



St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 18 January, 2015



Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year.

As reported at the AGM last week, I am tremendously excited about what lies ahead for us in 2016. We are perfectly poised for a most successful year; one which will continue seeing Prep go from strength to strength.

Our day and boarder numbers as they stand today are the strongest 'start-of-year' figures in more than 15 years.

The figures below reflect recent historical averages and how they compare with today;

	2001 – 2015 AVERAGE	2016
Boarder Girls	5	4
Boarder Boys	56	70
Total School Enrolment	234	269

It is wonderful to welcome many new pupils, 69 in total, to St. Andrew's Prep and we wish them all a very happy and fulfilling time at Prep. Welcome to the following new pupils;

Pre-Primary:

Gr 00: Olivia Brothers, Rebecca Cobbing, Ross Ferguson, Rosalie Holderness, Jordan Holliday, Ralph Jansen van Rensburg, Omphile Khalatha, Amy Ladds, Lily Molony, John Sykes, Jessica Vroom, Aya Zilwa.

Gr 00: Laliitha Dilemnyango, Luke Ellis, Bunono Gidana.

Gr R: Elisha Dilemnyango, Simanye Lupuwana, Belle Ngcobo, Cwenga Ntutu, Max van Schoor, Tash White.

Junior Primary:

Gr 1: Alex Booth, Nhlahleni Citwa, Owethu Mini, Nomalanga Ngoma, Onathi Peter, Jessica Phillips, Kate Rose-Innes, Matt Todd, Zazi Veto, Greg White, Ande Zilwa.

Gr 2: Nicholas Lloyd, Sarah Lloyd, Banathi Mpondo, Emma Richardson, Mariandé Vrey, Minentle Xulu.

Gr 3: Alan Flanagan, Someleze Marawu.

Senior Primary:

Gr 4: Blake Antrobus, Nicholas Danckwerts, Nhlanhla Mngadi, Connor Moorcroft, Charles Rose-Innes, Jamie Sparks, Nhlakanipho Zita.

Gr 5: Stuart Carr, James Grobler, Cameron Kamanyi, Joey Rugemalira, Patrick Wingfield, Siphesihle Zita, Siphamandla Marawu.

Gr 6: Anthony Anyimadu, Adam Burton, Sean Conroy, Wesley Donald, Luke Grobler, James Houghton, Phologo Maruping, John Marshall, Scott Moorcroft.

Gr 7: Gabriel Da Motta, Kai Lublinkhof, Kitso Mokgathle, Brendan Mudyadzo, Calum Stokes, Lance Tabiaat.

It is my wish for these, and indeed all of our pupils that they will experience great joy and delight in their learning in the classrooms, and across all spheres of the co-curricular programme. I trust that they will grow their inter-personal skills and make what will turn out to be life-long friends. I hope that they will learn the value of hard work, perseverance and determination and grasp with relish, the numerous opportunities afforded them. I wish our boarder boys and girls much comfort and a sense of place and purpose in their home away from home.

Welcome to the following new staff members;

- Father Monwabisi Peter – Chaplain, Xhosa Teacher, boarding duty master and sports coach.
- Mrs Daniella Wright – Grade 1 Teacher and sports coach.
- Mr Nicholas Heymans – Teacher Intern.
- Ms Caroline Price – Student Teacher.
- Mrs Nina van Schoor – Piano Teacher
- Julian Arenzon – Drum Teacher

UPCOMING CALENDER EVENTS

Easter Term

Week 2: Academic Week B

Tuesday 19 January

JP Parents' Induction Evening (class & extra-curricular presentations)

18:00 Tennis Conveners' Meeting (Highlander)

Wednesday 20 January

Eye screening for all new SP pupils

14:00 Cricket: SAP U13A vs SAC U14B

Thursday 21 January

17:15 Fundraising Committee Meeting (Green Room)

Friday 22 January

Vote for SP House Captains

10:50 Gr 6 Time Management Workshop (Parnell Music Room)

12:00 Gr 7 Time Management Workshop (Parnell Music Room)

14:00 SAC Headmaster and Gr 7 Interviews

14:00 Albany Tennis Trials/Championships

Saturday 23 January

Duty: Mr van Vuuren (0720149649)

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

09:00 Cricket vs Grahamstown Primary U13C (h)

Sunday 24 January

River Mile (Bushman's River)

09:00 Albany Tennis Trials/Championships

Week 3: Academic Week A

Monday 25 January

Tuesday 26 January

11:00 Gr 5-7 CPR Training (Memory Hall)

13:00 JP Parents' Committee Meeting (J & A Mullins Pavilion)

17:15 SP Parents' Committee Meeting (Green Room)

PP Parents' Induction Evening (class & extra-curricular presentations)



All Grade 4 boys received their embroidered Prep ties from Mr Allman at the first assembly of 2016.

