



# PREP

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ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I, along with so many Preppies (maybe it was some form of sympathy/empathy?) spent most of the weekend in bed. It's a dreadful 'flu this one. The bones ache, one's eyes feel like they're about to pop out of one's skull and sleep is near impossible. It's becoming truer as I get older that Man Flu is a thing, a real thing!

So Monday was a bit grumpy. But this is what is so grand about headmastering. You're never really sure about which way the day's going to turn, and how many times it will do so. Monday morning was a drudge. I'd upset a few people, assembly hadn't gone particularly well (my message seemed off point) and expected news about the building progress hadn't materialised. Monday afternoon loomed long and so did obligations to a talk about parenting on Monday evening.

And then Grade 1 hockey practise. Suddenly boys were beginning to get it! Eyes started coming up, passes began to hit their mark and space was being found. My spirits lifted, and then soared at the end of practise when one of the young men popped across and said "Sir, it's time for a Bear Hug." I was enveloped in the tightest (and longest) possible "thank you" hug a little man could give – for showing him how to play hockey.

So it was with more of a spring in my step that I dragged my weary carcass off to yesterday evening's talk about parenting. Now there's a talk (and her book, Being There) that should be required attendance and reading for all of us. Ms Komisar's research, her science, her insights after years of practise and downright common sense gave light to how to help children (and parents) be happy, emotionally secure and resilient.

A Blue Monday had turned quite bright thanks to a Bear Hug.

Mr B

## TRINITY TERM CALENDAR: JUNE

Tue 12	11h00	Senior Hockey vs Dale (A)
Wed 13 (B)		
Thu 14 (B)	14h00	JP Girls Hockey Quadrangular: Grade 3A/B/C and Grade 2 (Retief Field)
Fri 15 (B)		Duty: Mr Paul
	12h00	JP Boys Hockey vs Kingswood: Grade 2 and Grade 3 Teams (Webster)
	14h00	JP Netball vs Kingswood: Grade 2 and Grade 3 (Fairlawn)
	14h00	K-Day ( DSG Astro)
Sat 16		Duty: Mr Paul
		Rugby vs Kingswood Junior (Fairlawn)
	08h00	K-Day JP Girls Hockey: All girls' teams (Webster)
Sun 17		Duty: Mr Paul
		Half term commences
		Prep Travel Day
	10h30	Tennis: Family Round Robin (DSG Courts)

### PRE-PRIMARY

The Great Big Pre-Primary Watercraft Launch takes place this Friday 15th June. So mums and dads, get your creative juices flowing and help your children to construct floating ships, sailing boats, rowing boats or ocean liners

We're looking forward to seeing your imaginative ideas!

### MERIT BOARD

Grade 4:  
Lukhanyo Oliphant



## Keeping you up to date



### SPORT

It has been a difficult period for the staff, coaches and children; we are just managing to make teams and ensuring that somehow we fulfil our fixture obligations. Flu is rampant and we are suffering! Nec Aspera Terrent!

The week's fixtures kicked off with our Grade 2 and 3 Netball teams in action against Oatlands at Fairlawn Courts on Wednesday. The matches, played in front of appreciative spectators including staff, parents and their peers were of a high standard with girls from both schools showing off good skills. The JP girls won three matches and drew the others.

Some good competitive hockey was played at Webster Astro by our Colts A team, which featured two Grade 6 players in a friendly fixture against Graeme U13A on Friday. The Colts won 2-0. On the same afternoon the Colts Bs went down against the Yellowwoods U13B team and in a first of its kind fixture, the Colts C team were hosted by VP U11A.

On Saturday, the Grade 3A and Grade 3B teams represented Prep/DSG at the DSG/Collegiate Derby Day at Collegiate in PE. Both teams were ravaged by the same flu affecting the boy's teams and went down by the same margin, 0-3.

The Rugby Club found itself shuffling around teams just before the games on Saturday morning due to forced illness withdrawals. Some boys played in two or even three games. The situation was not ideal particularly when playing against the strong Muir sides. The Muir Headmaster was most appreciative of Prep's willingness to retain the fixture despite all the withdrawals and thanked the boys for their willingness to give of themselves. All teams went down to hard running and more physical Muir College teams. The U9A team recorded an impressive 24 – 12 against Grahamstown Primary School.

The attention has switched to the much-anticipated K-Day. The fixture, though it is no different to any of our other schools fixtures, it carries a lot of hype. All our teams get to play matches against their peers from Kingswood Junior.

This Wednesday sees the JP Netball Grade 1 team take on their Kingswood counterparts at Fairlawns Courts.

On Thursday, the enthusiastic Grade 1 boys from the two schools will play Bondel Rugby on Fairlawn. Scores will not matter but the opportunity to interact with peers particularly from another school does.

The boys' Hockey Club will play at Webster Astro on Friday with matches starting at 11h30. The Netballers will be testing their skills against each other on Fairlawn Courts.

On Saturday, our junior girls hockey A teams will get the day started with their matches on Webster at 07h45 followed by the rest of games at Rhodes Astro at 11h30. Rugby matches start at 08h30.

It is pleasing to note that our two schools will compete in thirty matches throughout the week. The emphasis will be on the created opportunity to play, interact with peers and testing one's skills against players of equal abilities.

When parents come to support and cheer, coaches coach and players play, sport will be the winner.

To check out detailed K-Day sports fixtures and team lists; please use the link, <https://www.socscms.com/SOCS/PROSport/TodaysTeams.asp>

Regards

**Patrick Gumunyu**



**GRADE 1 OUTING**

Last Tuesday, our Grade 1s had their second Outdoor Ed of the year. We visited Delton Farm, where the children had a lorry ride through the bush, hiked to the dam, searched and collected minibeasts, had a scavenger hunt, made their own s'mores over an open fire and went on a boat ride. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the outdoors and interacting in a new environment with their entire grade. They displayed great team work and happily helped each other, carrying bags for one another (and in some cases even each other!).



**MUSIC**

The following pupils entered into the Trinity College London Music exams last week Friday and achieved wonderful results.

- Divan Eksteen – Grade 1 Flute – Distinction
- Zoe Painter – Piano Initial – Merit
- John Megone – Grade 3 Singing – Pass
- Christopher Pretorius – Grade 3 Guitar - Pass



**WORLD CUP DRAW**

The winning class will be treated to a Friesland milkshake Here are our class predictions:

CLASS	COUNTRY
4	Poland
5.1	Germany
5.2	Brazil
6.1	Belgium
6.2	France
7.1	Portugal
7.2	Argentina



**PREP GOLF DAY**



Thank you to everyone who braved the weather on Sunday to join us for the Prep Golf Day. We managed to raise a descent amount, which was handed over to Lara Kruiskamp from LIV Lukhanyiso Village. We would also like to thank the following sponsors; Business Sense, The Cockhouse, GBS, Hyundai, Kim Webber Real Estate and Seeff for their contributions.

Congratulations to Mr Simon Oliver and Mr Leon Coetzee who were the overall winners. Very closely followed by Mr Marc Paul, who graciously accepted the trophy on their behalf.

**Nicole Painter**

**GRADE 7 PRODUCTION**

The Grade 7 play production of *Guys & Dolls* was a major success. The boys were phenomenal! They looked and sounded like professionals on stage, their singing and acting were outstanding and they really looked like they were enjoying themselves immensely. All the hard work paid off and even though there were a number of boys sick in the final production week they pushed through and succeeded in making their play great. Well done to all the boys who made the magic happen on stage.

Well done, we are so incredibly proud of you all!





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