

ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 20 April 2010



Dear Parents

We have made a smooth start to what promises to be a very exciting term. A number of activities have already taken place - notably the Outdoor Education excursions in Grade 3 and 4 - both of which were very successful and enjoyable. We also held a rugby coaching clinic for our coaches, which proved to be very worthwhile.

Condolences

We do wish to extend our condolences to Mr Marc Paul and his family. Marc's father passed away last week. Our thoughts are with the Paul's at this sad time.

Road Safety

I have requested the Traffic Department to increase their vigilance in Cradock Road. Local parents will be aware of the tragic accident near the Golf Club in March involving a vehicle from the army base. With the traffic circle at the College nearing completion, we anticipate a speed hump to be installed at the pedestrian crossing, which will improve the situation.

In the meantime, parents are reminded to avoid parking on the red lines in Leicester and Bedford Streets and to drop your children off on the "school" side of the road. This means travelling "down" these two streets.

Parents are also encouraged to join me in writing to the local authorities, voicing their concerns.

The addresses are:

Chief Traffic Officer, Mr Hanekom, Makana Municipality, P O Box 176, GRAHAMSTOWN, 6140
The Officer Commanding, 6th South African Infantry, Private Bag X1014, GRAHAMSTOWN, 6140

In the meantime, we continue to remind our children about road safety and the need to exercise caution when crossing the road.

Full Houses

Well done to the following boys for achieving Full Houses for attitude & effort in Term 1:

Grade 4: J Campbell, B Cordner, S Cuthbert, J Davies, G Evans, A Froneman, X Gqiba, N Graham, J Hoefnagels, J Ireland, A Makeke, J Marx, W McAdam, M Meiklejohn, M Mtshali, O Ntsham, J Purdon, A Renaud

Grade 5: S Bala, R Brown, M De Kock, C Dugmore, L Hobson, M Holmes, P Marriner, M Pienaar, M Thomas, H Viljoen,

Grade 6.1: R Fietze, N Kroon, M Leach, A Muskett, B Phillips, K Skae, J Vermaak

Grade 6.2: N Aylett, T Bloem, K Boateng-Aidoo, W Marx, L Mngadi, C Southey, P Tharratt

Grade 7.1: J Baines, B Boateng-Aidoo, K Bush, O Fietze, T Hashatse, S Hobson, C Magezi

Grade 7.2: V Motsilili, R Skinner, J Alcock, S Benson, D Biggs, M Brown, T Burgess, R Gopal, J Marriner, O Nicholls, J Pienaar, D Scholtz, R Wortley

Our focus now shifts to the formal assessment due in Grade 6 & 7 this term. Please note that this date has been changed and will now commence after the Grade 7 Production. The new dates are from the 1-8 June. The senior boys will be given a timetable in this regard & emphasis will be placed on thorough preparation for this assessment.

Please assist us by emphasizing the importance of this round of tests with your son.

125th Anniversary

With the above assessments in mind, we have limited our anniversary activities this term. An update on the fund-raising drive is that we are now just over the million mark!

The sub-committee over-seeing the Art & Technology Centre project has decided, for various reasons, that it will be better to demolish the existing structure and start from scratch. The main reasons being that there is a damp problem in the existing structure and that it is on two different levels. This work is not scheduled to commence until year-end.

Sports News

Over the holiday period we received notice that five of our squash players have made it through to the second round of EP trials. Well done to: U13 - Otto Fietze, William Marx, Robbie Fietze and U11 - Joshua Marx, Richard Brown. This trial is scheduled for Sunday 9 May in Port Elizabeth.

In conclusion, if I could encourage parents to please use the correct channels in communicating with the school. We do value your feedback!

Best wishes for a wonderful winter term.

Graham

Quote for the week:

"Character is who you are when no one is watching."
Anonymous

Junior Prep News

I do apologise for the error in my beginning of term letter: **Grandparents Day: 9 June** (not August). Half term commences straight after Grandparents Day.

The weather is unpredictable as winter approaches and this makes it difficult to determine what **uniform** to wear. Please use your discretion when dressing your children for school, but do not mix winter and summer uniform. The Preppies are no longer to wear sandals to school this term. *There is a new very warm, winter waterproof jacket in stock at Birches - this is an optional buy for winter and can be worn with the school uniform. Make sure all Preppies have their hair brushed and neat for school everyday - no extensions or braids allowed.*

Eye-screening: Jenny Gopal will be screening the Junior Preppies eyes on Thursday 22 April at our school. We are grateful to her for offering this service to our pupils at no initial cost.

