



Dear Parents

The year is rapidly drawing to a close and one can sense the excitement at the school with everyone looking forward to what will be a well-deserved break!

We are busy with a host of traditional year-end activities. In particular, we are preparing for this Saturday evening's Carol Service which I know will be very special. Please note that it falls on a Saturday due to a certain activity on Sunday at St George's Park!

The children are also busy with their School Spelling, Drawing and Writing, whilst we have seen some keenly contested cricket house matches - yesterday's between Lions & Tigers going down to the final over!

We also have the Grade 3 party on Wednesday and the Pre-Primary Nativity Plan on Friday evening. Not to mention a number of Staff/Leavers activities being played - the Staff being 2-1 ahead at this stage, so all is going to plan!

Our planning for 2010 is at an advanced stage. One matter is that we will be accommodating some College boys for the first part of next year due to Mullins House being renovated. We have made a contingency plan to allow them the use of the Fairlawn Boarding facility. A separate letter will be sent to Fairlawn Boarder parents in this regard. It is important to stress that, in no way will the supervision of the children be compromised. I do know that the College is extremely grateful to Prep for our assistance in their hour of need.

In conclusion, please note that this is the final weekly newsletter of the year. A final letter from myself, as well as the Board Chairman, will be included in the report packs. In the meantime, if parents could please assist us by following the term-end dates and times as shown overleaf and limit contact with the office where possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the year-end functions as calendarised.

Have a good week.

Graham

Junior Prep News

We have enjoyed going to watch the end-of-year school plays at the other Preparatory schools in Grahamstown. We are looking forward to our Pre-primary Nativity on Thursday – always a lovely little show for us to enjoy in the garden.

Today, Tuesday 24 November, is the last day of afternoon activities at Junior Prep. From Wednesday all Junior Preppies finish school by 13h00 and there will be no school lunches for them, and there will be no more formal homework set. School will end at 11h00 on Tuesday and Junior Prep parents can collect their children's reports from 10h45 on that day.

Some important matters;

- Library books must be returned to school by Friday – you will be charged a fee for any outstanding books not returned by then.
- Thursday 26 November is the last day for aftercare. Please make other suitable arrangements for your children after that.
- Carol Service – Saturday 28 November 18h30 in Memory Hall – all preppies meet on Robert Lawn by 18h10 dressed in full summer uniform.

Pre-Primary News

Gift:

Please remember to bring a gift to school (new or second-hand) for an underprivileged child. Let's try to fill up a big box and make their Christmas a happy one!

Dates to Diarise:

Nativity Play: Friday 27 November at 18h00

Pre-Primary School Closes: Tuesday 1 December at 11h00

Please note that the last Aftercare will be on Thursday 26 November as there will be no Aftercare next week.

Balls and Books



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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 24 November (d7)

14:00 Junior Cricket House match – Lions vs Tigers

Wednesday 25 November (d1)

11:30 End-of-Year Music Concert (Memory Hall)

15:00 All recoveries to Bursar

Thursday 26 November (d2)

07:30 Parade and Feast Practice

10:00 Pre-Primary Dress Rehearsal for JP & Grade 7 ex pupils

14:00 Staff vs Leavers Tennis

Friday 27 November (d3)

Duty Master – Mr Mark Tharratt – 071 688 6650

07:30 Parade and Feast Practice

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

18:00 Pre-Primary Nativity Play (Pre-Primary)

19:00 Leaver's Disco (Memory Hall)

Saturday 28 November

09:30 Soccer – Staff vs Leavers (Hodgen)

18:30 Carol Service (Memory Hall)

Sunday 29 November

18:30 Evening Prayers – Duty Master (Memory Hall)

Monday 30 November (d4)

07:30 Parade and Feast Practice

10:00 Pre-Primary Christmas Party

Tuesday 1 December (d5)

07:30 Parade and Feast Practice

09:00 JP Final Assembly

10:30 Cricket - Dads vs Lads

11:00 Pre-Primary and Junior Primary close
No Aftercare

18:00 Pre-Feast drinks (SP Library)

18:30 Feast (Memory Hall)

Wednesday 2 December (d6)

07h30 All SP pupils to wear Full Blues to school

09:00 SP Day Pupil Reports ready for collection from Admin

11:00 SP Final Assembly

12:00 SP closes

Thursday 3 December

10:00 Staff meeting (SP Staffroom)

SPORTS RESULTS

U13B Cricket vs Dale - 14 November

Dale 174

D Higgins - 4 for 24 in 6 overs

C Laws - 4 for 33 in 3 overs

Prep 123

C Magezi - 22 n.o.

Prep lost by 51 runs

U9A Cricket vs Oatlands - 17 November

Prep 131 for 4

J Davies - 25 n.o., D Davies - 26 n.o., J Marx - 20 n.o.

Oatlands 45 all out

A Froneman - 5 for 2 in 2 overs

Prep won by 86 runs

U9B Cricket vs Oatlands - 17 November

Prep 77 for 5

Oatlands 67 for 7

Prep won by 10 runs

Grade 1s Cricket vs Oatlands - 17 November

Prep 25

Oatlands 51

Prep lost by 26 runs

U13A Cricket vs Hudson Park - 21 November

Prep 186

C McCarthy - 52

Hudson 187 for 2

Prep lost by 8 wickets

U11A Cricket vs Hudson Park - 21 November

Prep 110

Hudson 111 for 3

Prep lost by 7 wickets

OUTREACH

Please remember to donate items as per the list below for Christmas hampers for our domestic, maintenance and grounds staff.

Pre-Primary - any tinned food (not jams)

Grade 1 - jam or sweets

Grade 2 - bovril or samp

Grade 3 - mielie meal or spices/herbs

Grade 4 - sugar or tea

Grade 5 - jam or biscuits

Grade 6 - coffee or jelly/pudding

Grade 7 - cooldrink concentrate or syrup

Dates to Diarise

Pre-Primary Nativity Play

Friday, 27 November

Leaver's Disco

Friday, 27 November

Carol Service

Saturday, 28 November

Feast for Grade 7 Parents

Tuesday, 1 December

My School Card

We thank you for your support and assure you that every My School card used makes a difference.

Please remember to use yours when you do your Christmas shopping.

Should you not yet have a My School Card, kindly contact Tanya Redelinghuys on 046 - 603 2400, or email t.redelinghuys@saprepschool.com.