



St Andrew's Prep School Newsletter 21 February 2017

Dear Prep Family

I never let my schooling get in the way of my education – Mark Twain

It is a quiet Top Prep that I write from this week with Grade 4 – 7 being off campus on their Outdoor Ed experience. The photos received on the staff group show that the fun and busy-ness of a Prep day continues to happen, perhaps even more so while out of the classroom.

I am a strong supporter of the need for real-life experiences in a child's schooling, hence the quote from Mark Twain. Our children need to be exposed to the wider world more frequently, to see and experience the reality of life in our country and the role they can and must play in the world.

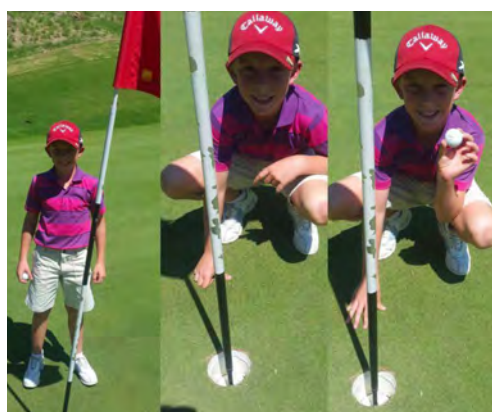
The reality of this hit home on cricket tour. On our first day, one of our boys asked "How does this work?" when presented with a bill for a drink he had ordered at the airport. Life in the bubble of a classroom is quite limited and we need to search every day for opportunities and experiences that offer the children the opportunity to grow and learn. The cricket tour was a success in so many ways (despite the rain – and isn't it good to be able to say that!). The boys were required to socialise with boys and families from other schools, they had to be independent, thoughtful, observant and disciplined – and that was just OFF the field. They played some exceptional cricket, and they played some very ordinary cricket, but each day they made us proud to be at Prep! I am grateful to Mr Plescia and Mr Hobson for the amount of time they put into the boys and the tour and for the time they sacrificed away from their own families and responsibilities.

Tomorrow is half-term – where has the time gone? I trust that you have all arranged your times for the PAT chats and that your plans for a relaxing half-term are all set.

Travelling mercies to all our children who are on the road or in the air. Enjoy the time out, the second half of term is just as busy.

Have a GRAND half-term!
Mr B

Golf



Charles Rose-Innes got a hole in one on Friday 17 February on the 11th hole and is the youngest member of Belmont to achieve this.

Well Done!

Charles has also been selected for the EP U13 golf team.

Easter Term Calendar

Week 6: B

Tues 21	Gr 4-7 Outdoor Education
Wed 22	Gr 4-7 Outdoor Education returns
Wed 22 08h00	JP Gala
Wed 22	Half-Term commences. PP at 12:00. JP after their gala. SP on their return from Outdoor Ed.
Thu 23	Travel Day
Thu 23	SP PAT Chats (07h30 - 12h00)
Thu 23	TTA Tennis Tournament at Prep
Thu 23	New Pupil Report out if parents not able to attend SP PAT Chats
Fri 24	TTA Tennis Tournament at Prep
Sat 25	TTA Tennis Tournament at Prep

Week 7: A

Mon 17h00	Boarders return
Tue 28	Albany Tennis vs Midlands
Tue 28	U11 Albany Cricket
Tue 28 17h15	Senior House Staff Meeting (Green Room)

Pre-Primary



Last Thursday the toddlers from Shooting Stars spent the morning with us. They loved playing with the water, the sand, and on the swings while their parents and teachers watched and guided them. Our children were excellent hosts - pushing the little ones on the bikes and sharing their buckets and spades.

After the first few weeks, we are all familiar with the school routine and even the bees in Grade 000 know what to expect during the school day. To benefit from all the activities it is important to start the day with a good breakfast. Please ensure that your child eats breakfast before coming to school.

Hearing screening reports are in envelopes – please visit the ENT specialist if it is recommended. The audiologist will re-assess at the end of the term.

We close for half-term on Wednesday at 12:30, or when the JP gala ends. We wish all the Pre-Primary families a happy and safe half-term!

Junior Primary



Every year World Read Aloud Day calls global attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories. At Junior Prep we celebrated this last Thursday when our Grade 3s spent time reading to the Grade 1s and our Grade 2s enjoyed reading to the Grade Rs. We celebrated the power of words by reading lovely short stories to each other. In this way we joined millions of people in more than 100 countries participating to spread the word across the globe!



Eco Club - Grade 3 Eco Club showing how much they love our Environment in the week of love.

