



St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 14 February 2017

Dear Prep Family

They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything - Bill Keane

Valentine's Day is always something of an enigma. Is it a commercialization opportunity or a real celebration of love? Mostly the former, I think, but watching the Grade 7 boys handing roses to the Grade 7 DSG girls on Monday did tug the heartstrings somewhat. They did have fun, thanks to St Valentine, and I had an excuse to offer Mrs Hibbert a rose!

It's been another busy week, but a successful week in the life of Prep. The mini cricket festival on Friday at Fairlawn drew 10 teams and not even the heat could dampen the enthusiasm of the children. Our girls and Grade 1s also enjoyed an afternoon of sporting fun.

Congratulations to Mr Cameron and staff on a smoothly run Senior Prep gala on Friday morning. Griffin were the victorious house this year. Jonathan MacKenzie and Scott Ritchie won the junior and senior Victor Ludorums respectively.

Saturday saw the annual Grey PE cricket fixture, an ideal test for the 1st XI prior to their tour to KZN, which is where I write from. The 1st XI celebrated a rare victory against Grey and congratulations to Mr Plescia, Mr Hobson and the boys on excellent cricket all round. My moment of the day though was watching the U13D game against Grey and seeing the pure enjoyment the lads got out of being on the field.

And so here we are on tour with 13 boys - and what a pleasure it has been so far! The air crew on BA were hugely impressed with the manners of the boys and many of the passengers complimented them on their behaviour - a wonderful advert for Prep!

And back at Prep, like Valentine's Day, opportunities for building relationships and personal growth happen every day. Our boys are writing Maths Olympiads this week, going on the Rhodes University Maths Experience, the cast for the annual production has been finalised, some of our choir boys are entertaining the elderly at Somerset Place and our JP are experimenting with a new timetable to offer more involved learning experiences.

Have a great week
Mr B



Our Student Housemasters are in need of a tumble dryer. Please let us know if you have a pre-owned one you would like to sell.

Meet The Teacher Bookings

The *Meet the Teacher* online system is open for bookings. Please see the login instructions under resources on the D6. Bookings close on Monday at 17:00

Easter Term Calendar

Week 5: A

Wed 15	Primary Schools' Cricket Festival Tour (Practice match vs Clifton)
Wed 15	PP Hearing Screenings
Wed 15	U13 Albany Cricket
Thu 16	PSCF Tour
Thu 16	U11 Albany Cricket
Thu 16 14h00	Tennis U13 C/D Fixture (TBC)
Fri 17	PSCF Tour
Fri 17	Tennis Fixtures (TBC)
Sat 18	Duty: Mr Wienekus
Sat 18	PSCF Tour
Sat 18 09h00	Cricket vs Summerwood
Sun 19	PSCF Tour

Week 6: B

Mon 20	PSCF Tour returns (ETA 1pm)
Mon 20	Gr 4-7 Outdoor Education departs
Tues 21	Gr 4-7 Outdoor Education

Pre-Primary



On Thursday this week we welcome Shooting Stars Play school as they join us for a Fun morning. It is an opportunity for the toddlers and their parents to experience St Andrew's Pre-primary!

This year we are holding our Family Fun Day on Saturday 18 March. Please diarise this date as there will be fun for everyone! Tell friends to come too! We'll be dressing up as Nursery Rhyme characters – so start thinking about costumes! Besides their obvious literary value, Nursery Rhymes build maths skills because of the patterning and sequencing involved; they allow children to imagine and express themselves; they teach pronunciation and help develop facial and oral muscles. Nursery Rhymes are not old fashioned – they teach us valuable lessons for today and connect us to the past! Remember that Rhymers are Readers – so do some rhyming today!

Junior Primary

February is the month of love and today is Valentine's Day!

The Junior Preppies have been busy making beautiful cards to show their friends and parents just how much they love them. In return, we show our love by spending quality time with our children, playing games and reading books together, sending them a message that they are important to us and deserving of our love. "The power of 10 minutes" – if we can implement this in our family life by giving at least 10 minutes (a few times a day) of quality time, listening to, reading with and playing with our children, we are sure to raise loving children.



Eco Club

There was great excitement and anticipation last week when Mr Basil Mills and Oom Boom came to talk to the Eco Club about snakes. The children learnt some interesting things about snakes and got to meet a few real ones too!



Grade 5 Outing



The Grade 5 class visited the Albany Museum on Thursday to see Basil Mills, with his fascinating pets and stories about Africa and to tour the museum. They got to experience touching a real meteorite and were awed by a giant spider crab!

