

ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 9 February 2010



Dear Parents

Last Thursday evening's Parents' AGM in Memory Hall was well attended. The outgoing Chairs of the Pre-Primary, Junior and Senior Prep Parents Committees all reported positively on the previous year's activities - indeed, it is most gratifying to see the numerous ways in which our parent body is involved in the life of the School.

In his address, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr Brin Brody, launched the 125 Anniversary Fund Raising Drive. The initial target was set at R1 200 000,00 and we are thrilled to announce that, to date, we have raised just short of 1 million!

The School has identified a capital project to mark the occasion of our 125th Anniversary. Our intention is to convert the existing Prep Clothing Shop, Workshop & Domestic Quarters into an Art & Technology Centre. The existing Workshop & Domestic Quarters will be relocated to the current Art Room.

A drawing depicting the above was on display at the AGM. The conversion involves removing the roof and redesigning the interior, as well as giving the façade a 'face-lift'. Copies of the new facility are available at the School should you wish to see.

Also on display at last Thursday's AGM was a plan of the 'ditch area' development below the Clubhouse. The Fundraising Committee are funding Phase 1 of this development, which is the securing of the stream banks, as well as the extension of the drainage pipes. Funding for Phases II and III - the paving and pedestrian walkway and bridge will be the task of the incoming Fundraising Committee!

One easy way for schools to secure funds is through the My School Card concept and we do encourage our parents to swipe your cards at recognised outlets.

I would like to remind parents about road safety when dropping off or collecting your children from school. Please respect the red lines at the pedestrian crossings in Leicester and Bedford Streets. In the case of Senior Prep children it is preferable to go up Hare Street and around the block, thereby dropping your respective children off on the school side of Leicester Street. Similarly, for Junior Prep and Pre-Primary children, if parents could travel 'down' Bedford Street, thereby negating the need for children to have to cross the road at peak traffic times.

The School continues to remind the children about road safety and it is hoped to have the local Traffic Authorities play a more visible role over the next fortnight. In the meantime, your assistance and co-operation in this regard would be appreciated.

In conclusion, tomorrow sees the start of the 125 Cycle Event. Grade 7 boys and a number of staff members will be involved. The route takes them on a circular trip on farm roads through the Albany District. The intention is to cycle for a period of 125 hours - an hour for each year of the School's existence.

The idea of an endurance-type event has a strong link with the past - Bishop Merriman walked from Uitenhage to Grahamstown and established St Andrew's College in 1855.

Our best wishes to all involved for this event which concludes on Sunday.

Have a good week!

Graham

Quote for the week:

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
- Winston Churchill

Junior Prep News

Please discourage Junior Preppies from bringing **toys** to school. We do not mind when children bring something special to show, but then it must be left in the teacher's care until home time.

Thank you to all of you who attended the teacher presentations and our AGM last Thursday. There were an encouraging amount of parents who took a keen interest in the events of the evening. Congratulations to the newly **elected members of our Junior Prep Parents' Committee for 2010**, namely: Dave Barker, Warren Snowball, Ford Evanson, Daksha Naran, Shannon Bradfield, Jenny Gopal and Natasja Eksteen. Their various portfolios will be finalized at our meeting next week.

Pre-Primary News

We hope you are shining your dancing shoes (children included!) for the 125th Celebration Ball on Friday 19 February!

The Audiologist will be visiting us on the 9th and 10th March to do "Hearing Screening Tests" at school with all the children at a cost of R60.00, which will be charged to your account. It is an extremely valuable exercise to do with children at this age. She makes it into a fun experience for the children!

You are also invited to attend a workshop at Kingswood Junior School about "Central Auditory Processing Disorders" (CAPD) on Tuesday 9 March at 14h30, presented by Karien Fourie (audiologist) and Sheila White (Speech & Language Therapist)

Please diarise this date if you are interested in attending the workshop.

SPORTS RESULTS

U9A Cricket vs Grahamstown Primary - 3 February

Prep 129 for 6
R Ford - 30 n.o., D Davies - 30 n.o.
GT Primary 113 for 8
R Ford - 2 for 11, V Bills - 2 for 13
Prep won by 16 runs

U13C Cricket vs Grahamstown Primary - 4 February

Prep 117 for 4
N Aylett - 51, R Skinner - 48
GT Primary 93 for 6
N Aylett - 3 for 8 in 4 overs
Prep won by 24 runs

U13C Tennis vs Kingswood - 5 February

Doubles: 15 games all
Singles: Prep won 43 games to 30
Overall: Prep won 58 games to 45

Albany Tennis

We would like to congratulate the following boys who have been selected to play in the Albany Tennis team:

U10 - J Marx, S Cuthbert, J Davies, D Davies
U12 - B Phillips, T Bloem, D Kathoke, L Hobson

