



## St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 10 May 2016



To the Prep Community

I had the pleasure of marketing our schools in Kenya and Uganda last week. I was struck, once again, by how immensely proud and loyal our parents in these countries are about our schools. I reminded myself of the privilege it is to be an ambassador for the marketing of our schools as we have a strong brand and are highly respected. With this privilege, comes huge responsibility. And responsibility can create pressure. However, with this privilege, responsibility and pressure, the marketing of our schools is an easy and immensely pleasurable task. One of the first lessons my English Standard Two teacher taught me in public speaking skills, and specifically in selecting a topic, was to choose a topic that I was passionate about. Being immensely passionate about Prep, talking about it during the presentations, and engaging with parents and children about our Family of Schools in informal conversations, is an absolute cinch!

In striving to be a progressive school leader, I am a voracious reader on all matters of educational interest. Having been fortunate to establish professional networks in the USA, Canada, Australia, the UK and Finland, I would like to believe I have a very real sense of the pulse of international primary school education and the best practises that underpin it. The competitive make up of my DNA will always result in my setting of ambitious and relevant visions and objectives for the school I serve in. When these two elements run in tandem, it results in a process that is constantly analysing, both internally and externally, how we are doing as a Prep school in the international arena. As such, I can confidently state, and do so with humility, that Prep compares with the best in the world. Our ICT programmes and the integration there-of is rich, relevant and diverse. The practices in our Pre-Primary and Junior Primary programmes are structured with superb scaffolding. Our cross-curricular integration initiatives in the senior primary phase offer a meaningful approach to learning. The construction of our new Centre for Creative Learning and the state of readiness of our teachers' and the pedagogy to be applied in the centre is truly cutting edge and world class. It is because of these and many other dynamics that make it so easy to be passionate about Prep and to be able to talk with ease and confidence about our fantastic school. Whilst these dynamics are determined by the teachers and Heads of Departments, there is one aspect that we have no direct influence over, and this is the nature of our parent body.

We simply have awesome parents and pupils in our schools. The daily interaction we enjoy with you makes coming to work an absolute pleasure. During our stay in Kenya we were warmly and generously hosted by Brett and Sue Sievwright. Shelley Frayne, Craig Hatches and I thoroughly enjoyed the many, lengthy conversations with the Sievwrights about our schools and education in general. Robert Kabushenga is our 'Man in Kampala' and again, his generosity of spirit and support of our schools is simply remarkable. These parents went to extra-ordinary lengths in contributing to the success of this trip and I wish to thank them publicly for their considerable efforts. Thank you to our local parents for the nature of your engagements with our Prep staff. You are certainly one of the main ingredients in the recipe that makes Prep such a special school – one that most certainly cannot be cloned!

Wishing you all a very blessed week further.

Gareth Allman  
**HEADMASTER**

### Trinity Term Calendar

#### Week 4: B

Tue	10-May	14:00	Rugby vs St Georges Prep U9A & U11B (h)
Wed	11-May	14:00	Netball vs Victoria Primary School (h)
Wed	11-May	14:00	JP Netball U8 & U9 vs VP (JP Fairlawn courts)
Wed	11-May	14:15	Rugby vs St Georges Prep U13C (h)
Fri	13-May		Go Yellow Day
Fri	13-May	12:00	JP U9A Boys Hockey vs Cambridge (Fairlawn, Retief Field)
Fri	13-May	13:00	Exco/Finco Meeting (Seminar Room)
Fri	13-May	TBC	Hockey vs Cambridge & Albany League (Webster & other)
Sat	14-May	All Day	Duty: Mr Jackson (0828386214)
Sat	14-May	09:30	Rugby vs Cambridge Primary (a)
Sun	15-May	09:00	Chapel for boarders. Day boys welcome (SAC Chapel)

#### Week 5 A

Mon	16-May		Gr. 4-7 Formal Assessment timetable, learning material out.
Mon	16-May	14:00	Junior C Hockey vs Hermitage House (Hermitage House)
Mon	16-May	14:00	JP U8 & U9 Boys Hockey vs Oatlands (Fairlawn, Retief Field)
Tue	17-May		JP Book check

## Pre-Primary



Today (Tuesday) 16h30 – 17h30: Raising Readers Pre-Primary parents' workshop today. Please make every effort to be there!

Thursday (12 May): We're visiting the Brass Monkey Farm. Please do not send snacks!

Friday (13 May): Go Yellow Day. We all wear yellow and bring a R5.00 donation in aid of Hospice.

