

ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 9 March 2010



Dear Parents

Half-term seems a distant memory and the Easter holidays are fast approaching. With this being a very different year as far as our normal terms are concerned, we have made some changes to our reporting system.

The Senior Prep term-end report will be much the same as usual. In the case of the Junior Prep report, we are moving on the PencilBox system and this will be a slightly shorter version with a more formal one at the end of July and again in December, whilst the Pre-Primary one has had a make-over and has been enhanced.

Our swimming galas went off very well just before half-term. More recent news is that the Albany Swimming Team won the Inter-district Gala in Port Alfred over the weekend in convincing fashion. Prep had a large contingent in the Albany Team and their success is indicative of the hard work put in by them - and their coaches. Hats off to Mrs Van who has done so much for swimming at Prep over the years, as well as to Mrs Boshoff and Mrs Jackson!

The Steak Evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Left-over boerewors was donated to the Raphael HIV Centre and they were very appreciative. Thanks to all the parents who helped out in so many ways to make this such a success.

Last Friday we held a tree-planting ceremony on the bank at Fairlawn. Trees donated by Kingswood Junior, St Andrew's College and DSG Junior were planted by representatives of the three schools to commemorate our 125th Anniversary. Our thanks go to Mr Braans of Kingswood Junior, Mr Edey of the College and Mrs Heunis of DSG Junior, as well as their representatives for this wonderful gesture.

Recently comments have been made in the local press about the quality of the water in Grahamstown. Prep has installed an industrial reverse osmosis water filter at the Senior Prep and at Fairlawn, whilst water containers for drinking water have been installed in the Boarding Houses. Hypotonic is also freely available to supplement the body's mineral requirements.

The University is working in tandem with the Makana Municipality to monitor the situation and weekly testing is being conducted. The latest information based on these tests shows that, from a micro-biological perspective, the water is safe for human consumption. The situation is being monitored closely by the College.

In conclusion, our Grade 7s enjoyed a wonderful outing along with their counterparts at DSG last Sunday afternoon. The activities involved ice-breakers and, judging from the responses from the boys, this was a very worthwhile and enjoyable occasion. Our thanks to Ms Nicky Cockroft and parents for their initiative in this regard.

Have a good week.

Graham

Quote for the week:

"I am not fully dressed until I adorn myself with a smile."

Junior Prep News

Please would you re-enter teams for this fun evening as we have made some changes. An entry form has gone home in your child's homework diary today.

Junior Prep WORLD CUP SOCCER PICNIC

Friday 19 March 2010

Come dressed representing your favourite World Cup Soccer team

16h30 find a picnic spot and get your team organized

17h00 sharp – the mini-matches will begin

Entries

teams should be co-ed, be made up of a mixed group of grades and their parents. 3 Adults and 3 Junior Preppies should comprise a team (siblings, Grade 5 and older, will count as adults)

This week there will be **no afternoon activities on Wednesday and Thursday** afternoon. All Preppies to go home at 13h00. All Prep teachers will be attending a CAPD workshop on Wednesday and they will all be assisting at the IS Gala on Thursday afternoon which we are hosting this year.

Pre-Primary News

PAT Chat Week:

Starting on Monday 15 March.

You will receive a note in the Wednesday envelope indicating the time for your meeting.

Remember the Workshop this Tuesday at Kingswood

Junior School:

Central Auditory Processing Disorders

Presented by Karien Fourie (Audiologist) and Sheila White (Speech and Language Therapist)

We are looking forward to our visit from Karien Fourie this week to do our auditory screenings.



MAKANA BRICK **8KM NITE RACE**

Wednesday, 10 March at 5.30pm
(entries will be taken from 4.30pm)

Race starts and ends at Albany Sports Club
Entry fees - R10. There will be many spot prizes as well as category prizes. Chip 'n Dip and other refreshments will be on sale during and after the race. All entrants receive a pineapple!