Swimming

Well done to:

Swimming Captain for 2010 - Ross Wortley
and Vice-Captain - Daniel Scholtz

Parent Committees : 2010

Senior Prep

Martin Scholtz (Chair/Gr 7.2), Sally Price-Smith (Secretary/Gr 7.1), Stephen Ireland (Gr 4), Suretha Gess (Gr 4), Jo-Anne De Kock (Gr 5), Deon Viljoen (Gr 5), Graham Leach (Gr 6.1), Carol Cuthbert (Gr 6.1), Joshua Paton (Gr 7.1), Angie Gooden (Gr 7.1), JP Pienaar (Gr 7.2), Jenny Gopal (Gr 7.2)

Junior Prep

Dave Barker, Warren Snowball, Ford Evanson, Daksha Naran, Shannon Bradfield, Jenny Gopal and Natasja Eksteen

Pre-Primary

Kerry Barrow (Chair), Nickie Turner (Secretary), Kelly Long (Fundraising Rep), Jo-Anne De Kock (New Parent Liaison), Beth McAdam, Patsy Scherman, Niki Cunningham, Colleen Vassilliou, Alix Whittington-Jones, Shannon Bradfield



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Fun Family
Evening

Living Maths (a Cape Town based NGO) will be running a very entertaining family maths evening at St Andrews Prep. The levels will be appropriate for children (and parents) from grades 4 - 7. All you need to bring is yourselves, something to write with and on and a pair of scissors. Calculators are welcome. Be prepared to solve brain-teasers and win cool prizes. Please feel free to bring a picnic hamper.

DATE: Thursday 24 Mar 2010
VENUE: School Hall
TIME: 6:30pm – 8:00 pm
COST: FREE

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 9 February d5

13:00 Pre-Primary Parents' Committee meeting
14:00 Tennis vs Graeme U13A(h) U13B(a)
16:30 Short Course Gala (DSG)

Wednesday 10 February d6

06:00 Prep 125th Cycle commences
14:00 Cricket U13C vs Kingswood C (h) U13D vs KC D (a)
17:00 Fundraising Committee meeting (SP Staffroom)

Thursday 11 February d7

Prep 125th Cycle
14:00 Mixed Tennis U11/DSG (DSG)
15:15 Junior Prep Assessment meeting
17:00 Board Exco mtg (Clubhouse) – postponed to 18 Feb

Friday 12 February d1

Prep 125th Cycle
Tennis EC Mini Series 1 (PE)
13:00 Sleep-out weekend
14:00 Tennis vs Kingswood U11A(a) U11B(h)

Saturday 13 February

Duty Master – Mr Mark Tharratt 071 688 6650
Prep 125th Cycle
Tennis EC Mini Series 1 (PE)

09:00 Cricket vs Gill (cancelled)

Sunday 14 February

10:00 Prep 125th Cycle returns
Tennis EC Mini Series 1 (PE)
18:30 Evening Prayers (Duty Master)

Monday 15 February d2

14:00 Albany Swimming Trials (KC)
16:30 Pupil Council meeting (SP Library)

Tuesday 16 February d3

14:00 Kid's Lit Quiz (PE) - cancelled

Wednesday 17 February d4

13:00 JP Parents' Committee meeting
14:00 Cricket vs Graeme College U13A/U11A/U9A(a)
U13B/U13C/U11B(h)
17:15 SP Parents' Committee meeting (SP Staffroom)

Thursday 18 February d5

10:00 Reward Week (Parnell)
17:00 Board Exco mtg (Clubhouse)

Friday 19 February d6

Independent Schools' Cricket Fest commences (Kearsney College)
18:00 Pre-Primary 125th Celebration Ball

Saturday 20 February

Duty Master – Mr Richard Jackson 082 838 6214
09:00 Cricket vs Graeme U13A(tbc)/U11A/U9A(h)
U13B/U13C/U11B(a)
Independent School's Cricket Festival

Sunday 21 February

Independent School's Cricket Festival
18:30 Evening Prayers (Duty Master)

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE

10 - 14 Feb		Prep 125th Cycle
Fri, 19 Feb	18h00	Pre-Primary 125th Ball
Wed, 24 Feb	09h00	JP Inter-house Gala
	17h30	Steak Evening
Thurs, 25 Feb	09h00	SP Inter-house Gala
Half-term commences after SP Gala		

Birthday Books

Children are invited to donate a book to the school Library on their respective birthdays. Mrs Karen Hobson has a selection of books to assist in this regard – all suitable for children at this level. The amount can be debited to your child's account. Should you wish to donate a book, kindly email Karen at k.hobson@saprepschool.com. Please support this worthwhile exercise.