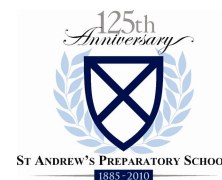


ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 16 February 2010



Dear Parents

The 125 Cycle event went off extremely well last week. The Grade 7s, accompanied by a number of staff members set out from Grahamstown last Wednesday morning on bicycles. Their journey took them through farmland down to the Fish River, across to the Kariega, onto Highlands and back to Grahamstown via Alicedale and Riebeeck East.

In so doing the group clocked up 125 hours of cycling and covered a distance of approximately 300km. This was indeed, an amazing achievement. That it went off so smoothly was due to the superb support and organisation, and my sincere thanks to all the staff involved and, in particular to Mr Paul who convened the event. Congratulations too, to the Grade 7s who had to 'dig deep' and show considerable determination in overcoming some challenging terrain as well as fatigue.

This is an achievement that will, no doubt, live on in their memories for years to come!

This weekend sees our U13A cricketers participating in the annual Prep Schools' Cricket Festival - hosted this year by Highbury at Kearsney College in KZN. This is probably one of the premier Prep Schools' Cricket Festivals in the country and we wish our boys well!

Next week sees our Inter-house and Junior Prep Galas take place, followed by half-term. Parents are invited to our traditional Steak Evening on the Wednesday evening at the Clubhouse. If you could please assist with regard to catering by completing & returning the attached slip over-leaf, by Monday, 22 February, at the latest.

In the meantime our swimmers have done well in the Albany Trials Gala at Kingswood, held yesterday, and also last week's Individual Gala at DSG. We are awaiting the final results of yesterday's gala to see who will represent the District.

Have a good week!

Graham

Quote for the week:

"Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans"
John Lennon

Junior Prep News

It is our Junior Prep Gala next week Wednesday at 9h00 and we look forward to seeing many of our parents there. Preppies come to school at the normal time on that day, dressed for the gala. (Swimming costumes are to be worn with their white sports shirt, towels and sandals). We will walk them up to the pool by 9h00 to start the races. Tea will be served on Robert Lawn afterwards. Half term commences for the Junior Preppies once the Gala is finished at approximately 11h00. Please make suitable arrangements to collect your children at that time.

Junior Prep Swimming

Well done to **all** the swimmers who took part in the Short Course Gala last week in the DSG pool.

Backstroke: (Boys) 1st Daniel Davies, 3rd Ryan Ford
(Girls) 1st Mila Snyman, 2nd Laura Fowlds
Breaststroke: (Boys) 1st Daniel Davies, 3rd Jason Thomas
(Girls) 1st Diana Dixie, 2nd Kelby Barker,
3rd Carina Kemp
Freestyle: (Boys) 1st Daniel Davies
(Girls) 1st Mila Snyman, 2nd Laura Fowlds

Pre-Primary News

CELEBRATION TIME!

WHAT: Pre-Primary 125th Celebration Ball
WHERE: Pre-Primary School
WHEN: Friday 19 February at 18h00
DRESS: Formal (Princes and Princesses)
WHO: Pre-Primary children, moms and dads, brothers and sisters
BRING: Bring and share - a platter of finger snacks (enough for your family)
Your own drinks
COST: Priceless - just lots of fun!
See you all there for a wonderful, magical evening!!!

HALF TERM:

Wednesday 24 February at 12h00
No Aftercare

STEAK EVENING:

Wednesday 24 February at 17h30 (Clubhouse)



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

MUSIC NEWS

The Prep Marimba Band, under the direction of Mr Hilton Borerwe and Mr Daniel Hutchinson enjoyed an extremely successful (and extremely hot!) Marimba Camp at Amakhala Conservation Centre last weekend. The boys were privileged to take part in a marimba workshop led by Badge Tampabera, a renowned Zimbabwean musician who is currently living in PE. The boys were extended, and learnt new techniques which they demonstrated at a performance on the Saturday evening for Amakhala guests and staff. On Sunday morning they played during the service at St Peter's Church in Sidbury. The weekend was fun, with the boys camping at the Centre, and we would like to thank Giles and Jennifer Gush, and Heidi and William Fowlds of Amakhala for all their support.

Please note that the Reward Week Concert which is on the calendar for Thursday 18 February will not take place. This concert has been replaced by a week long assessment process which will take place during the course of the boys' music lessons, with different teachers assessing their playing. The boys will display their talents at the end of term Music Concert!

SPORTS RESULTS

U13C Cricket vs Kingswood - 10 February

Prep 104 for 7
P Tharratt - 41 runs, T Botha - 22 runs
Kingswood 97 for 4
Prep won by 7 runs

U13D Cricket vs Kingswood - 10 February

Prep 99 for 0
S Sandi 54 runs, E Barnard - 12 runs
Kingswood 101 runs
D Joseph - 3 wickets

U11A Tennis vs Kingswood - 12 February

Singles: Prep won 25 games to 22
Doubles: Prep lost 12 games to 15
Overall: Match tied 37 games all

U11B Tennis vs Kingswood - 12 February

Singles: Prep won 25 games to 19
Doubles: Prep won 18 games to 8
Overall: Prep won 43 games to 27

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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 (postponed)/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)

Monday 22 February d7

Independent School's Cricket Festival concludes
Grade 4 Outdoor Ed. departs
07:30 Grade 6 Outdoor Ed. departs
(Ingwe Forest Adventures - Knysna)
14:00 Pre-Primary Assessment meeting

Tuesday 23 February d1

Grade 4 Outdoor Ed.
Grade 6 Outdoor Ed.
08:00 SAC Scholarship Exam (Grade 7's) - POSTPONED
14:00 Tennis vs PJ Olivier U13C/D(h)

Wednesday 24 February d2

Grade 4 Outdoor Ed. Returns
08:00 SAC Scholarship Exam (Grade 7's)
09:00 JP Inter-house Gala
12:00 JP and Pre-Primary Half-term commences
No Aftercare
14:00 Cricket SAP U13C vs SAP U13D(h)
14:00 Cricket U13A vs Graeme (h)
17:00 Grade 6 Outdoor Ed. returns
17:30 Steak Evening (Clubhouse)

Thursday 25 February d3

09:00 SP 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.

STEAK EVENING : WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 18h00

Please return slip with your order and money by Monday, 22 February

NAME:	Quantity	Price	Total
Rump Steak, Salads & Rolls		R60.00	
Chicken Kebab, Salads & Rolls		R60.00	
2 Boerewors Rolls, Juice & Ice Cream		R30.00	
1 Boerewors Roll, Juice & Ice Cream		R20.00	
TOTAL			