



Dear Parents

The third term has got off to a smooth start. The girls and boys all appear to have had a restful holiday and we are looking forward to the spring term!

The Junior and Senior Prep children are busy with various benchmarking tests this week. These are in the form of an external exam which we use for benchmarking purposes and have been doing so for a number of years now.

We have made a good start to the athletics season with all the girls and boys being actively involved in this activity. This programme will run for the next five weeks or so in the build-up to the annual Inter-schools and Inter-house athletics meetings.

We have two PGCE students doing their teaching prac at present - Lizo Mpambane in Grade 6 and Themba Ralo in Grade 7. It is wonderful to have them with us.

This week sees the start of the Grade 7 Entrepreneurship Programme. The boys have arranged themselves into groups (or companies) and have been fully briefed as to expectations. They have impressed thus far with their readiness and enthusiasm. The boys will be permitted to 'trade' at tea times on Tuesday and Thursdays. I do know that many moms tend to get 'roped in' and I do thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

This Friday we will be supporting the disabled in our community. Children may wear civvies to school and the cost is R5.00. The response to our appeal for sports equipment and other items last term was wonderful. This morning we were able to donate a bakkie load of items to the disadvantaged in our community - thank you all!

Please note that Parent Committee meetings are scheduled to take place this week, as per calendar, and members are reminded to take note of times and venues.

We have two major fundraising events planned for this term. The annual Sponsored Walk takes place on Saturday, 3rd October, whilst the Carnival makes a welcome return on 1 November. Please diarise these events.

We also have a very busy extramural programme lined up with various activities and tours taking place this term.

The staff and I look forward to working with your children in ensuring a worthwhile and successful term.

Regards

Graham

Junior Prep News

This term has started off well. We are all glad to be back and school life is 'a-buzz' - just like the busy bees out there this Spring. Athletics practices are underway and in the classrooms exciting things are happening. We have 3 PGCE students with us for a few weeks - Sam Makin, Ilze Bezuidenhout, and Laura Sheppard. We welcome them to our school and trust they will be enriched by their time spent with us at Prep.

Next week the whole Junior Prep school, Gr 1, 2 & 3 pupils will start their day at Top Prep until the week of the play, in order to fit in a play practice at the beginning of each morning. Please drop your child off by 07h30 at Top Prep every morning with their school bag and collect them down at Fairlawn after school at the usual time in the afternoon.

PREP SHOP

Kindly note that the Prep Shop hours are as follows:

**Mondays & Wednesdays : 07h15 - 08h15 &
Fridays : 14h00 - 16h00**

Mrs Blessing Hutchinson can be contacted on 073 924 0985 should you need to make arrangements for her to open at another time during office hours

Pre-Primary News

Grandparents' Day:

Wednesday 16 September at 10h00.

We can't wait for them to visit us!

School T-Shirts:

The order list is at school. Please come and place your order by Friday 18 September.



THANK YOU PREP PARENTS!

A BIG thank you must go to all our wonderful Prep families whom so very generously donated items for our Outreach "Spring Clean Collection". The huge volume of goods was sorted this Saturday and we are delighted to be able to distribute to the following worthy organisations and groups:
Hospice, Raphael Centre,
Fikizolo Primary School, CSD and
River Roost (Sport outreach in Kenton)
and the Settlers Hospital ARV Clinic.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

Birthday Books

A reminder that you are invited to donate a book to the School Library on your child's birthday.

Mrs Karen Hobson has a selection of books to assist in this regard. Should you wish to donate a book, kindly email her at k.hobson@saprepschool.com.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8 September (d7)

- 07:30 Conquesta (Grades 4 and 5)
- 08:30 Maths Biathlon (Grade 7)
- 08:30 Conquesta (Grades 2 and 3)
- 13h00 Pre-Primary Parents' Committee meeting

Wednesday 9 September (d1)

- 13:10 JP Parents' Committee meeting

Thursday 10 September (d2)

- 16:30 Pupil Council meeting
- 17:00 SP Parents' Committee meeting (SP Staffroom)

Friday 11 September (d3)

Duty Master – Mr Graham Gooden – 084 580 3216

- 07:30 Conquesta (Grades 4 and 5)
- 14:00 Junior Tennis House match - Lions vs Tigers

Saturday 12 September

Sunday 13 September

- 18:00 Family Service (Memory Hall)

Monday 14 September (d4)

- 08:30 SACEE Language Challenge (Grade 1 – 7)
- 11:30 "Hooked on Books" for Grade 4 – 7 (Memory Hall)
- 16:30 PDT meeting (Staffroom)

Tuesday 15 September (d5)

- 09:00 "Hooked on Books" for Grade 0 – 3 (Kingswood)
- 14:00 Quadrangular Athletics meeting - Prep 'B'/Shaw Park/DSG/Yellowwoods

Wednesday 16 September (d6)

- 10:00 Pre-Primary Grandparents Day
- 18:00 Old Prep Supper (Memory Hall)

Thursday 17 September (d7)

- St John's Cricket Tour arrive
- 10:00 Bridge House Cricket Tour arrive
- 14:00 Cricket vs St Johns U13B
- 14:00 Cricket vs Bridge House U11A/U11B (h)
St John's and Bridge House overnight

Friday 18 September (d1)

Duty Master – Mr Siphelo Mtshiki – 078 256 6255

Sleep-out weekend

- St John's depart
- 14:00 Senior Tennis House match - Tigers vs Griffin
- 17:00 Inter-school Squash Tournament commences (RU)
Bridge House overnight

Saturday 19 September

- 08:30 Bridge House depart
- 08:30 Inter-school Squash Tournament

Sunday 20 September

- 12:00 Inter-school Squash Tournament concludes
- 18:30 Evening Prayers – Duty Master (Memory Hall)

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