

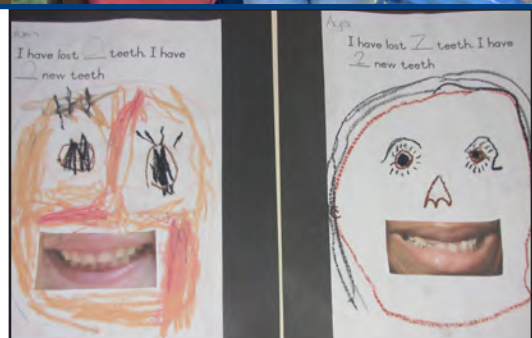


PREP

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ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Dear Parents

Children spend a lot of their time in classrooms – between five and seven hours a day. That's about 20% of their waking hours over the course of a year. That may not sound like a lot of time, but it is enough for us to see a side of your children that you don't. Equally, you see a side of them that we don't.

Twice a year we give you a narrative report in which we try to cover the academic side of things. In those reports we hope to give you a clear picture of the progress made as well as some comparative information, for example, "Good progress in X, but still not at the expected level." Getting those two reports clear and as accurate as we can be is hard work.

In between these reports we collect all sorts of information about our children – some on a daily basis and some at special, more formal moments – to share with you. For example, twice a year we formally assess their reading, spelling and comprehension ages using the Edinburgh and H.A.S.T. reading and spelling tests. We use the International Benchmark Tests from the University of New South Wales for a comparison to national and international standards. These we write annually from Grade 3 to Grade 7.

Then we have the twice-yearly PAT Chats, which are coming up in the next week. In these chats we try to describe to you how your child works at school, how he or she spends his or her time, how they relate to others and adults and how they are progressing – in short, what he or she looks like to us.

It would be wonderful if all parents could give us a picture of the child they see at home; a narrative oral report that develops our insight. So please, make the effort to see the teachers next week and the week after – it's really worth the time.

Mr B

The Prep Website and Facebook have updated photo galleries of all the exciting happenings of the week.

EASTER TERM CALENDAR: MARCH

Wed 14 (A)	08h00	Grade 3 Outdoor Ed (Kenton-on-Sea)
	18h30	Inter-house Waterpolo (SAC Pool)
		Flight bookings deadline for Travel
Thu 15 (A)		Grade 3 Outdoor Ed (Kenton-on-Sea)
	13h00	Parent Association Meeting
	14h00	TTA Tennis Tournament
Fri 16 (A)		Duty: Mr Heymans
		Grade 3 Outdoor Ed (Kenton-on-Sea)
	11h00	SP Interhouse Gala (Prep Pool)
	14h00	TTA Tennis Tournament
	14h30	Basketball U11/U13 vs NMB (SAC)
Sat 17	08h30	TTA Tennis Tournament
	09h00	Cricket vs Clarendon (Home)
		U9A (Fairlawn B)
		Cricket Colts B (Rietief)
		Cricket U13B (Fairlawn A)
		Cricket U13C vs TBC (Top Field)
	09h00	Cricket vs Clarendon (Away)
		Bus departs @ 06h30
		U13A/Colts A
Mon 19 (B)		Winter Sports Commence
	10h45	Senior Rugby Trials/House Sevens
	10h45	Colts Hockey Trials
	10h45	Senior Tennis Trials
	10h45	Colts Squash Trials
Tue 20 (B)	07h30	Grade 2 Outdoor Ed
	08h30	Grade 1 Outdoor Ed
	10h45	Colts Rugby Trials/House Sevens
	10h45	Senior Hockey Trials
	10h45	Junior Tennis Trials
	10h45	Senior Squash Trials

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING DATES

Wed	14 March	18h30	Interhouse Waterpolo
Fri	16 March	11h00	SP Interhouse Gala
Mon	19 March	08h00	Grade 4/5 Music Concert
		10h45	Winter Sports Commences
Wed	21 March	07h30	JP Music Concert
Mon	26 March	07h30	Grade 6/7 Music Concert
		07h30	PAT Chats (PP, JP and SP)
Tues	27 March	07h30	PAT Chats (PP, JP and SP)
Wed	28 March	07h30	PAT Chats (PP, JP and SP)
Thurs	29 March	07h30	PAT Chats (PP, JP and SP)



Keeping you up to date



HORSE RIDING

Josh Furtner (St Andrew's Prep) honoured a friend's request to ride her horse in his first ever Eventing competition at PE Polocrosse 9-11 March. Ingrid Emslie (DSG) was unable to compete due to a broken arm. With only one week to train in a new discipline with a new horse on wet Grahamstown grounds last week, risk was great, but opportunity greater. Representing St Andrew's Prep in Sanesa Primary School 70 cm, Josh Furtner and Quillette Legend moved from 5th (Dressage) to 4th (clear round Show Jumping) to end 2nd (Cross Country).

It was an amazing week of hard work, risk, courage and focus. Josh thanks teachers Dayne Theosopilus from GRC and Helen Grapes from Windsong for the incredible support, and the Emslie family for the memorable opportunity.

SURFING

Nicholas Plumbridge is currently involved in the SA Surfing qualifiers. We wish him well!

SWIMMING

This past Monday, 12 March, the Albany Swimming Team participated in the Inter-Districts Gala in Graaf Reniet. 15 Prep swimmers represented the Albany Swimming Team. The Albany District Team placed first amongst the many teams which took part.

Congratulations to all our swimmers.

WATER POLO

On Friday 09 March our U13A and U12A Waterpolo boys travelled to East London for a fixture against Stirling.

Our U12's, which consisted of many first time players and our youngest capped player Daniel Fowlds who is only in Grade 5, played a fantastic game against Stirling U13A Girls with a final result of 9-2. Even though the score does not reflect their victory, the intense hype and smiles on their faces as they left the pool was victory enough.

Our U13A's played against Stirling U13A Boys. Our boys were 2-0 down in the first half and managed to come out with an incredible 6-4 win. It goes to show that with some dedication, a dash of passion, and a whole lot of heart that there is very little that these boys cannot do.

JP SCIENCE DAY

We had a magnificent time at Junior Prep experimenting with Science last week!

There were several Laboratories set up in our classrooms by the JP teachers where our Junior Preppies had fun learning about Straw Planes, Hover Crafts, Gravity and balancing Butterflies, Thinking Slime, Milk displacement & Penny's eggs and elephant toothpaste. We also had DR T to visit and entertain with her antics about science.



CRICKET

Cricket Results				
DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	FORMAT	MATCH ANALYSIS
10 March	Pups A	Graeme	25 overs	Graeme 90/1. Prep 82/5 (S van der Merwe 23 not out). Prep lost by 8 runs.
10 March	Colts C	Graeme Invitational	30 overs	Graeme 200/2. Prep 84 all out. Prep lost by 126 runs.
10 March	Colts B	Graeme	30 overs	Graeme 200/2. Prep 84 all out. Prep lost by 126 runs.
10 March	Colts A	Graeme	40 overs	Prep 107 all out (A Carle 22). Graeme 108/7. Prep lost by 3 wickets.
10 March	3rd XI	Graeme	30 overs	Prep 213 all out (E Van Der Merwe 44, I Meihuizen 47). Graeme 173 all out. Prep won by 40 runs.
10 March	2nd XI	Graeme	40 overs	Graeme 100 all out (J Dixie 3/12). Prep 101/8 (F Griffin 21). Prep won by 2 wickets.
10 March	1st XI	Graeme	50 overs	Prep 219 all out (B White 87). Graeme 93 all out. Prep won by 126 runs.

SP OUTDOOR ED

