



ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 17 May 2009

Dear Parents

The annual Eisteddfod draws to a close this week. What a wonderful experience this has been for our children! The results have been most gratifying – both in the individual and group items. We will be having a short presentation of selected items in Grades 4-7 this Thursday in Memory Hall from 10h00 – 10h45 and parents are most welcome to attend. Parents of children in the Junior Prep will have an opportunity to see a sample of their children's efforts on Grandparents' Day next month.

We are very proud of all of our girls and boys and spare a thought for the teachers who had very limited time to put the group items together!

Last week's Senior Prep Parents' Committee was well attended and a very positive atmosphere prevailed. One issue at present relates to our concern over the quality of the new golf shirts. We have returned a batch to Birch's and these have been replaced at no charge. In addition, Birch's have switched the supplier and new stock of these shirts arrived last week. It is strongly recommended that, in the event of there being a problem with your son's shirt – particularly the stitching around the collar – that parents take this up with Mr Locke as a matter of urgency.

Another matter of concern that has come through is the crossing in Cradock Road. We do remind the children regularly and I am pleased to note the police presence at this crossing this morning.

One other matter was that of the ditch area below the Clubhouse at Fairlawn. A plan to put in a pathway between the tennis court and the bottom of the Fairlawn bank leading into the Junior Prep and Pre-Primary has been put together. This will be displayed in the Clubhouse in due course for parents to see.

There have been a few changes to the term calendar. One is that the Grade 7 Entrepreneurship Programme has been moved to after half-term. Please note that the Seafood Evening is coming up shortly. Booking is essential in order to avoid disappointment. Please see details below.

Graham

Pre-Primary News

Pre-Primary Parent's Information Evening:

Please Diarise this Date!

Tuesday 9 June at 17h30.

We will have a presentation on "**How movement assists in Learning**"

Once again have a mountain of unclaimed, unnamed lost property. Please come and check whether anything belongs to your child. We will give the unclaimed items to a charity on Friday.

GO YELLOW DAY:

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

Junior Prep News

Our Preppies took part in the **Eisteddfod** last week. Considering time constraints and some pressure all round, they did extremely well. Congratulations to all our children and their teachers. They earned one double gold, three gold and a silver certificate for choral verse.

On Friday we will be supporting Hospice with a '**GO YELLOW**' day. Preppies must come to school dressed in civvies with as much yellow as possible. Each child is encouraged to bring R5 with them to donate to this worthy cause. This will be handed in to their class teacher, then to Hospice soon after.

Please check your children's **school clothes**. They must be clearly marked with their own names. We are still missing some tracksuit tops and jerseys that children have lost at school.

Seafood Evening 30 May

Tickets for the Seafood Evening are R175.00 per head, and bookings can be made through Ana Zacharellis on 0825787042 or ana@imagnet.co.za, or Janine Harris on 082 801 2385 or j.harris@ru.ac.za. There are only 120 tickets.

Live Band

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

Rugby vs Muir College (h)

	Fairlawn A	Fairlawn B
14:30	U11A	U13C
15:20	U13B	U11B
16:10	U13A	

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

Rugby vs Gill (a)

09:00	U11B / Gr 1&2	09:45	U9A
10:20	U13B	11:00	U11A
11:50	U13B		

09:00 Hockey vs Gill U9A girls (a)

Sunday 24 May

18:30 College Chapel (Father Gary)

Monday 25 May d7

10:45 Combined Schools' Tea (DSG)
 Riverside Theatre Company production (time to be confirmed)

Tuesday 26 May d1

Wednesday 27 May d2

- 10:00 Music Reward Week (Parnell)
 15:00 Rugby vs Gill U13A (h)

Thursday 28 May d3

- 17:00 Prep Board meeting (Clubhouse)
 14:00 Hockey vs VP U9/U8 girls (a)

Friday 29 May d4 Duty Master-Bruce White 071 688 6660

- 14:00 Hockey vs Grey U13A/B/C/D U11A/B (a)
 14:00 Tennis - Bailey Cup vs Kingswood (Kingswood)
 15:15 Squash League vs Graeme (a)

Saturday 30 May

- 09:00 Rugby vs Grey U13A/B/C U11A/B U9A (h)
 09:00 Hockey vs Collegiate U9A girls (h)
 19:00 Seafood Evening (Memory Hall)

Sunday 31 May

- 08:00 Final EP Schools' Squash Trial (PE)
 18:30 Evening Prayers - Duty Master (Memory Hall)

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.

SPORTS RESULTS

Winter League Squash vs DSG—12 May

Prep won 11-9

U13C/D Tennis vs PJ Olivier—12 May

Prep won two rounds of doubles - 77 games to 37

Hockey vs Cambridge—15 May

U11B	lost	0-4
U11A	won	7-1
U13B	won	3-0
U13A	won	1-0

Rugby vs Graeme College - 9 May

U9B	lost	0-42
U9A	lost	7-35
U11B	lost	0-63
U11A	lost	0-20
U13C	lost	0-37
U13B	lost	12-32
U13A	lost	7-10

REMINDER!!!

PARENTS' FORUM THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2009 : 19h00

Dr Fred Oosthuizen will be addressing a Parent Forum in the Mullins. His topic will be The use of supplements : advantages and disadvantages.

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 them an e-mail to oatlands@imaginet.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.

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