



## St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 26 April 2016



To the Prep Community

"Your school offers your children a meaningful and relevant education, creating for them a solid, value-based platform for their futures."

The comment above is an excerpt from the Independent Quality Assurance Agency, (IQAA) report as compiled by the IQAA Executive Director, Mr Michael Hosty. The full report accompanies this newsletter. Please do read it to fully appreciate the current status of Prep. Many thanks to all parents who completed the IQAA survey – your input, as always, is much appreciated. I commend the IQAA evaluation team and Mr Paul for coordinating a most professional and comprehensive process with Mr Hosty.

As an independent school, we seek to provide an education and operation of the highest possible quality and relevance. The IQAA evaluation has affirmed our internal management views on the status of the school in terms of our strengths and areas that we would like to focus on and we look forward, with relish, to continuing on our journey towards excellence and relevance.

The progress on the construction of the new Centre for Creative Learning has been remarkable. The building is up to roof height, windows are in and the internal plaster work complete. Running parallel to the construction of the centre has been the pedagogical preparation of the staff and curriculum in anticipation of working in the centre. Our cross-curricular integration innovations are strong and offer a meaningful and exciting approach to thinking and learning. Stimulating work, discussions and research is being undertaken by Mrs Hobson in the field of robotics and coding and by Mr Paul in the 'maker-space' movement. Makerspaces are changing the education landscape – as they provide hands-on, creative ways to encourage pupils to question, solve, design, experiment, build and invent. We shall have staff members attending the first Makerspace in Education Conference that is taking place in May in Johannesburg. For more information of the Makerspace movement, visit <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackerspace>

Moving from matters at Top Prep to Fairlawn, we are busy coordinating a 'Raising Readers' workshop for teachers and parents of young children. It is likely that the workshop for parents will take place on the evening of the 10 of May so please keep a space in your diaries for this. Confirmed arrangements will be communicated once finalised.

Mrs Fick and I have distributed letters to prospective parents offering places for new pupils and once the relevant deposits have been paid to secure those places, we shall have a clear views on the status of the 2017 school roll. Early projections though indicate that numbers will once again be strong next year, with it being likely that all of the junior primary grades will have two streams and our other grades at capacity. If you know of friends or family who wish to enrol their children at Prep, please encourage them to apply early for 2018.

We welcome the following new children into Prep and wish them and their parents a long and rewarding relationship with us;

- David Palmer (Grade 000)
- Lizo Ngcobo (Grade 000)
- Inganathi Fanki (Grade 1)
- Keegan Coventry (Grade 3)
- Kyle Palmer (Grade 3)

On a completely different note, we congratulate two members of the Prep community on being the ladies & gentlemen Belmont Golf Club Champions – well done to Liz Bowker and Marc Stone!

I wish you a very happy and blessed week further.

Gareth Allman  
**HEADMASTER**

### Trinity Term Calendar

#### Week 2: B

|     |        |         |   |
|-----|--------|---------|---|
| Tue | 26-Apr | 10:50   | Study Skills Kick Start Workshop SAP Gr 6             |
| Tue | 26-Apr | 12:00   | Study Skills Kick Start Workshop SAP Gr 7             |
| Wed | 27-Apr | 12:00   | JP U9A Girls Hockey vs Collegiate (PE)                |
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| Thu | 28-Apr | 16:00   | POPCOM Meeting  |
| Thu | 28-Apr | 17:15   | Fundraising Committee Meeting                         |
| Fri | 29-Apr | 13:30   | Hockey practice matches & Albany League               |
| Sat | 30-Apr | All Day | Duty: Mr Paul (0823329004)                            |
| Sat | 30-Apr | 09:00   | Interhouse Rugby (Fairlawn)                           |
| Sun | 01-May | All Day | Worker's Day  |
| Sun | 01-May | 18:30   | Family Service (Memory Hall) (Compulsory for SP boys) |

