



St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 22 March 2016



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

To the Prep Community

I had the opportunity to travel to the Saints Rugby Festival with our first rugby side last Thursday. As teachers we are always eager for our pupils to serve as wonderful ambassadors for our schools and I must say that I was, once again, incredibly proud of how our boys conducted themselves. Their performances on the rugby field displayed enormous doses of determination and skill. Those who watched Prep in action were treated to high calibre and exhilarating primary school boy rugby. Kudos to Mr Jackson and Mr Stone!

It is with a great deal of sadness that I inform our school community of Mrs Scholtz's resignation with effect the end of this year. Sasha has been a stalwart member of Prep for 13 years filling numerous roles. I have often stated before that she is the best Prep School Art Teacher in the country and so she will be missed immensely! She finds herself in a position in which she wishes to be less stretched in her teaching, thereby affording her more time for personal matters. The good news is that she will not be totally lost to teaching as she will continue to take her few DSG Junior art lessons!

We say thank you and good-bye (for now) to Mrs Barnard who has so ably and seamlessly stepped into Mrs Jackson's class teaching role. We really are blessed to be able to call on someone like Ronwynne in times of staffing needs and will no doubt be doing so again soon! We wish Mrs Prince all the best as she takes her maternity leave from the start of the Trinity Term and welcome Mrs Sparrow into the Gr 000 class for the term.

This Easter Term has been an action packed one, with all of the regular first term functions, events and administrative requirements being condensed into a mere 11 weeks. Our pupils have worked hard and pushed themselves on the sports and co-curricular fronts. Our swimmers, tennis and cricket players have truly excelled, enjoying what has been a fantastic season – the best in many years! They have worked with good diligence in the classroom and our new pupils are showing that they are happy and thriving at Prep.

And so now, as we feel the nip of the autumn air, it is time for the pupils and teachers to rest. I wish our school community a wonderful vacation and share, (having slightly manipulated the original version), the words of prose below as penned by an unknown author;

Take time to think – this is a source of wisdom
 Take time to play – it is the secret of perpetual youth
 Take time to read – it is the foundation of wisdom
 Take time to be friendly – it is the road to happiness
 Take time to dream – it is hitching your wagon to a star
 Take time to love and be loved – it is a gift from God
 Take time to look around – enjoy God's creation
 Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul.

Gareth Allman

JP and SP Reports

Parent Portal login details have changed.

Our hosting provider experienced a server failure last week, resulting in the loss of your Parent Portal registration username and password.

The Parent Portal has been brought back online with data from our internal servers, and we have re-registered you on the Portal according to the email address on record at the school.

Please check your email for details of the Username and Password to use to access the Parent Portal.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. For further assistance, please contact Fiona Tessendorf via email (F.Tessendorf@saprepschool.com) from Wednesday 30th March onwards.

Kind regards
 Fiona Tessendorf

Easter Cantata



Pre-Primary

As the culmination of our Growing theme this term, the children have planted seeds which they will look after during the holidays. Please help them to tend their little 'hot house boxes' with water and sunshine.

Another culmination to our theme is of course our very own Claudia Prince whose growing tummy the Pre-Primaries have been watching with great interest. Her baby is due at the beginning of May, so she will be on maternity leave for the second term. We are very fortunate that Morgan Sparrow who taught Grade 1 at Prep in 2014, will teach the Grade 000's. Mum to Connor, who is almost 5 years old, she has experience with this age group as well as a degree in Foundation Phase education. The Pre-Primaries gave their much-loved Mrs Prince a send-off as only the littlest Preppies can!



Junior Primary

Grade 3 Outdoor Ed



The Grade 3s had an amazing outdoor trip last week. They spent two nights away from school exploring our beautiful beaches at Kenton-on-Sea and visiting a pineapple farm near Salem. Besides having fun, they learnt a lot and found their feet by having to be responsible for themselves away from home. An enormous thank you goes to Mrs Hoole who opened her home to them and to Mrs Van and Mrs Hibbert who made all the other arrangements. They arrived back, quite exhausted, having had a great time.

Today our Junior Preppies came to school to participate in a fun filled Science Day. They experienced being scientists and were adventurous, discovering great things, exploring and investigating all the while having tons of fun! What a blast!

Grade 2 Craft Club



Science Day



Eco Club

Last Wednesday some of the Grade 2 JP Eco Club members and the Grade 4 and 5 classes met Chris Pretorius otherwise known as The Caring Owl. He brought three owls with him, a Barn Owl, a Spotted Eagle Owl and a Skop's Owl and dispelled some myths about these fascinating creatures as well as teaching us some very interesting facts about them.

Owls are wild and do not make good pets. They can hear a mouse's heart beat on the ground below when sitting on a telephone pole and can spot a mouse from a distance of 200m away, if not more!

"It was cool and funny. I kept on talking about it after the talk was finished. It was so interesting. But I felt sorry for the blind one," Reece Mwami.



Angus Pienaar walked the 5km Onsie Walk with Ms Cordell and Keanin in support of Autism. The Eco Club sold pizza slices to raise funds for this worthy cause.

Some facts about Autism we learnt along the route: 1% of the world has Autism. Autism affects 5x more boys than girls.



Grade 4 Science Experiments



Grade 7 pupil, James Stadler, became the first Primary School boy in South Africa to achieve Microsoft Office Specialist certification after he passed his Microsoft Office Word 2013 exam with flying colours. St Andrew's Prep and their sister school, the Diocesan School for Girls have become the first primary schools in Southern Africa to offer these MOS certification at junior school level.



SP Music Concert



JP Music Concert



Rugby

The boys travelled to JHB on Thursday to participate in the St Stithian's Night Rugby Festival. The weather unfortunately did play a part in proceedings, and the first day's play was postponed due to a flooded field.

As a result, the boys played two games on Friday, but due to the revised format they were not under lights. Our first game was against Howick Prep, who gave a spirited performance, but were unable to match our boys' willingness to keep the ball alive and we proved to be too strong, winning 48 – 12. The second fixture of the day was against St John's Prep, which has traditionally always been an exciting fixture. It again proved to be hard fought and a tentative start only allowed us to lead 5 - 0 at half time. The boys were quick to rectify this and scored 3 unanswered tries in the second half, to be eventual 22 – 0 winners.

The final fixture was against a very physical St David's team, who proved to be a very competitive outfit. We went down early, but were able to score twice to leave matters at 12-12 with 8 minutes to spare. Our boys put in a very spirited performance and were unfortunate not to cross the St David's goal line in the fading moments of the game, resulting in Prep having to settle for a 12-12 draw.

A special thanks to St Stithian's for hosting the festival, to the St John's parents for taking such wonderful care of our boys and to our ever loyal Prep parents for making the effort to come along and support, it is always greatly appreciated.

Richard Jackson

Results: vs Howick Prep 48-12, vs St Johns Prep 22-0, vs St David's Prep 12-12



Grade 7 Projects



The Grade 7 boys have been studying and doing project work on Invertebrates during Natural Science. They used their chosen invertebrate and created very interesting and creative iPad collages during an art lesson, using the art App called ProCreate. Well done boys!



10 Merits

Murray Bowker
Daniel Bradfield
Kitso Mokgathe
James Stadler
Jake Tatham
Jack Whittington-Jones
Stuart Carr
Matthew Poole
Liyema Mtoninshi
Mark Ter Morshuizen
Joshua Furtner
Sivuyise Siaw