float is taking shape with the help of the children, and they are also painting the hats that they will be wearing for the parade.

## SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Admin Office		046 - 603 2400
Fax Number		046 - 622 7044
Headmaster	Mr Graham Gooden	603 2400
Deputy Headmaster	Mr Marc Paul	603 2406
Headmaster's Secretary	Mrs Tanya Redelinghuys	603 2414
Bursar	Mrs Cheré Holder	603 2364
Bursar Assistant	Mrs Angela Southey	603 2400
Marketing	Mrs Sasha Scholtz	603 2409
Festival Office	Mrs Cindy Renard	603 2417
Junior Prep		603 2403
Pre-Primary		603 2407
Aftercare	Mrs Nan Hoole	603 2407
Fairlawn Housemaster	Mr Mark Tharratt	622 3734
Fairlawn Matron	Mrs Susan Green	603 2410
Snr Prep Housemaster	Mr Richard Jackson	603 2421
Robert House Matron	Mrs Susan Currie	603 2415

## My School Card

Should you not yet have applied for a My School Card, kindly contact Tanya Redelinghuys on 046 - 603 2400, or email [t.redelinghuys@saprepschool.com](mailto:t.redelinghuys@saprepschool.com).

# Prep 125th Birthday Parade

We warmly invite all our current parents and their family to join in the fun as we kick off our 125<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations with a fabulous parade on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of January.

The parade will start at 09h00 on the Fairlawn fields, proceed down Bedford Street to Cradock/Somerset Street, around the circle and down Somerset Street, continuing down High Street and ending at the City Hall at about 10h00. The Preppies, who have been collecting Books and Balls since last year, will donate these to various communities in Grahamstown at the end of the Parade. They will then be bussed back to Fairlawn field where they will enjoy a doughnut and cool drink at the Fairlawn fields, after which the Top Preppies will walk back to Top Prep. VIPs, staff, dignitaries, old Preppies and parents are invited to join us for tea in the city hall with the mayor.

The 'floats' include a huge mock cake on a tractor and trailer, an ox wagon, fire engine, donkey cart float by the Pre Primary kids, vintage cars.... All to the sounds of the Prep Marimbas and College Pipe band.

We hope to see you all there!

## WORKPARTY!

### Your School needs You!

Please note that we will be holding work parties in preparation for our Birthday Parade on the 29th.

Work parties will be held from Monday 25 - Thursday 28 January in Memory Hall from 7-9pm. Local Senior Prep parents are encouraged to support us as we put the finishing touches to our floats.

In this regard parents are asked to please bring their own pair of scissors and any plastic bags you can spare: colours - white, blue/light-blue.

Also, we are needing to loan a 5kw generator for the Friday of the parade! If you can assist, please contact the office.

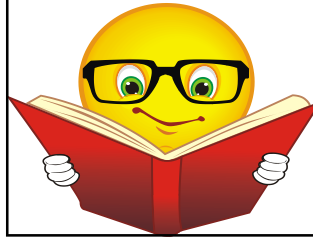
## PREP SHOP

Kindly note that the Prep Shop hours are as follows:

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

Mrs Blessing Hutchinson can be contacted on 073 924 0985 should you need to make arrangements for her to open at another time during office hours

## Balls and Books



Dear Prep Parents,  
boys and girls.  
Please remember our  
ongoing collection drive  
for tennis balls and books  
for the  
125 Birthday Parade.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday, 19 January d4

Grade 7 Outdoor Ed.

### Wednesday, 20 January d5

14:00 Cricket practice matches U11

### Thursday, 21 January d6

11:30 Grade 7 Outdoor Ed. returns

14:00 Cricket practice matches U13

### Friday, 22 January d7

11:45 Friday Club Programme commences

14:00 Grahamstown and Districts Tennis Tournament  
(All age groups)

### Saturday, 23 January

*Duty Master – Siphelo Mshiki 071 950 8392*

09:00 Cricket vs Grey U13A/U11A (h) U11B/U13B (a)

### Sunday, 24 January

09:00 Grahamstown and Districts Tennis Tournament  
(All age groups)

18:30 Family Service (Memory Hall)

### Monday, 25 January d1

16:30 HOD meeting (H/m's Office)

18:30 Evening Club Programme commences

### Tuesday, 26 January d2

### Wednesday, 27 January d3

### Thursday, 28 January d4

### Friday, 29 January d5

09:00 PREP 125th Birthday Parade

14:00 Grahamstown and Districts Tennis Tournament  
(All age groups)

17:00 Mixed Relay Gala (Kingswood)

### Saturday, 30 January

*Duty Master – Mr Marc Paul 082 332 9004*

09:00 Cricket vs Westering U13A/U11A(a) U13B/U11B(h)

### Sunday 31 January

09:00 Grahamstown and Districts Tennis Tournament Finals  
(Kingswood)

18:30 College Chapel (Father Gary)

## PIANO MAN - CHARL DU PLESSIS COMING TO GRAHAMSTOWN

Playing to sold out houses and now ...  
coming to the Guy Butler Theatre

**Saturday, 30 January 2010**  
**Starting time: 8.00pm**  
**All tickets R70.00**

IN AID OF SOMERSET PLACE RETIREMENT  
AND FRAIL CARE CENTRE