#### Week 3: A

|     |        |       |                                       |
|-----|--------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| Tue | 03-May |       | JP Book check (Gr 1)                  |
| Tue | 03-May | 13:00 | JPPC Meeting (J & A Mullins Pavilion) |
| Tue | 03-May | 17:15 | SPPC Meeting (Green Room)             |
| Tue | 03-May | 17:30 | Grade 7 Social (Hosted by Prep)       |

## Pre - Primary

Have you heard of "hummingbird parenting"? A recent article suggests that hummingbird parenting is a more feasible alternative to helicopter parents who constantly hover over their children, protecting them from danger. Give children the space to try new things and even to take risks, while staying on the periphery. Read more on <http://www.pbs.org/parents/expert-tips-advice/2015/06/encouraging-outdoor-play>



Some of our suggestions for practicing hummingbird parenting:

- Let your child cut fruit, vegetables or herbs (with a sharp knife!).
- Make a sandwich by spreading butter and jam.
- Create their own "fort" outside using sticks, boxes and rocks.
- Help you to make a fire for braaing, by collecting sticks, laying them, and striking a match.
- Dress themselves, doing up buttons, zips and ties. (It'll take longer, but you'll have a more independent, confident child).

## Junior Primary

### JP Eco Club



The exciting winter term has begun. Autumn with its chilly early mornings and nippy late afternoons is here to stay and the busy hum and rhythm of the term is well underway. Be sure to get your children into good habits to keep them well and energised for school. Check that they are dressed warmly for school – peeling off layers as the day warms up and putting them back on later and that they eat well and get enough sleep too.

No doubt coughs and sneezes will make their appearance in the weeks to come so prepare our Preppies by supplementing their diets with extra vitamins, have tissues on hand and teach them good hygiene when having to deal with coughs and colds.

Included in the homework diaries for the term is, Parent Information for the Trinity term, the Term Calendar and Contact numbers of coaches and teachers

### Grade 3 Phys Ed



responsible for the various activities at school. It is very important that the parent contact details in the front of these books is up to date and completed by all parents asap.

All Grade 1s must be able to tie their own shoe-laces this term. If not 'practice makes perfect', at home. I trust that I can comfortably assume that all the higher graders are able to do this task independently.

## Classroom Work



## Eco Club



On Thursday 21 April the Grade 6s took part in the 2016 Sasol-Forever Resorts Eco Quiz. Prep hosted this event run by Wikus Koen and teams from DSG, Kingswood, Victoria Girls, Graeme and Prep listened to presentations around the theme of Living Green and South Africa's Disappearing Resource – animals, before answering a quiz. The top team from each school will go through to the second round where they will work on a project linked to Living Green. The teams will grow as much as they can in a 1.5 metre square space. It was an interesting morning and the perfect way to launch Prep's commitment to the earth and the environment.

## Car Wanted



We are looking for the shell of an old car to use as a prop for the Grade 7 Production. Please contact Mrs O'D if you have one in your back yard.

## House Captains



### Griffin

Captain  
**Jurie Norval**  
Vice-Captain  
**Dylan Marx**

### Lions

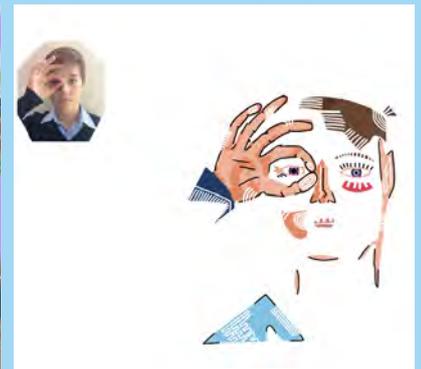
Captain  
**Luke Danckwerts**  
Vice-Captain  
**Jake Boateng-Aidoo**

### Tigers

Captain  
**Murray Bowker**  
Vice-Captain  
**Ntiska Ngewana**

## Art

The Grade 7s have begun a series of portraits during Art. Picasso inspired portraits were done on the iPads using the ProCreate art app, to kick off the theme.



## Golf

Charles Rose-Innes has recently played in the following tournaments and achieved some wonderful results.

