



St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 11 October 2016

Virtue of the Week: Curiosity

Term Theme: Be kind in everything that you do.

Our prayer for this week;

Lord I ask you for the eyes of a child:

To peer deeply into the eyes of someone who cares

To see the ordinary from a different point of view

To learn something new each week and savour that moment

To smack my lips with new tastes and celebrate the miracle of each moment

Lord pour into my heart refreshing waters of curiosity from your well of life, hope, and delight

Connect me once again with your divine curiosity and sacred surprises. Amen.

Assembly on Monday took on a slightly different format in that the Grade 4 class had an opportunity to provide feedback on their recent PBL (Project Based Learning) week. The theme was Birds and they explored just about every related aspect by using an array of exciting research and presentation tools, ranging from iMovies, posters and poetry, to creating 3D bird models using plastic milk bottles. Collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication were the order of the day and it was clearly evident that a space for every child was created whereby their ideas, insights and contributions were discussed, debated, considered and valued.

As a school, we constantly workshop and adapt our approach to teaching, the curricula and assessment. Excitingly, when reading around the three points mentioned in the article below, it underpins that we are well and truly on track. Our boys and girls, on a daily basis, are exposed to relevant and meaningful pedagogy, in line with and often ahead of both national and international trends. Are we there yet? No. We never will be completely 'there' as the world is a dynamic and ever-changing place. However, are we in the race? Absolutely!

Traditional ways of thinking about learning and assessment are being challenged. This challenge is coming in part from the introduction of new learning technologies, but also under challenge are traditional ways of organising learning, such as timed, lock-step courses and age-based curricula.

Learning: an ongoing and long-term process.

Teach and learn in ways that recognise and respond to the very different stages that students are at in their learning, set stretch challenges for every learner and monitor learning progress over extended periods of time.

Assessment: establishing where learners are in their learning. Assessment where the primary purpose is to establish and understand where individuals are in their learning (that is, what they know, understand and can do) from a base level and then at various times across the year and the grades. This provides a far better basis for targeting teaching on student needs and monitoring the progress that individuals make longitudinally.

Curriculum: focusing on what matters.

Explore ways of giving greater priority to the development and assessment of skills and attributes required for contemporary life and work. For example, providing opportunities for students to work collaboratively on meaningful, complex problems that require the application of learning from a number of disciplines, and then using performances on these cross-disciplinary problems as sources of information about the development of students' general capabilities.

Reference: Teacher (Australian Council for Educational Research, 19 Prospect Hill Road Camberwell VIC 3124) 11 October 2016

I met with one of our parents during the week and chatting around school and sport and a bit of everything else, he asked me, 'What makes a dolphin a good swimmer?' My answer was fairly predictable; a streamlined body, a powerful tail, flexibility, etc. After a pause, he looked at me and replied. Not quite – it's the water. An 'aha' moment for me and a wonderful analogy for Prep!

Wishing you all the most fantastic Half-Term. Ditch your electronics and enjoy the time with your family.

Marc and the Prep team



Trinity Term Calendar

Week 6: B

12-Oct	Wed		Gr 4-7 FA Timetable & Learning Material out
12-Oct	Wed	12:00	Half-Term commences
12-Oct	Wed	13:00	SP PAT Chats
13-Oct	Thu		Travel Day
13-Oct	Thu		New SP pupil general comment out if parents are not able to attend PAT Chats
			HALF-TERM

Week 7: B

17-Oct	Mon	17:00	Boarders return
18-Oct	Tue		Grade R PAT Chats
18-Oct	Tue	13:30	U11 Albany Cricket League: SAP U11C vs Yellowwoods U11A (h) (Fairlawn B)
18-Oct	Tue	17:15	Senior House Staff Meeting

Collections for Table Farm Trek close on Tuesday.

Pre-Primary



SPRING HATS: We have always thought that our Pre-Primary parents are wonderful, and our Spring Hat Day confirmed this! Children wore the most creative, innovative hats made with their parents – so a huge thank you for participating so superbly.

