



## St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 17 May 2016



To the Prep Community

I penned the following words in an email sent to our staff at the end of last week, "We draw to the end of the school day week and can do so with much pride and satisfaction. It has been exceptional in many ways with loads of fixtures from U8B girls to U13 rugby boys.

Throw in relevant and exciting project based learning in Grade 6, music performances, drama practices, coding training for learners from Mary Waters, iPad training for JP staff, Raising Readers workshops and presentations, announcement of our ArtReach programme with the Good Shepherd School, preparation meetings for Around The World, a healthy smattering of letters of offer of places, and a visit by the College Headmaster to Fairlawn. It really has been a successful week of learning, opportunity, engagement and outreach. Many thanks to all who make the school buzz like it does!"

Buzz, Prep certainly does! With the month of May being workers' month, it is appropriate to acknowledge all of the Prep staff who work tirelessly and with great expertise. We really are blessed with a great team of gardeners, cleaners, kitchen staff, maintenance guys, teachers, admin staff and more!

We enjoyed a great Senior Primary celebratory assembly on Monday with the boys being treated to a coding video made by Mrs Hobson. Visit the school's Facebook page to see the video!

On another pleasing note, it gives me great delight to announce the SAC Scholarship winners as follows;

- Blackburn – Jack Whittington Jones
- Blackburn Major – James Stadler

I wish you a fabulous week further.

Gareth Allman



### 'GREASE' Fever

Grease Lightning arrived at Prep this morning on a trailer from Klu Klu Farm near Adelaide! Murray Danckwerts responded to our SOS for a car for 'Grease' and restored an old 1940's Opel found on the farm. Many thanks to him for this glamorous gesture and gift to the Grade 7's of 2016!



### Trinity Term Calendar

#### Week 5: A

Tue	17-May		JP Book check
Wed	18-May		JP Book check
Wed	18-May		SP Book check (Grade Heads)
Wed	18-May	14:00	Netball vs Oatlands Preparatory (h)
Wed	18-May	14:00	JP Netball U8 & U9 vs Oatlands (JP Fairlawn Courts)
Thu	19-May		JP Book check
Thu	19-May	14:00	JP U9 U8 Girls Hockey vs Oatlands (Fairlawn, Retief)
Fri	20-May	TBC	Hockey vs Dale & Albany League (Dale & other)
Fri	20-May	11:30	JP U9A Boys Hockey vs Dale Junior (Dale Junior)
Fri	20-May	18:00	Around the World
Sat	21-May	All Day	Duty: Rev Peter (0834298653)
Sat	21-May	09:00	OPA AGM
Sat	21-May	09:00	Rugby vs Muir (h)

#### Week 6: B

Tue	24-May	14:00	JP U9 U8 Girls Hockey vs VP (Fairlawn, Retief)
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#### **Virtue of the Week:**

HONESTY is the quality of being truthful and able to be trusted.



## Pre-Primary



It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the Raising Readers workshop last Tuesday and learning how to give their children the very best start in learning how to read. Marian Bailey demonstrated many games and activities to help develop emergent reading and writing skills. If you missed the workshop, the [www.raisingreaders.co.za](http://www.raisingreaders.co.za) website has tons of information, ideas and contacts. Most importantly, read to your child every day!

The Brass Monkey farm lived up to its reputation as the children played with animals, fed them, jumped on the jumping castles and went on an obstacle course. For some, the best part was the bus ride and a few little ones even fell asleep on the bus drive home! Quite a few children are succumbing to cold and flu bugs. We are reminding them to wash hands often with soap, and in order to minimise the spreading of viruses and bacteria we would be grateful if you could please keep sick children at home, and make sure that they wash hands at home too.

Grade R parents: please put your name on the PAT chat roster outside the Grade R classroom. The results of the Developmental Progress screenings will be discussed at these individual meetings.

Thank you to our wonderful parents who have offered their help with Around The World on Friday. See you all there!

## Junior Primary



Go Yellow Day was a bright and beautiful affair with happy sunbeam faces beaming all round our Fairlawn campus on Friday. The Preppies enjoyed being part of supporting such a worthy charity and gladly contributed to filling up our tin. Thank you Moms and Dads for getting them into their civvies and encouraging them to donate.