Art

Grade 4s exploring primary, secondary colours and mixing flesh tones.



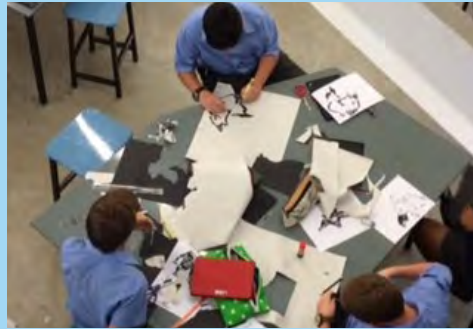
Grade 5 Paper Engineering as part of their preparations for their dog portraits.



The Grade 4s had a wonderful introduction to pottery and the new Pottery Space with guest artist Mrs Scholtz.



Grade 7s working on their heraldic shield and House icon ART project.



Music



The residents of Somerset Place, a retirement home in Grahamstown, were in for a pleasant surprise on Friday last week when a group of our boys called on them to entertain them with music and song.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed the morning of music entertainment. After the performance the boys had wonderful opportunities to chat to the residents and spend time with them. Among the residents was a gentleman who was a St Andrew's Prep boy in the 1950s who could still remember and sing the school song, much to the delight of the boys. It was a special time and great fun was had by both the residents and the boys alike.

Cricket

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	FORMAT	MATCH ANALYSIS
14 Feb	SAP U11C	Port Alfred U11A	20 overs	Port Alfred Primary U11A 84/7. SAP U11C 85/8. Prep won by 2 wickets.
15 Feb	SAP U13D	Graeme U13C	20 overs	Graeme U13C 125/6 (A. Anyimadu 5/15). SAP U13D 113/7 (M. Boynton 23). Prep lost by 12 runs.
15 Feb	SAP U13E	Oatlands U13A	20 overs	Oatlands U13A 265/1. SAP U13E 78/10 (K. Cambell 18). Prep lost by 187 runs.
15 Feb	SAP U13F	Tiger Titans U13A	20 overs	SAP U13F 123/10. Tiger Titans U13A 124/1. Prep lost by 9 wickets.
16 Feb	SAP U11D	Grahamstown Primary U11A	20 overs	Grahamstown Primary U11A 248/3. SAP U11D 19/10. Prep lost by 229 runs.
18 Feb	SAP U13B	Summerwood U13A	40 overs	SAP U13B 155/10 (T. Hartzenberg 36). Summerwood U13A 105/10 (T. Hartzenberg 3/20). Prep won by 50 runs.
18 Feb	SAP U13C	Summerwood U13B	40 overs	Prep U13C 93/9. Summerwood 73/6. Prep won by 20 runs.
18 Feb	SAP U11A	Summerwood U11A	40 overs	SAP U11A 294/10 (B. Wright 92; M. Were 98). Summerwood 34/10. Prep won by 260 runs.
18 Feb	SAP U11B	Summerwood U11B	25 overs	SAP U11B 159/8 (W. Brothers 68). Summerwood U11B 99/10 (W. Brothers 3/8; J. Pretorius 2/19). Prep won by 60 runs.
18 Feb	SAP U9A	Port Alfred U9A	25 overs	Port Alfred U9A 90/6. SAP U9A 91/5. Prep won by 5 wickets.



**31 March | 12h30 | Belmont Golf Club
Shot Gun Start | Better Ball**

R1200 per 4 Ball

(Entry Fee, Halfway House, Fantastic Prizes and Live Music)

Mini Putting Competition at 17h30

Steak Dinner at R100 per person

Be Seen in Tartan | Music by Charl Live from PE

St Andrew's Prep Golf Day



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

All bookings to Fiona Tessendorf by 10 March 2017
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**MAKANA
BRICK**

BUILDING TODAY FOR TOMORROW

**8 Kay Nite Race 8 March 5:30 pm
Graeme College**



Category prizes and spot prizes.

Entry fee – R10 Scholars and R20 Adults

Proceeds to Grahamstown Hospice

**Registration from 4:30 pm at the
Graeme College main sports field –
Somerset Field.**

For queries contact : Cathy or Lindsay
046 622 7896

FLAT FOR RENT

To Parents: A Flat near Prep.

I have for rent at R3500 per month, a small flat attached to my home at the corner of Hare St. and Bowles St. within easy walking distance from St. Andrew's Prep. It consists of bedroom with large cupboard; bathroom; kitchen-dining space with small fridge, gas stove, sink and washing machine; and if needed, a small dining table and Welsh dresser; unfurnished living room; open carpet.

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Best wishes,
Lorraine Mullins