ROAD SAFETY: When bringing your child to the Pre-Primary, please remember to park your car in the road (not on the red lines), and walk your child down the driveway to the school. The same applies to children brought by a transport service: parents please ensure that your driver knows that they have to walk children to their classrooms and hand them over to their teacher. Children should be brought to school after 7:20.

BREAKFAST: It is vital that children eat breakfast before coming to school. Children are engaged in a variety of learning activities before snack time, and if tummies are empty, they are not able to learn efficiently.

GRADE R PAT CHATS: Please make appointments on the roster outside the Grade R classroom for PAT chats about the recent school readiness assessments.

Junior Primary

Our Grade 2s had fun learning to write short news reports after participating in our sports day this term. Here are a few delightful examples of their work written from a 'lead sentence' to capture the reader's attention!

Thursday 27 September
My dad's birthday is before June.
I love to play with a cube in my big house.
I brush my teeth with toothpaste in a tube.
I use the soap when my hands are dirty.
I love to run down a sand dune.
I love to play a tune on the piano.
Baby pigs look very cute.
Nice sentences!

Monday 3 October 2016
Fun Sports day at St Andrews prep. By Cendren Irwin.
On Friday 30th September there was a sports day on at Fairlawn field at JP.
There were activities like running, jumping, relay, sack, 3 legged, and egg and spoon.
All the junior preppies and the teachers organised it.
We put into practise what we had learnt and had fun.
Great report!

Our Sports day.
By: Jaime Burchell
Visual Organizer
Almost all newspaper stories start off by answering most of these questions. Try to answer these questions in your story.
Who: Liso M.
What: St Andrews Prep Sports day
When: Friday 30 September 2016
Where: Fairlawn field
Why: To show our skills and have fun.
How:
Lead Sentence (a sentence that includes some of the information above and that grabs the reader)
"I felt like a champ"

Well done Liso! ★
Our Sports day.
By: Jaime Burchell.
Liso Mdlankomo took part in St Andrews prep sports day.
The sports day was on Fairlawn field.
It was on Friday 30 September 2016.
They showed all their skills.
"I felt like a champ" said Liso.
Well done Liso Mdlankomo.

Our sports day
By: Siba Matebese
Visual Organizer
Almost all newspaper stories start off by answering most of these questions. Try to answer these questions in your story.
Who: Elizabeth
What: St Andrews prep Sports day
When: Friday 30 September 2016
Where: Fairlawn St Andrews Prep
Why: To show our skills and have fun.
How:
Lead Sentence (a sentence that includes some of the information above and that grabs the reader)
"She stays by running and riding her bike."

Our Sportsday
By: Siba Matebese
On Friday 30 September St Andrews had Sportsday at Fairlawn. We had Sportsday to show our skills and have fun. Everyone participated in the track events. In long jump, high jump and cricket ball only six people could participate. Elizabeth said she keeps fit by running and riding her bike.
Great report!

Our Sports Day
By: Joshua Malila
Visual Organizer
Almost all newspaper stories start off by answering most of these questions. Try to answer these questions in your story.
Who: Sarah Lloyd
What: St Andrews Prep Sports day
When: Friday 30th September 2016
Where: Fairlawn field
Why: To show our skills and have fun.
How:
Lead Sentence (a sentence that includes some of the information above and that grabs the reader)
"The event made me feel confident."

I got your name wrong... ★
Our Sports Day
By: Joshua Malila
On Friday 30 September 2016 it was the St Andrews Prep Sports Day.
The sports day happened at the Fairlawn Field.
The grade 2 class room spread some comments about the sports day.
Sarah Lloyd said: "The event made me feel confident."
Lovely words by Sarah Lloyd.

ECO Club



The Boer Bulls with their medals, certificates and prize money for getting through to the second round of this year's Sasol Forever-Resorts Eco Quiz. Their challenge was to create a vegetable garden with an area of 1,5 x 1,5m using upcycled materials available to all. Here they are with the fruits of their labour. They submitted their project portfolio on Saturday and will find out if they have made it through to the final round on 10 October. Well done on your creative ideas boys!



In an Eco/isiXhosa collaborative lesson, the Boer Bulls team harvested their radish from their Eco project veggie garden and made a salad for the class. Father Monwabisi taught the isiXhosa vocabulary and the class discussed why there is no word for radish and celery. The Grade 6 boys enjoyed a healthy salad served Xhosa-style.