This week we have four PGCE students from Rhodes University joining us for their five weeks of practical teaching. We have a student in Grade R, two in Grade 1 and one student in Grade 2. This is an opportunity for them to learn about the real world of working with little people and an opportunity for our teachers to share their expertise as these students prepare to enter this noble profession.



## Netball Results

### Prep vs Victoria Primary on Wednesday 11 May

Team	Result	Score
U\8A	Won	6-1
U\8B	Won	1-0
U\8 light blue vs U\8 dark blue	Drew	1-1
U\9A	Won	12-0
U\9B	Lost	5-1





## Junior Primary and Senior Primary Eco Club



The JP Eco Club loved exploring the EcoKids magazines with a Sea theme and have started their Under the Sea project using recycled materials.

Week Two of our Paper Recycling Challenge saw every class sending paper in for recycling. More than a wheelie bin was recycled. Thank you to Mrs Scholtz who supported from the Art Department, the Admin ladies who are sending paper in and the Music Department who have a separate paper bin ready. Keep recycling your waste paper.



### Merit Board

James Spencer  
Nicholas Danckwerts

### Port Rex Eisteddfod

### Youth Music Festival



Congratulations to the Ensemble and Marimba boys who performed in the Youth Music Festival last week. The boys should be commended for their excellent musical performance.



Daniel Cotton and Ben Terry performed piano solos in the Port Rex Eisteddfod held at Clarendon Primary School in East London on Monday. Both boys scored over 90% for their solo performances and received a Special Mention certificate.

## Coding - The Skill of the Future



Deep in thought: After several attempts, the boys were able to code the robot to do what they needed it do. Here, Jack Whittington-Jones tries a new sequence to get `Dot` to knock over the can of Coke while his classmates offer advice. (Left to right): Cameron Kamanyi, Ben Terry, Michael Boynton, Daniel Pizarro, Lukhanyo July and Tapuwa Kabwato.

Against the backdrop of South Africa's critical shortage of scientists and engineers, and the fact that according to the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness report that rated South Africa last out of 144 countries for quality of science and mathematics education, St Andrew's Prep has introduced coding into the curriculum. Headmaster, Gareth Allman says that learning to code is not a luxury but an essential literacy. Coding is what makes it possible to create computer software, apps and websites in order for them to operate. This makes coders the architects and builders of the digital age. By 2020 80% of all jobs will be related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Using the three robots recently purchased, the St Andrew's Senior Prep boys learn and hone their coding skills to programme these machines. The boys had tremendous fun programming `Meccanoid`, the school robot, as well as getting `Dot` and `Dash` to perform certain functions through coding. The next step was to code the robots to navigate an obstacle course, find and knock over the can of Coke, and for the Meccanoid to play soccer with a soccer ball.



## CCL Progress



All the roof trusses are in place. The steel frame for the mezzanine level has been erected and the roof insulation sheets are being installed.

## AMESA Mathematics

We have received the results from the AMESA Mathematics Examinations, and it is pleasing to note a year on year increase and improvement in the results of boys proceeding to the second round, which are tabulated below.

Grade	2016	2015
4	5	2
5	6	6
6	11	6
7	6	9

I commend the following boys who excelled and achieved 70% + which really is quite outstanding;

Gr 4: Nicholas Field  
 Gr 5: Ian Meihuizen  
 Gr 6: Wesley Donald  
 Zach Micklewright  
 Michael Boynton  
 Gr 7: Jack Whittington-Jones  
 Dylan Marx

I wish to thank Mr Simon Kroon who leads our Advance Programme in Maths for the highly valued work he does in this department with our boys.

## Rugby



### Rugby Results vs Cambridge Primary in East London

U9A lost 42-0  
 U11C lost 42 - 0  
 U11B lost 32 - 0  
 U11A lost 28 - 0  
 U13C lost 31-10  
 U13B lost 30 -15  
 U13A lost 26 -15

The boys found the fixtures very challenging and were mostly out muscled in all the junior fixtures. The Cambridge Primary boys showed a great willingness to play positive, confident rugby and quickly exposed any timidity that was shown by our boys. The senior boys can be proud of their efforts as they certainly showed a great deal of fight and controlled periods of all the games. The U13B tussle was extremely close until the last five minutes, where a few opportunistic tries proved the difference. The U13A game was an evenly contested match and the boys played with a lot of heart and can be proud of their efforts.