On Sunday 17 April he played 18 holes at Zwartbosch in an EP organized tournament and was placed 1st in U11 age group.

This past weekend 23 and 24 April he played in a Border tournament. There was no U11 division so he had to compete in U13 division. They played 18 holes at Belmont Valley on Saturday and 18 holes at Royal Port Alfred on Sunday. Charles was placed 3rd in U13 division after both days. He won the prize for the closest to the pin on the par 3 8th hole at Belmont Valley.

## Merit Board

Nhlakanipho Zita  
Nhlanhla Mngadi  
Ethan van der Merwe  
Connor Moorcroft  
Mark Were  
Rhys Le Roux  
Joe Kroon  
Asi Mpofo  
Cameron Clowes  
Antony Baker  
John Marshall  
Liam McNaughton

## CCL Update



## Interhouse Rugby Format – 2016

1. All senior teams, A & B teams will play 7 a-side (3 forwards and 4 backline players). Seniors will play on Fairlawn A between the two 22m lines
2. Junior teams will play 10 a-side. (5 forwards / 5 backs) Games will be played on a full field on Fairlawn B.
3. Senior games will be started and stopped with a siren.
4. Seniors will play 7 minutes per half (no break between halves). Juniors will play 10 minute halves.
5. House captains are to select teams for all Junior, Senior B and Senior A teams.
6. Drop goals will be used for conversions. (from in front the poles)
7. Rolling subs are allowed.
8. SAP rugby jerseys to be worn – alternate teams will turn jerseys inside out.
9. Programme will be as follows:

### Saturday 30 April – Round Robin (Fairlawn A)

| Time  | Team             | Team             | Ref             |
|-------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 09:00 | Tigers Senior A  | Lions Senior A   | Marc Stone      |
| 09:20 | Tigers Senior B  | Griffin Senior B | Kyle Smetherham |
| 09:40 | Griffin Senior A | Lions Senior A   | Marcus Nel      |
| 10:00 | Tigers Senior B  | Lions Senior B   | Marc Stone      |
| 10:20 | Tigers Senior A  | Griffin Senior A | Kyle Smetherham |
| 10:40 | Lions Senior B   | Griffin Senior B | Marcus Nel      |

### Saturday 30 April – Junior Round Robin (Fairlawn B)

| Time  | Team           | Team           | Ref              |
|-------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 09:30 | Tigers Junior  | Lions Junior   | Daniel Nyatsanza |
| 10:00 | Tigers Junior  | Griffin Junior | James Burse      |
| 10:30 | Griffin Junior | Lions Junior   | Daniel Nyatsanza |

### Saturday 30 April – Finals All (Fairlawn A)

| Time  | Team           | Team           | Ref              |
|-------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 11:00 | Junior Final   | Junior Final   | James Burse      |
| 11:20 | Senior B Final | Senior B Final | Daniel Nyatsanza |
| 11:40 | Senior A Final | Senior A Final | Marcus Nel       |



## Hockey



The weekend of the 22-24 April saw the Prep 1st XI hockey team participate in the annual Grey Junior Hockey Tournament in Port Elizabeth. The tournament falls right at the beginning of our season and provides a wonderful platform for some pre-season game time, as well as an opportunity for us, as coaches, to bed down positions and develop tactical structures. The tournament was extremely well organised and a spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship prevailed throughout. Our results were as follows;

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Vs Grey A       | Lost 0-4 |
| Vs Clarendon    | Lost 1-3 |
| Vs Herbert Hurd | Won 2-0  |
| Vs Sunnridge    | Won 3-0  |
| Vs Kingswood    | Won 2-1  |

Well done to all the players who were undoubtedly 'stretched' at this stage of the season, playing five games in three days.

Marc and Nic  
Prep 1st XI Hockey Coaches

### Uniform Notice:

All boys practising hockey at the following venues:

**Webster**  
**Hodgson**  
**Rhodes**

are to come to school in their hockey clothes, to allow for a smoother transition over lunch.

All practices start at 13h45.