The Grade R Developmental Progress screenings are almost complete. All Grade R parents will be able to meet with Jean Schäfer within the next few weeks to discuss their children's progress.

## Junior Primary

### Learning about Capacity



Raising Readers provides sound educational advice for all ages and stages of reading. This business exists to empower parents and educators with knowledge, skills and tools to help them get children ready for reading and to support children as they learn to read and write. As teachers we know that Reading is the foundation for all future learning, but simply put Teachers teach reading but parents raise readers.

We are very excited about tonight's presentation by Marian Bailey at The Highlander. It is an opportunity you should not miss. We look forward to seeing many of you at this evenings event.

### Grade 3 Craft Club

The Grade 3s made God's Eyes as gifts for Mothers Day.



## JP and SP Eco Club



Congratulations Preppies! From PP to Grade 7 more than a wheelie bin of paper was collected for recycling this week.

Mrs Hibbert's class is doing their bit for our environment and aiming for minimal paper waste. These boys and girls are recycling only the paper that cannot be used again. Well done!





The Grade 5 Pottery classes are fully underway with Mrs Scholtz at Top Prep. Some of the Grade 5 boys are seen here enjoying getting to experience this exciting, tactile, three-dimensional medium.



The Grade 6 boys have learned various drawing techniques in Art. The use of different pencils, charcoal and chalk pastel rendered some lovely shaded object drawings. Well done boys! These are up on display in the Robert House passage together with other art from various grades.

## Merit Board

Christopher Pretorius  
Reece Mwami  
Patrick Wingfield  
Bream de Kock  
Joseph Evans  
Siphamandla Marawu  
Charles Rose- Innes

## Youth Music Festival

The Prep Ensemble and the Prep Marimba Band, two very excited groups of excellent musicians in the making, will be performing this week. Please support them for a great evening of musical entertainment if you can.

### Prep Ensemble

Date: Thursday 12 May

Time: 19:00

Where: SAC Centenary Hall

### Prep Marimba Band

Date: Friday 13 May

Time: 19:00

Where: SAC Centenary Hall

## Go Yellow Day



All Preppies are encouraged to wear yellow to school this Friday 13 May.

R5 will be charged to your school account and will be donated to Hospice.

## Grade 6 Project Week



### 21st Century Skills "Alive and Kicking" at Top Prep

This week sees the Grade 6 cohort, working in groups of three, undertake the first full Project Week at Prep. As part of our developing pedagogy with regards to 21st Century Skills, the Grade 6 Faculty work-shopped a cohesive, interdisciplinary project. The objective is to engage our boys with a hands on investigative project and related design challenges across several subject areas inspiring greater interest, depth and understanding. This approach values the skills involved in formulating one's own questions, as well as formatting and presenting those included in the Project Brief. Related skills that are built into the various components of the project, pertaining to our theme "The Environment" are;

- Learning and Innovation skills: creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration.
- Information, Media, and Technology Skills: effectively using, managing, and evaluating from all sources, including digital technology and communication tools.
- Life and Career skills: flexibility and adaptability, self-direction, teamwork, appreciation of diversity, accountability and leadership.

While a 21st Century education certainly demands mastering the content of core academic subjects, the teaching of skills such as innovation, collaboration and leadership is essential to the foundation that our boys need for long term academic success, personal growth, and the ability to make change in the interest of equity and justice.

On completion the boys will be presenting their projects in an open forum, scheduled for Friday 20 May. Invites, containing all the relevant details, will be sent out later this week or early next week. We are all incredibly excited about this undertaking and if today is anything to go by, we are in for some absolutely fantastic end products!



# Rugby

## Rugby Results vs Graeme

On Saturday the boys took part in their first Saturday fixture of the year, on what turned out to be a wonderful day for rugby.

The boys all participated with a great deal of enthusiasm, however, we all found the going tough against the Graeme teams. It was wonderful to see all our boys getting a run, with all our teams playing. The day's events certainly gave everyone something to reflect upon and I have no doubt that the boys and coaches will be hard at work this week, trying to iron out various flaws. Most teams competed well with ball in hand, however, our defensive patterns let us down.

Our U13C team and U11B and U9A teams play against St George's this week during their normal practice slots. The U9A and U11B teams play on Tuesday and the U13C team play on Wednesday.

On Saturday our teams will travel through to East London to play against Cambridge Primary. All boys are encouraged to travel on the bus with their team. Boys who are going to travel with their parents are to notify Mr Jackson by no later than Wednesday. All team lists for the weekend will be sent out by Mrs Ranchhod on Wednesday.