Next week we host Muir College, Port Alfred Primary, Bedford, Oatlands and Yellowwoods at Fairlawn. All our boys will be provided with an opportunity to play and we look forward to some keenly contested fixtures all the way up from the Grade 2s through to the U13A game. Please come and join us in the Jimmy and Arthur Mullins Clubhouse for some early morning coffee.

### Rugby Results vs Kingswood

U13D (12 a-side) beat Kingswood U13C( 12 a-side) 53-17

### Duty Programme vs. MUIR on Saturday 21 May 2016

First Aid Duties:

Stretcher / First Aid - St John's Ambulance

SAN DUTY - Rev Monwabisi Peter

A – Field

B – Field

<b>09:00</b> U9A vs Port Alfred Ref: Kyle Smetherham	<b>08:30</b> SAP Mini ( 1&2 ) vs. Bedford, Yellowwoods and Oatlands Gr 2s 7 a- side (1/4 a field) Ref: Angus Butler / Jordan Koekemoer
<b>09:50</b> SAP U13C vs. Muir U13C Ref: Marcus Nel	<b>09:20</b> SAP U11B vs. Muir U11B Ref: James Bursej
<b>10:40</b> SAP U11A vs. Muir U11A Ref: Marc Stone	<b>10:10</b> SAP U11C vs. Muir U11C Ref: David Nel
<b>11:30</b> SAP U13B vs. Muir U13B Ref: Warren Van Vuuren	<b>11:00</b> SAP U13D vs. Muir U13D (10 a-side) Ref: Warwick Hatting
<b>12:20</b> SAP U13A vs. Muir U13A Ref: Charlie Gird	

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# Hockey

## Hockey Fixtures: Friday 20 May

Time	SAP			Venue
TBC	1sts	vs	Dale U13A	Dale
TBC	2nds	vs	Dale U13B	Dale
TBC	3rds	vs	Dale U13C	Dale
TBC	Junior A	vs	Dale U11A	Dale
TBC	Junior B	vs	Dale U11B	Dale
14h00	5ths	vs	DSG U13C	Top Field
14h00	6ths	vs	KC U13C	Kingswood
15h15	4ths	vs	DSG U14C	Top Field

## Hockey Fixtures: Monday 23 May

Time	SAP		Opposition	Venue
14:30	Junior D	vs	Yellowwoods	YW

## Results: 13 May (Prep score appears first)

1sts vs	2nds vs	3rds vs	4ths vs	Junior A vs	Junior B vs
Cambridge won 1-0	Cambridge won 5-0	3rds vs 5ths 3rds won 3-0	VP U13B Drew 1-1	Cambridge won 5-0	Cambridge won 4-0

## JP Boys Results:

Prep U9 Boys vs Cambridge Won 7-1	Prep U9B vs Oatlands U9B Won 3-1	Prep U8A vs Oatlands U8A Won 5-0
Prep U9A vs Oatlands U9A Won 7-0	Prep U9C vs PA U9B Lost 0-3	Prep u8A vs PA U8A Won 8-1
Prep U9B vs PA U9A Drew 1-1	Prep U9C vs Oatlands U9B Lost 0-2	Prep U8B vs PA U8B Lost 2-3



### Eastern Provenence Hockey:

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to represent EP Schools' Hockey:

**David Redfern** EP U13B  
**Jurie Norval** EP U13C



# GREASE

2 & 3 June 2016 | Memory Hall | 19h00

Grade 7 Production

Contact Anusha for bookings 046 603 2400  
Adults R50 | Scholars R30



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## Enjoy a Variety of International Cuisine on a Journey Across the Globe

**Adults R100** (incl 4 Tapas & 2 Desserts) **Children R50** (incl 2 Tapas & 1 Desserts)

**20 May 2016 | 18h00 | Fairlawn JP Quad**

**Please bring your own drinks | Cold drinks on sale**

*Around the World*

Tickets are available from 13 May 2016  
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