



## St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 13 September 2016



To the Prep Community

A warm, warm welcome back to what promises to be an incredibly energetic Michaelmas Term. The staff were in a day early last Monday as we undertook a bit of 'spanbou' ahead of our start on Wednesday. A 'Hit and Giggle' Golf Day was organised, hosted at the Belmont Valley Golf Club, and what transpired was a very real sense of collegiality, laughter and good old fashioned banter. A wonderful opportunity to gear up for the term ahead and kick off on a positive note. My thanks go to Mrs Hobson and Mrs Tessendorf for setting this up.

In line with the above, an excerpt from the Teacher Magazine emphasises the point that "good-humoured teachers convey a sense of happiness, are quick to smile and find the funny in situations in a way that brings the teaching moment into focus. At the very heart of things they are showing that they enjoy the company of the learners and that they enjoy the learning process and material. The message is that they belong, and so do the learners." I can safely say that the Prep staff fulfil this profile. Prep is a happy place filled with happy people!

Several of our staff were also involved in various aspects of professional development just pre and during the holidays; Ms Cordell, Ms Griffioen and Mrs Scholtz attended the Proudly Primary Conference. Ms Cordell attended the Eco Fundisa for Change Course, Mr Plescia and Mr van Vuuren attended the Google Summit, Ms Griffioen attended the Teach Conference and Mr Plescia, Ms Cordell and I completed a six-month course through Harvard entitled 'Thinking and Learning in the Maker-Centred Classroom'.

Mrs Hobson will be presenting, on a weekly basis, staff development ICT workshops, including Pages, Keynote, Explain Everything, iMovies, Animations, Green Screen, Aurasma, Skitch, Notability, Sway, SparkPage and Google Notes – phew! Mrs Skae commences reading for her Masters in Education at the start of 2017. The above are all indicative of our staff's commitment to upskilling themselves in order to facilitate the best possible educational journey for your children. We are truly blessed to have these folk aboard.

This week sees us host the Independent Schools' Athletics Meeting as well as the Old Prep Supper. My thanks go in advance of these events to the coordinators, Mr van Vuuren and Mrs Tessendorf respectively. Your time and efforts are sincerely appreciated by all of us. The Grade 5s, 6s and 7s undertake the next phase of their CPR training through the course of today and tomorrow. We wish them well with this.

So it's shoulder to the wheel and full steam ahead aboard the SS Prep. I am proud to be at the helm, albeit only for a short stint. Please be absolutely assured that I am fully committed to the journey and will ensure that this amazing school is well positioned for the incoming head in 2017. Have an absolutely fantastic week!

MARC PAUL  
ACTING HEADMASTER

### *Virtue of the Week: Humility*

*Prep's Theme for the Term:  
Be kind in everything that you do.*

### *Calendar: SP Music Concerts*

With Music having grown so much in the last couple of years at Prep, and after much discussion around the end of term music concerts, we have decided to have a junior and senior concert.

Therefore on Monday 28 November we will be having 2 concerts:

Juniors are Grade 4 and 5s – 9:30am – 10:30am  
Seniors are Grade 6 and 7s – 11:30am – 12:30am

### *Trinity Term Calendar*

#### Week 2: B

|        |     |       |  |
|--------|-----|-------|--|
| 13-Sep | Tue | 11:00 | Grade 5 CPR Training                   |
| 13-Sep | Tue | 13:00 | JPPC Meeting (J & A Mullins Pavilion)  |
| 13-Sep | Tue | 17:15 | SPPC Meeting (Green Room)              |
| 13-Sep | Wed | 08:30 | Grade 6 CPR Training                   |
| 13-Sep | Wed | 11:00 | Grade 7 CPR Training                   |
| 14-Sep | Wed | 13:00 | PPPC Meeting (J & A Mullins Pavilion)  |
| 15-Sep | Thu | 14:00 | Independent Schools' Athletics (Prep)  |
| 15-Sep | Thu | 18:00 | Old Prep Supper (Memory Hall)          |
| 16-Sep | Fri | 10:30 | Combined Tea (J & A Mullins Pavilion)  |
| 16-Sep | Fri | 12:20 | Grade 7 Mentorship Programme (SAC)     |
| 17-Sep | Sat |       | Duty Master: Mr Plescia (072 018 3878) |

#### Week 3: A

|        |     |       |                                |
|--------|-----|-------|--------------------------------|
| 19-Sep | Mon | 08:30 | PP photographs                 |
| 20-Sep | Tue |       | Graeme Triangular (A) (Graeme) |

## Pre-Primary



Our cabbages and carrots were ready for harvesting last week and what fun we had pulling them out! Coleslaw was on the menu for baking, with the children cutting up cabbage and apple and grating carrots to mix together for their own bowls of coleslaw. Our worms are munching happily on the many peelings and bits of fruit and veggies that have been sent from home.

