



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 12 May 2009

Dear Parents

Welcome back! The winter term has got off to a good start with a host of activities having taken place already. The Grade 6's enjoyed a wonderful learning experience at Esingeni just outside Grahamstown last week. The winter sports programme has begun in earnest with a round of rugby fixtures against Graeme College last Saturday. Three of our boys participated in the second round of EP Squash trials on Sunday.

This week sees us participating in the local Eisteddfod. Well done to the Grade 6's for achieving silver in their respective Choral Verse items!

The holiday memories are fast fading and we are fully into the swing of what promises to be an exciting and busy term.

Holiday News

The Prep community was deeply saddened to learn that one of our Grade 3 boys, Timothy Fick, was killed in a motor car accident at the start of the holidays. Tim will be remembered very fondly by us all. He was a dear friend to many and a wonderful, lively young man, full of life and energy.

Our condolences to Martin and Jess and to the children, David and Ruth and we wish them a speedy recovery from the injuries that they sustained.

A memorial service was held for Tim in Memory Hall last Wednesday. I would encourage all of us to continue to uphold the Ficks in our thoughts and prayers.

We also learnt that Mrs Jenny Wilkinson's father passed away over the weekend. Our condolences to Jenny and Roger and the family at this time.

Staff News

Staff news is that Mr Bruce White will be leaving us at the end of the term. Bruce will be taking up a teaching post in Oman in August. He has served Prep faithfully for the past 18 years and will be missed - particularly on the rugby field! We will have opportunity to say farewell at the end of the term.

Graham

Pre-Primary News

There is a happy buzz at school with everyone involved in all the exciting activities available!

Report Files:

Please return the Report Files by Friday 15 May, if you have not yet done so.

GO YELLOW DAY:

Bring R5.00 to school on Friday 22 May and dress in YELLOW in aid of Hospice!

Junior Prep News

Please check your children's school uniform at home and in the **lost property basket** at school. Everyone's clothes **MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED** with their own name on it. If you find anything belonging to other Preppies please send it back to school. I will be clearing out the lost property basket soon and donating the contents to charity.

The **Bathurst Show art** has been returned and is presently in our JP foyer. Do take a look sometime. The children have produced some beautiful pieces of art.

Be sure to return '**Grandparent Day return slips**' asap. We need to start making arrangements and sending out invitations.

On Wednesday our Junior Preppies will be participating in the **Eisteddfod**. The different classes will be reciting poems in the Thomas Pringle Hall from 8h30-10h15. All Preppies must come dressed in Winter uniform, but NO TRACKSUITS.

Bathurst Show Art Competition

Congratulations to the following Junior and Senior Preppies who did so well in the Bathurst Show Art Competition. We were thrilled at the number of Gold (10) and Silver certificates (13) awarded as well as the many Highly Commended (16) stickers placed on our pupils art and pottery entries. Well done to all the boys and girls.

Gold certificates: Lucy McAdam, Georgia Brunette, James Davies, Ryan Kabwato, Jack Brunette, Timothy Paton, Leith Hobson, Dean Hodgen x 2, Eava Ferreira

Silver certificates: Lucy McAdam, Kelby Barker, Mkrancolo Nhanha, Mbaso Magwaxaza, Richard Brown x 2, Hugo Ngxenge, Luntu Gqiba, Timothy Paton, Christopher McCarthy, Mark Boshoff, Philani Ngoma, Zinzan Angus-Leppan

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12 May d5

14:00 Tennis vs PJ Olivier U13C/D (h)

18:30 Squash League vs DSG (a)

Wednesday 13 May d6

17:00 JP Parents' Committee meeting

Thursday 14 May d7

17:00 SP Parents' Committee meeting

Friday 15 May d1 **Duty Master - Marc Paul 082 332 9004**

14:00 Hockey vs Cambridge

U13A/B/C/D and U11A/B (a)