Although by no means new to Prep, we welcome the indomitable Mrs Barnard who will be taking Mrs Jackson's classes whilst she is on maternity leave this term. On this note, I am delighted to report that both Mrs Jackson and Brody are doing well, are healthy and happy!

Our Student House Masters play an integral role in our boarding and coaching structures and we are delighted to welcome the following gentlemen to Prep; Jason Forge (Griffin), Kashka Crampton (Robert House), James Bursey (Robert House) and Andrew King (Robert House). Together with Wouter van der Walt and Kyle Smetherham (both Robert House), who have had their contract rolled over from last year, these young men form a wonderful team, and we look forward to them adding value to the lives of our boys.

We strive to make our new pupil documentation and all correspondence as comprehensive and as user friendly as possible. If however, any uncertainty may exist, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, the House Master or House Mother in the case of boarders, or Mrs Ranchhod in Reception for any assistance. If you do not have a hard copy of the Easter Term Calendar, please collect one from Mrs Ranchhod. It is important that you have important dates diarised, especially at this busy time!

We have published a parents' handbook which outlines the various traditions and events that take place during the year in the various phases at Prep. We hope that this booklet will be of value to our new parents as you begin your integration into the school's programme. If you did not receive one last week, please contact Jess Fick for a copy.

I wish to remind all parents that the communication channels are such that the first port of call is your child's class teacher for class related matters and his / her direct sports coach for sports matters. In the unlikely event of a need for further discussion, the Heads of Departments, Mrs Schaefer, Mrs Lister and Mr Paul are available to assist you. If further discussion is required in terms of sports matters, the Code Coordinators as outlined below for the first term are able to assist;

- Tennis – Mrs Sparks
- Cricket- Mr Plescia
- Junior Swimming – Mrs van Rensburg
- Senior Swimming – Mrs Rosslee
- Junior Sport – Mrs Fowlds
- Senior Sport – Mr Jackson



In terms of the boarding house communication, the two Housemasters, Mr Paul and Mr Jackson, and their respective House Mothers, Ms McIntosh and Mrs Irlle are there to support you. These structures are effective and ensure that matters are addressed swiftly and efficiently.

Our teaching faculty has been hard at work preparing for the first few weeks and are raring to go. We were privileged, last week, to attend a Kagan Cooperative Learning Workshop conducted by former Preppie and 1964 Head boy, Peter Southey. This workshop is aligned to our progressive approach to education and the facilitation of lessons that are characterised, where appropriate, with a high degree of collaborative learning.

We held the site hand-over meeting today for the construction of our new Centre for Creative Learning. This centre will be a modern, multipurpose, open plan facility that will host visual art lessons, science and biology practical work, group work, project work and more. The last time construction took place on a new educational facility at Top Prep takes us back 30 years to 1986 with the Anthony Parnell Music Centre and so it is with great excitement that we anticipate the opening of this new wonderful facility! The development of this centre reflects our unshakeable commitment and our ongoing progressive journey to ensuring Prep offers a world class education.

I wish to congratulate the SAC and DSG Matrics of 2015 for their individual and collective results, which were quite outstanding. Well done to Mr Thompson, Mrs Frayne and their teams – we are truly proud to be associated with them and it was wonderful to see so many ex-Preppies producing excellent results.