SPORTS RESULTS

U13D Cricket vs Grahamstown Primary - 3 March

Prep 77
S Sandi - 52 n.o.
GT Primary 80
Prep lost by 3 runs

Tennis vs Kingswood - 5 March

U13A	Singles	lost	32 games to 40
	Doubles	lost	15 games to 21
	Lost overall		47 games to 61
U13B	Singles	won	40 games to 31
	Doubles	lost	14 games to 21
	Won overall		54 games to 52

Albany Inter-Districts Gala

22 Preppies were selected to represent Albany in the Inter Districts Gala which was held on Saturday in Port Alfred. They swum extremely well and Albany had a convincing win over Karoo and Amatole. Congratulations go to the following children who made the Albany Swimming Squad:
Grant Dixie, John Baines, James Mills, Ross Wortley, Daniel Scholtz, Nicholas Kroon, Timothy Bloem, Justin Taylor, Peter Tharratt, Michael Thomas, Paul Marriner, Callum Dugmore, Henk Viljoen, James Davies, Jacques Hoefnagels, Joshua Marx, Daniel Davies, Mila Snyman, Laura Fowlds, Diana Dixie, Carina Kemp, Kelby Barker.

1st EP Squash Trial in PE - 7 March

Five Preppies went through to the 1st Provincial Squash Trial in PE on Sunday. All the boys gave a good account of themselves. Well done to Otto Fietze & Joshua Marx for winning their respective pools.

FAMILY SERVICE : Sunday 21 March 2010

Please note that there will be a Family Easter Service in Memory Hall on Sunday 21 March at 6:30 p.m.
All boys are required to attend in Full Blues.
All parents are welcome!
Dr Bill Domeris will be taking the service and the Choir will be singing.

Music Concert

10h00 : Thursday, 11 March - Memory Hall
Parents welcome



LIVING MATHS
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Fun Family Evening

DATE: Wednesday 24 Mar 2010
VENUE: School Hall
TIME: 6:30pm – 8:00 pm
COST: FREE

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 9 March d2

Wednesday 10 March d3

14:00 Cricket vs Port Alfred U13B/U11B/U9A (h)
14:00 Cricket vs Kingswood U13D(a)
15:15 JP Assessment meeting
16:00 No prep

Thursday 11 March d7

Sports For All Conference commences - postponed to September

10:00 Music Concert (Memory Hall) - parents welcome
14:00 Independent Schools' Gala (DSG Aquatics Centre)
14:00 No prep or afternoon activities other than the Gala

Friday 12 March d4

11:45 Food Committee meeting (Memory Hall)
12:00 Cricket vs Underberg U13A(h)

Underberg overnight

Saturday 13 March

Duty Master – Mr Zane Plescia 072 018 3878

09:00 Cricket vs Kingswood U13A/U11A/U9A(h)
U13B/U13C/U11B(a)

Sunday 14 March

18:30 Evening Prayers (Duty Master)

Monday 15 March d5

PP PAT Chat commences / JP PAT Chat commences

JP Homeschoolers' Week commences

16:30 Pupil Council meeting (SP Library)

Tuesday 16 March d6

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

Wednesday 17 March d7

Thursday 18 March d1

16:30 SP Assessment meeting (SP Library)

Friday 19 March d2

13:00 Sleep-out weekend

Saturday 20 March

Duty Master – Mr Mark Tharratt 071 688 6650

09:00 Cricket vs Cambridge U11A/U9A(a)
U13A/U13B/U11B(h)

Sunday 21 March

18:30 Family Service

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC GROUPS

PLEASE NOTE..... If Sport is cancelled, for whatever reason, and Prep is brought forward from 2:00 – 3:00, your son's extra curricular music GROUP (guitars, marimbas, drums) as well as BAGPIPES, will STILL OCCUR FROM 4:00 – 5:00 as per usual. This means that even though there is no sport, your son is still expected to be at school till 5:00 if he has a commitment to a music group.

INDIVIDUAL PIANO LESSONS which normally occur during prep time, will be given during the 2:00–3:00 prep sessions. The reason for this arrangement is that several of the Music Department staff teach on a part-time basis here, and have commitments at Rhodes or at other schools, and are therefore unable to change their timetables at short notice. I understand that this may be awkward at times for some boys who rely on lifts, and I would ask that those boys please excuse themselves from their group session if they are unable to attend on a certain day. This can be done before lunchtime to Mrs O'D.



THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The Heads of the Diocesan School for Girls Junior and St Andrew's Preparatory School invite families interested in these leading independent junior schools to our

OPEN DAY MONDAY 22 MARCH 10:00

DSG JUNIOR (Grade 4 - 7)

RSVP - Karen Gendall 046 603 4337 or email k.gendall@dsgschool.com

ST ANDREW'S PREP (Grade 00 - 7)

RSVP - Angela Southey 046 603 2401 or email a.southey@saprepschool.com



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