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

18:30 Squash League vs DSG - moved to Tuesday 12 May

Saturday 16 May

09:00 Rugby vs Cambridge U13A/B/C, U11A/B, U9A (h)

Sunday 17 May

18:30 Family Service (Memory Hall)

Monday 18 May d2

Grade 7 Entrepreneurship commences

- postponed to after half-term

17:00 PDT meeting (SP Staffroom)

Tuesday 19 May d3

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

13:00 Pre-Primary Parents' Committee meeting

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

16:00 Pupil Council meeting (SP Library)

17:00 Fundraising Committee meeting

Wednesday 20 May d4

14:00 Rugby vs Muir College U13A/B/C U11A/B (h)

Thursday 21 May d5

17:00 Prep Board Exco meeting (Clubhouse)

Friday 22 May **Duty Master - Mark Tharratt 082 596 4107**

13:00 Sleep-out weekend for boarders

13:30 Hockey vs Selborne U13A/B/C/D U11A/B (h)

15:15 Squash League vs SAC (DSG)

Saturday 23 May

09:00 Rugby vs Gill U13B/C U11A/B U9A (a)

09:00 Hockey vs Gill U9A girls (a)

Sunday 24 May

18:30 College Chapel (Father Gary)

SPORTS RESULTS

Rugby vs Graeme College - 9 May

U9A lost 14-35

U11B lost 0-48

U11A lost 5-44

U13C lost 0-42

U13B lost 0-12

U13A lost 7-24

Knysna Private Schools Tennis Festival

Kieran Witthuhn and Chris McCarthy - 1st

Hugo de la Fargue and Mark Boshoff - 10th

PLEASE DIARISE!!!

PARENTS' FORUM TUESDAY 28 MAY 2009 19h00

Dr Fred Oosthuizen, an experienced medical practitioner who is currently specialising in Sports Science, will be addressing a Parent Forum in the Mullins. His topic will be The use of supplements : advantages and disadvantages. We hope this will help to dispel some of the myths and misinformation which are currently circulating regarding the use of a number of products which are freely available and which promise enhanced performance on the sports field. This is a wonderful opportunity for us, as parents, to become better informed on this subject and it would be most beneficial to attend this forum. Dr Oosthuizen will talk to the boys earlier in the day, when he will be happy to answer any of their questions.

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2009

MAKANA BRICK GROCOTTS CYCLE RACE - 10KM; 34 KM OR 80.4 KM. STARTS AND ENDS AT GOLF CLUB. REGISTRATION AT GOLF CLUB ON SATURDAY 16 MAY FROM 17h30. For more info please contact Stephen Penney on 0824688384

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY – PICK 'N PAY FUN RUN – EITHER 4KM OR 8KM RACE STARTING AND ENDING AT GRAEME COLLEGE (SOMERSET FIELD). ENTRANCE R5 FOR 4KM AND R10 FOR 8KM. LOTS OF SPOT PRIZES AND STEAK BRAAI AVAILABLE FROM 17H00. MEDALS TO ALL FINISHERS. REGISTRATION FROM 16H00 AND RACE STARTS AT 17H15 FROM SOMERSET FIELD.

SATURDAY 30 MAY – Hospice Golf Day – Grahamstown Golf Club.

Oatlands Preparatory School is celebrating its 60th birthday this year. They plan to hold a special celebratory dinner on 20 June 2009 to which past pupils will be invited. If you (or your parents) were at Oatlands between 1949 and 1994, please send your name and contact details to the school on tel/fax 046-622 2935 or send us an e-mail to oatlands@imatinet.co.za

KINGSWOOD JUNIOR "MOONLIT FIESTA"

The Kingswood Junior Parents Association would like to invite the Grahamstown Community to its annual "Moonlit Fiesta" on Friday, 22 May 2009 at Kingswood Junior.

This fun filled evening starts at 17h00 and will include a live band, a food court, stalls and games. We look forward to seeing you there!

GO YELLOW DAY

FRIDAY 22 MAY, 2009

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