Mountain Bike Ride



Last weekend James Spencer and Julius Rocher completed a 58km mountain bike ride from Manley Flats to the Fish River Sun. Such a wonderful achievement.

MOS



These amazing Grade 7s have passed not only their MOS Word exam, they have also passed their MOS PowerPoint exam. This is a wonderful achievement because they are the first primary school learners to do so. Congratulations to them all.

The Grade 4 boys have done delightful multi-media art works of themselves as Preppies



Tennis

Team	Type	Opposition	Format	Score
U13A	League	Kingswood U13A	Singles & Doubles	Prep won by 10 games <u>Singles won:</u> Jeffrey Carle, Blaine Price, Ross Mullins, David Redfern, Daniel Leatherby
U13B	League	Kingswood U13B	Singles & Doubles	Prep won by 34 games <u>Singles won:</u> Jack Whittington-Jones, Luke van Vuuren, James Houghton, Taine Hartszenberg, Yash Gopal, Matthew Froneman

Cricket Results: 8 October

Team	Opposition	Format	Match Analysis
U9A	Kingswood U9A	25 overs	KC U9A 67/10. SAP U9A 68/3 (E. Bradfield 27*; M. Ladds 26*; L. Painter 24). SAP U9A won by 7 wickets.
U11B	Kingswood U11B	35 overs	SAP U11B 162/5 (G. Tembo 65; C. Pretorius 30; J. Dixie 17*). KC U11B 145/9 (S. Siaw 3/24). SAP U11B won by 17 runs.
U11A	Kingswood U11A	40 overs	KC U11A 79/10 (D. Eksteen 3/26; J. MacKenzie 2/7; S. Carr 2/7). SAP U11A 83/1 (M. Poole 49*). SAP U11A won by 9 wickets.
U13B	Kingswood U13B	40 overs	SAP U13B 315/4 (N. Ngewana 65*, C. Birrell 62, G. Jansen 59, L. van Vuuren 50). KC U13B 85/10. SAP U13B won by 230 runs.
U13A	Kingswood U13A	50 overs	SAP U13A 155/9 (T. Vermaak 27. D. Marx 25). KC U13A 156/3 (J. Norval 2/35). SAP U13A lost by 7 wickets.



Visiting Schools

Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 09h30

Grade 1 & 2 Parents

Thursday 27 October 2016 at 09h30

Grade 3 Parents

Friday 28 October 2016 at 09h30

Grade 3 Parents please join us for tea in the new Centre for Creative Learning after the show, while the children enjoy their traditional Mini Feast

St Andrew's Preparatory Junior School Production

RSVP to Anusha (046) 603 2400 by Friday 21 October 2016



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Santa Shoebox Project

Around Christmas, when the shops are bursting with treats, the streets are lit up and families take time off from a busy year to relax and have fun, the Santa's Shoebox Project brings joy, gifts and very welcome surprises to orphans and underprivileged children.

Prep parents have been a part of this project for the past three years and we would like to extend the opportunity once again.

We have 20 shoeboxes to fill and request that each class become involved. You will be requested by your children to purchase an item to put into the box. The items are simple, every day necessities that we so often take for granted, like soap, a toothbrush, a face cloth and clothes.

There will be 4 extra boxes and we appeal to parents who would like to sponsor a box to please get in touch with Jess Fick and she will assign you a child to bless. (J.fick@saprepschool.com)



Farewell to Father Gary



A warm Prep farewell to Father Gary Griffith-Smith.
God be with you 'til we meet again.

Carnival

Dear Prep Community,

As daunting as this may be, the end of the year is closing in, with many enjoyable fundraising activities having been had throughout the year. The final fundraising event for 2016 is "Carnival" which will be held on Sunday 20 November. We are currently inviting and recruiting; activities, entertainers and stall holders (food and craft), to participate on the day.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be part of this wonderful final event for the school year please contact Cindy Renard on C.Renard@saprepschool.com
Tel: +27 (0)46 603 2400.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest,
Désirée Bailey.