Whilst still in 2015 reflection mode, I thought I should share the following data I compiled following my attendance of the DSG Junior Prize Giving at the end of 2015;

- Of the four 'First in Grade' winners, 3 were former Preppies.
- There were 40 recipients of Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement certificates. 22 of these were ex-Preppies. (55%)
- 7 recipients of Gr 6 & 7 Sport awards – 5 to ex-Preppies. (71%)
- 8 recipients of Gr 4 & 5 Sport Awards – 6 to ex-Preppies. (75%)
- 16 recipients of Music Awards – 8 were ex-Preppies (50%)
- The 3 Special Awards; The Delpot Sports Trophy, the Greystone Cup and the Molly O'Neill Good Fellowship Award were presented to ex-Preppies.

42% of the 2015 DSG enrolment are Preppies so the fact that our girls constitute a far higher percentage of enrolment / prize recipient status is extremely pleasing and reflects the solid foundation they develop at Fairlawn!

Moving back to 2016, I wish to thank our parent body for the fantastic turn-out at the AGM last week. Clearly we have found the right time for this important matter of business! I express appreciation to Andrew Todd, Dionne Redfern and Desiree Bailey for preparing and delivering the various committee reports.

2016 has commenced on a cracker-jack note with so much having taken place already as reflected in this newsletter. I look forward to serving the community of St Andrew's Prep once again this year as we continue to act on our commitment to providing a world class education and to take Prep from good to great!

Kind regards,
GC Allman
Headmaster



SP Parents Evening



Pre-Primary

"What are your favourite things you like to do?" asked Mrs Shone. We'd like to share some of their replies: "I love to hug my mom"; "... hopping"; "... catching flies"; "... cartwheels and handstands"; "swimming." When they grow up they'd like to be firemen, pirates, super-heroes, basketball players, motorbike riders, and dad!

Grade Rs are excited about swimming on Friday. Please remember to send swimming costumes, towels and sunblock.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for the Pre-Primary Parents' Committee 2016: Lindsay Vroom (Grade 000 Rep), Sharon McLeod (Grade 00 Rep), Helen Murray (Grade R Rep), Desiree Bailey (Fundraising), Yolande Renqe and Sharika van Dyk (Chair). If you would like to be part of each class's WhatsApp group, please add your details to the list outside each classroom.



Junior Primary

As from this term SPORTS PRACTICES will no longer be cancelled due to heat. The coaches responsible for the relevant teams will ensure that the practice sessions are structured accordingly i.e. shade play, classroom sessions and plenty of fluids and breaks. If sport is cancelled due to rain, timeous notification will be given by the school. In the event of cancellation of the 14h00 – 15h00 sessions, day children may always stay at school and will be supervised by the coaches on duty. As the Family of Schools the form of Sport communication is PRO Sport via the D6 communicator. You will receive notification of fixtures, matches or gala's through the following channel: <http://sport.saprepschool.com>; Link to parents; D6; Linked to PRO sport team lists; Junior Prep children will receive a note in their homework books. This excludes participation in individual events such as swimming and athletics, which will be communicated to you via an email from Anusha.

CLASS SWIMMING will take place in the mornings on Wednesdays and Fridays during Physical Education. This will start on Wednesday 20 January. On these days the children come to school dressed in their swimming costumes under their uniforms. Towels, navy-blue swimming caps (girls), slip slops/black school sandals; blue Prep sports shirt and "undies" must be brought to school in their swimming bags. They will change back into full school uniform after swimming.

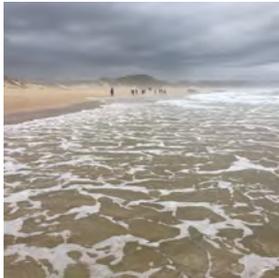
We look forward to our JUNIOR PREP PARENTS' INDUCTION EVENING tonight. 5.30 – 6.00pm: Grade presentations by Class Teachers (Grade 1s in the Assembly Room; Grade 2s in Mrs Fowlds' classroom; Grade 3s in Mrs Hibberts' classroom – what to expect of the year and the homework drill. 6.00-6.45pm: All parents meet in the JP Assembly Room – what to expect from the Extra Curricular programme, Dance studio & election of the Junior Prep Parent Committee for 2016. It is imperative that all families are represented and stay for the duration of the evening. We have arranged that Miss Morley looks after your children at school while you are attending this important meeting for the year.



Girls Swimming Clinic



Grade 7 Hike



The Grade 7 hike was an amazing experience. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the boys in my new school and I had so much fun swimming in the sea.