Often when children have had a busy day at school it can be difficult for them to assimilate all the experiences and describe what they have done. They may simply say "I played" – which leaves you as the parent feeling frustrated. For this reason, it's a good idea to ask your child these three questions when putting them to bed at night.

- What is something that made you smile today?
- What is something that made you cry today?
- What is something that you learned today?

## Junior Primary



The term took off to a great start with all the Preppies and their teachers excited to be back, keen to start lessons and continue with the athletics programme from last term. The Grade 3 entrepreneurs ran a great mini-market on the first Friday where loads of tasty nibbles and cute little crafts were up for sale. In true Preppie style they busily became stall-holders and engaged in lots of trading with some very keen customers. A lot of effort and fun went into the preparation for this event and our Fairlawn quad was a buzzing happy market place! Thanks to the Grade 3 parents for initiating this event and supporting their children all the way.



## Bandana Day

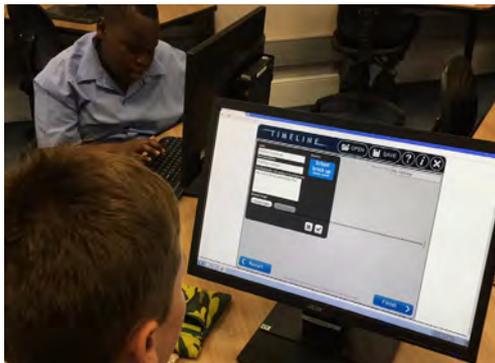
Prep will once again be supporting Bandana Day, which, through The Sunflower Fund, raises funds to build the national Bone Marrow Registry.

This year the bandanas are Tubes of Hope - Topes (buffs) and are still brightly coloured and look gorgeous.

National Bandana Day is on 16 September which does not give us much time to get their bandanas for R25.00. Mrs Renard will order the bandanas for each pupil in the school. If you have already purchased a 2016 bandana from Pick n Pay and do not want one through Prep or should you wish to purchase extra bandanas then kindly let Mrs Renard know by Wednesday 14 September 2016 via email [c.renard@saprepschool.com](mailto:c.renard@saprepschool.com) We will then order and debit school accounts for the ones supplied. Should you need extra bandanas then also let her know so that they can be ordered.



## Grade 5 ICT Lessons



Here are some Grade 5s starting the term trying out something new - an online Timeline website.

They are creating a timeline on their holiday news!

## Soccer

Our soccer teams got straight back into the swing of things this week, after our August break. The boys enjoyed fixtures against Ntaba Maria on Wednesday and Thursday.

The U11A team lost 0 – 2 and the U11B team lost 0 – 2.  
The U13A team won 1-0 and the U13B team lost 0-1.

All the matches were keenly contested and the boys again thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Our next fixtures take place this week on Tuesday (Seniors) and Wednesday (Juniors), as we are hosting the Independent Schools' Athletics on Thursday.



## Art Class



Art classes are well underway at Top Prep and how wonderful it is to use the spaces that the newly completed CCL provide! Seen here are the Grade 4 class in action during a visual arts lesson.

## Books 2 You

To promote reading and literacy, Books 2 You will be visiting Prep on Monday 26 September and Tuesday 27 September. The average price of a book is R60.00. The learners in Grade 4 – 7 will be allocated an amount of R150 which will be debited to their accounts to purchase books of their choice. If you would prefer your son not to do this, please let me know via email before the fair begins. There have been some pupils who wish to spend more than this amount – again, if you would like me to increase this amount, please notify me via email at [k.hobson@saprepschool.com](mailto:k.hobson@saprepschool.com). Pupils from the Pre-Primary and Junior Primary are encouraged to come with their parents, except for the boarders who will be brought here with their matron.



## Magic Show



## House Captains



### Lions

Captain: Jake Boateng – Aidoo  
Vice-Captain: Ross Mullins



### Griffin

Captain: Lethu Ntshangase  
Vice-Captain: Jurie Norval



### Tigers

Captain: Ntsika Ngewana  
Vice-Captain: Tapuwa Kabwato

## Grade 7 CPR Training



## Senior 8



## Staff Team Building and Meetings Day