They then went to the Grahamstown SPCA, who were doing a spay day, where they met various animals and found out about about neutering and asked some great questions of the SPCA staff, Dr William Fowlds (Wildlife vet) and one of the visiting Medivet vets from the UK.

As well as gaining a better understanding of what the SPCA does, the boys donated R769.50 in cash and about 50 kilograms of food. When they got back to school they wrote diary entries about their day and all that they had learnt.

Cricket

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	FORMAT	MATCH ANALYSIS
11 Feb	SAP U11B	Grey U10B	35 overs	Grey U10B 175/9 (W. Brothers 3/16; J. Herring 2/23). SAP U11B 139/5 (J. Davies 35*; J. Kroon 34). Match abandoned due to lightning.
11 Feb	SAP U11A	Grey U11A	40 overs	Grey U11A 180/6 (C. Rose-Innes 2/26; A Carle 2/15). SAP U11A 166/10 (D. Eksteen 47). Prep lost by 15 runs.
11 Feb	SAP U13D	Grey U13F	35 overs	Grey U13F 97/10 (L. Cawse 4/6; A. Anyimadu 2/12). SAP U13D 98/5 (P. Wingfield 22*). Prep won by 5 wickets.
11 Feb	SAP U13C	Grey U13E	40 overs	Grey U13E 155/9 (C. Kamanyi 5/27). SAP U13C 69/4. Match abandoned due to lightning.
11 Feb	SAP U13B	Grey U13C	40 overs	Grey U13C 145/10 (H. Ntshingwa 3/17; S. Khayi 2/22). SAP U13B 111/8 (S. Carr 30). Match abandoned due to lightning.
11 Feb	SAP U13A	Grey U13A	50 overs	SAP U13A 162/10 (Z. Mickelwright 44; S. Conroy 29). Grey U13A 127/10 (W. Donald 2/18; B. Storrer 2/18; Z. Micklewright 2/23; M. Ter Morshuizen 2/36). Prep won by 35 runs.

House Captains



Griffin: Taine Hartzenberg (Vice) Scott Ritchie (Captain)

Tigers: Antony Baker (Vice) Eirik Torp Nelani (Captain)

Lions: Brad Storrer (Vice) Oliva Lange (Captain)

Study Skills Workshop



The Grade 6 and 7 boys attended workshops given by Elevate Education to help them Kick Start their Study Skills and to Manage their Time. They were shown efficient ways to scan for information, read with a purpose and how to manage their time effectively. Great skills to set them up for classroom success!

MakerSpace



In a MakerSpace and Geography collaboration, the Grade 6 boys made their 3D globes ahead of investigating how the Earth is transformed into 2D maps.

Horse Riding

Valentine's Show (11/12 Feb)
Grahamstown Riding Club & SA Showjumping Events

Results for Joshua Furtner on Navajo Spirit:

1st : 70cm Welcome Stakes

3rd: 70cm A2 Competition

3rd: 70cm Championship

2nd: 70cm Cub Hunter

Massive well done to Josh! His speed was his best ever.

Swimming



Swimming Captains:
Matthew Hoggarth and Oliva Lange



Victor Ladorum winners:
Jonathan MacKenzie (Junior) and Scott Ritchie (Senior)



Tennis

Albany Championship Results:

It was a 32 draw and the Preppies who entered finished in the following positions:

U12: Tom Hutchinson(7), Ben Wright(11), Charles Rose-Innes(13), Ethan van der Merwe(14), Sibusiso Khayi(17), Jonathan Mackenzie(21), Divan Eksteen(22), Mark Were(27), Mark Ter Morshuizen(injured after round 1).

U14: Zach Micklewright(7), Brad Storrer(11), Daniel Letherby(17), Ronan Kennedy(19), Xolela Hoyi(21), Taine Hartzenberg(22), Oliver McKay(23), Phologo Maruping(25).

Date:	Team	Type	Opposition	Format	Score
10 January	U11A	League	Kingswood U11A	Singles & Doubles	Prep won by 9 games Prep won by 9 games Singles won: Jonathan MacKenzie, Ethan van der Merwe, Jack Dixie, Jamie Sparks, Daniel Meihuizen.
	U13B	League	Kingswood U11B	Singles & Doubles	Prep won by 6 games Singles won: Alistair Carle, Matthew Ladds, Ethan Bradfield, John Davies, Ross Phillips,
	Grade 7	Social	DSG		Mixed Doubles
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