The following teams will be playing:  
U13A – C, U11A - C, U9A

Please be reminded that NO child may travel with his friend's parents, unless I have been notified by the child's parents. Boys who will be travelling home with their parents are to please notify their coach as such, before leaving.

Results:  
U9A lost 28 – 14  
U11C lost 20 -0  
U11B lost 29-7  
U11A lost 22-12  
U13D won 17-10  
U13C lost 17-0  
U13B lost 12-10  
U13A lost 50-12



## Sport Team Notifications

Can all parents please be advised that we are reverting back to our old system of using D6 for our correspondence and not PROSPORT. The team lists will be uploaded in PDF format for parents to view. Please can day boys bring money/packed lunch meal for all the away games.

## Transport for Saturday

Please could all boys meet at 06h00 outside Prep. The buses need to leave by 6h15 at the latest.

## Rugby fixtures vs Cambridge Primary in East London on Saturday 14th May

Time	Field A	Field B
09:00	11A	9A
09:50	13C	11C
10:00	13B	11B

# Hockey

## Hockey Fixtures: Friday 13 May

Time	SAP		Opposition
11:30	Junior B	vs	Cambridge U10A
12:20	2nds	vs	Cambridge U13B
13:10	Junior A	vs	Cambridge U11A
14:10	1sts	vs	Cambridge U13A



## JP Girls Hockey

The U9 and U8 girls have started their hockey season on a good note. They have already shown great courage and determination in improving their hockey skills during both practices and matches.

U9A team travelled to Port Elizabeth to play against Collegiate.

They played two matches against a blend of U9A and U9B Collegiate players.

They won both matches 3-1 and 4-2 respectively.

On Thursday last week, VP hosted us for a local fixture.

Results were as follows:

U9A lost 5-3  
U9B lost 5-2  
U9C drew 1-1  
U8A lost 7-1  
U8B won 2-0

**Results:** Prep score appears first

Date	1sts vs	3rds vs	4ths vs	5ths vs	Junior A vs	Junior B vs
6 May	St George's 4-0	KC U13C 3-0	St George's U13B 3-0 DSG U13D 4-1	VP U13B 1-2	DSG U13E 3-0	St George's 1-0

## Coding Club

Preppie coding skills are reaching great heights!

Coding, in the simplest of terms, is telling a computer or an iPad what you want it to do, which involves typing in step-by-step commands for the computer or iPad to follow. Every website, smartphone app, computer programme, calculator and even a microwave relies on code in order to operate. This makes coders the architects and builders of the digital age. Over the next 10 years it is estimated that there will be 1.4 million jobs in computer sciences and only around 400,000 graduates qualified to do them. Jobs not directly linked to computer sciences - such as banking, medicine and journalism - will also be affected by the need for at least an understanding of programming and coding.



At Prep, we are preparing our boys for this future! St Andrew's Prep have bought 3 machines where the boys are able to use to their coding skills. On Friday afternoons, the boys in the Coding Club work on their coding skills to programme computers or iPads. This last Friday, the boys had tremendous fun programming Meccanoid (our local robot) as well as Dot and Dash to perform certain functions through coding. Next week, Mrs Hobson will lay out an obstacle course and will challenge the Prep Coders to code the robots to complete this course – should be exciting and challenging!



## Ballroom Dancing



Bontle took part in various Ballroom dancing competitions in Kwa Zulu Natal and East London recently and she earned 3 trophies for a 3rd place and two 1sts.

## CCL Progress



# WOOLWORTHS



**HEY SCHOOLS!**

**WIN  
R100 000**

**+ RAISE MORE FUNDS  
FOR YOUR SCHOOL**

**HEY KIDS!**

**WIN  
EXCITING  
PRIZES**

**FOR YOU + YOUR CLASS**

**HEY PARENTS!**

**WIN A  
R50 000  
BURSARY**

**FOR YOUR CHILD**

## SWIPE AND SCORE

GET YOUR SCHOOL'S SUPPORTERS SWIPING THEIR MYSCHOOL OR LINKED WOOLWORTHS CARD EVERY TIME THEY SHOP AT WOOLIES.

**EVERY ITEM PURCHASED  
AND EVERY SWIPE COUNTS.**



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FOR MORE INFO AND Ts & Cs VISIT [MYSCHOOL.CO.ZA/TERMS](http://MYSCHOOL.CO.ZA/TERMS)

Competition runs 11 April to 26 June 2016