- Gabriel De Motta

The walk was far shorter than I imagined and I was motivated by the pizza that was waiting for me at the end. We managed to see a lot of seagulls and shells. The water was super cold but I enjoyed the swim before we left to come back to Prep.

- Giniello Jansen



Grey Dam Picnic



Family Service Gr 4 - Gr 7

(Sunday 31 January – 18:30-19:00)

A reminder that attendance at Family Service is compulsory for all Grade 4 – 7 boys. The Service is one of our very few compulsory events and forms an integral part of our school make-up, inculcates our spiritual curriculum, supports the ethos and moral values that we instil and brings us together, as a school community, in Prep's traditional place of worship.

Understandably there may be circumstances where attendance is not possible and we appreciate this. If this be the case we request, as a matter of courtesy, that you notify your son's class teacher via an email, sms or WhatsApp, well in advance of the event, requesting that he be excused. We continually reinforce the principles of accountability, ownership, protocol and good manners with our boys. As such, boys failing to attend, without prior notice, will be placed on School Detention.

Thank you for your cooperation with the above.

Marc Paul

Deputy Headmaster

Thank you Gr 3s of 2015
for their leavers gift



Steak Evening



Grade 4 Art



SP Singing



Grade 7 Leadership Workshop

During the Grade 7 Leadership workshop, we were kept extremely busy and exposed to many different scenarios. Some of the games we played were: The "tunnel of truth", write down qualities of effective leaders, group scenarios (team work), as well as listing the qualities that we have that would help us to be effective leaders. One of the most beneficial games in getting to know many of the new boys, was when we were asked to do and Q&A with 2 people we never knew. It was great fun.

- David Redfern

At the leadership workshop we learnt about things that we can work on this year like, discipline, respect and integrity. We got to speak to each other about personal things in our life. We played a number of games and, which included dancing, fitting into a circle as a group. We discussed what the Grade 7 boys of 2015 and discussed the qualities they had. I really enjoyed the experience and look forward to 2016.

- Jurie Norval

Tennis

Dylan Marx played in two national tournaments over the December holidays.

The first tournament, The South Western Districts Eden Junior tournament, was held in George, where Dylan was ranked third. He played well and was able to finish a very credible 3rd in the singles and 2nd in the doubles.

He then moved up the coast and a little nearer to home, taking part in the Brian Bands Series 3 in Port Elizabeth and was again ranked 3rd. On this occasion, he excelled and finished in 1st position in both the singles and doubles. Some wonderful results from an incredibly talented young man, well done.

Chess



Sean Conroy represented the Northern Cape Province in the U12A Chess team at the SAJCC (South African Junior Chess Championships January 2016) recently held in Cape Town. It was quite an experience with a record number of 2158 participants from around the country playing chess twice a day for four days. This is the second time that Sean has played in the SAJCC, the first time being the 2015 championships held in Kimberley. Sean is a new Preppie in Grade 6

Swimming



Mark Ter Morshuizen represented Port Elizabeth based Aquabear swimming club at the inter-provincial swimming gala which took place in East London on Saturday 9 January.

Mark finished 6th in the 50m backstroke event.

Centre for Creative Learning



We concluded a successful site hand over meeting this morning with the full team of contractors and sub-contractors.

SP Sport Practices

Dear Parents

Please note that as from this term, sport practices will no longer be cancelled due to the heat. The coaches and code coordinators will ensure that practice sessions are structured accordingly and that the boys and girls have access to shade and regular water breaks. We feel that this brings far less disruption to the afternoon schedule and exposes our boys and girls to conditions that they may often be confronted with during fixtures. Practices however, will be cancelled due to rain, as surfaces become unplayable and even dangerous. On rainy days, day boys who are unable to be collected, are more than welcome to join the boarding programme until 17:00.

Parents are to please note that the school will notify them timeously when and if sport is cancelled.

We will continue to use ProSport as our means of communication with parents, as College, DSG and Prep all strive to communicate in the same manner. Parents will be notified when teams are available for viewing and will be required to follow the link that is uploaded onto D6. Swimming and Athletics lists will continue to be emailed to parents, due to the intricacies involved.

If there are any parents who are still a little unsure, please feel free to contact Anusha Ranchhod or myself for assistance.

Regards
Richard Jackson