Pre-Primary News

Please Note:

The Pre-Primary Parents' Committee Meeting is on Wednesday 21 April, and not on Tuesday 27 April as per term calendar.

Welcome to Vera Skae who is with us for 3 weeks doing her practical teaching experience. We hope she enjoys her time with us!

Calling Grade 7 parents... WE NEED YOU!

We are calling on local Grade 7 parents to please come and help with the painting of the backdrop for the Grade 7 - Joseph production.

When: Saturday 24th May

Time: 09h00 - 16h00 (any time within these hours, even if you can only make it for an hour).

What to bring: Old clothes, energy and a sense of humour, it's going to be fun!

Please note: no artistic talent required.

Please contact Sasha Scholtz if you are able to help or have any queries: s.scholtz@saprepschool.com or 083 357 8232 or at Prep.

Good coffee, doughnuts and sandwiches provided throughout the day!

Many thanks
Sasha

BATHURST SHOW ART RESULTS:

Prep once again did extremely well in the Bathurst Show Art Competition held over the holidays. A total of 9 gold and 23 silver certificates were awarded, as well as a large number of highly commended stickers. Well done to all these young artists, your certificates will be handed out as soon as we receive them.

Please take time to come and see the Art work on display outside the Top Prep and Junior Prep Libraries.

REQUEST

We are looking for day boy parents or relatives of boarders who would be able to accommodate one or more boys from Bishops, on the evenings of the 4th and 5th of May 2010.

If you are able to help, please email Richard Jackson on r.jackson@saprepschool.com, by Friday, 23 April.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 20 April d5

17:00 Fundraising Committee meeting

Wednesday 21 April d6

13:00 PP Parents' Committee meeting

17:00 JP Parents' Committee meeting

17:15 Squash SAP I vs DSG II (SAC)

17:15 Squash SAP II vs DSG Junior (SAC)

Thursday 22 April d7

11:30 ABSA World Knowledge Olympiad (Gr 6&7)

17:00 SP Parents' Committee - postponed to 22 April

Friday 23 April d1

14:00 Hockey vs St George's U13A/U11A (a)

14:00 Albany Hockey League - postponed to 30 April

14:00 Tennis Bailey Cup vs Graeme (SAC and Prep)

Saturday 24 April

Duty Master - Mr Siphelo Mtshiki (Cell - 071 950 8392)

Sunday 25 April

18:30 Family Service (Memory Hall)

Monday 26 April d2

17:00 PDT meeting (SP Staffroom)

Tuesday 27 April d3

14:00 Tennis vs Graeme U11A (a) U11B (h)

14:00 Combined Schools' Freedom Day Celebration (Lower Field - SAC)

16:30 Pupil Council meeting (SP Library)

Wednesday 28 April d4

EC Eisteddfod - Speech and Drama commences

18:00 Squash SAP I vs Graeme College IV (Graeme)

Thursday 29 April d5

17:15 SP Parents' Committee meeting

Friday 30 April d6

12:00 Hockey vs Selborne U13A/U13B/U13C U11A/U11B (a)

14:00 Albany Hockey League U13D/U13E/U13F

15:00 Squash SAP II vs Graeme College Junior (SAC)

Saturday 1 May

Duty Master - Mr Marc Paul (Cell - 082 332 9004)

09:00 Hockey vs Erica U9A girls (DSG)

Sunday 2 May

18:30 Evening Prayers - Duty Master (Memory Hall)

PLAY IT FORWARD WITH MySchool

Thank you to those parents who have registered for Play It Forward. Every swipe adds points to your child's class total.

Prizes will be awarded each week to the class with the most points.

Last week the Grade 3 class had the highest points and won a R150.00 Woolworths gift card for a class party. This week the Grade 7.1 class has the highest points and have won a 15 minute extended break.

There are still 6 weeks left, so please swipe your card as often as you can to earn points for your child's class.

My School Card

Should you not yet have applied for a My School Card, kindly contact Tanya Redelinghuys on 046 - 603 2400, or email t.redelinghuys@saprepschool.com.