



St Paulus Preprimary and Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

There was an excellent turn-out of parents, which is heartening, as it enables teachers to communicate important ways in which the home-school partnership works in specific grades and classes. As teachers will have told you, the Homework Diary is an easy way of communicating. If there is anything you feel the teachers should know, a quick note in the Diary will suffice. We shall be taking a firm stand on ensuring that Homework is completed on the correct day. SMS's will be sent to parents to notify them when children neglect homework.

GRADE SEVEN 2010

Our Grade Seven Leaders have begun their final year in Primary School on a very positive note. I addressed Grade Seven parents last night, but as there were very few present, I include some important information:

Our Grade Seven year is unique to St Paulus. We invest time, energy and expertise on developing leadership skills and essential life skills to equip our young people for the rigours of High School and to give them the tools necessary to withstand peer pressure. Our young people have already attended their first Leadership Workshop, and the Rich Ranch experience is designed to develop a special bond within the group and for them all to value the importance of working together and supporting the TEAM.

“Together Everyone Achieves More.” All Grade Seven's have the opportunity to earn two LLC badges and once these have been earned, they have full LLC privileges. We are eager to assist them in achieving both badges by the end of the First Term. They have been given a list of specific criteria to fulfil. These are readily attainable by any Grade Seven who makes an effort in this regard.

They may track themselves against criteria and speak to teachers if they would like some assistance or guidance. We have also clearly defined the non-negotiables – behaviour for which there is zero-tolerance. This includes disrespect of teachers, disruption of lessons which prevents others from learning and bullying, lying, stealing or cheating. We also take a firm stand against neglect of homework at Grade Seven level. Children guilty of any unacceptable behaviour will be removed from classes immediately and parents will be contacted. They will also have to return their badges. Please support us in this as we want to make this year a safe, happy, positive learning and growing experience for all our Grade Seven's and this is dependent on our working in a disciplined environment in which children adhere to the maxim; “Respect for Self and Others.” We wish our LLC leaders a safe and fun-filled Grade Seven Camp next week. Thank you to our HOD's, Mrs Lizette van Zyl and Mrs van der Wielen, as well as Ms Ella van Zyl and Ms Vosloo, for accompanying the group for the week. I shall join them on Thursday – especially to assess the Group Concerts that evening – and we shall all return by 13:30 on Friday.

WELCOME

We welcome the following new staff members:
Ms Taryn Deetlefs to Grade One
Ms Yolanda Collins as Specialised Afrikaans teacher
Ms Brenda Oosthuizen as Pre-School Aftercare Supervisor
Ms Anél Cloete as Pre-School Assistant
Mr Michael Hamlett as Aftercare Coach for senior boys
Mr Jan Matemetotja. Mr Matemetotja is the school's dedicated driver. He now lives on the premises in the flatlet and acts as after-hours Janitor.

NEW PARENTS' SOCIAL FUNCTION

All Grade One parents, and the new parents from Grade 00 – Grade Seven are invited to the “New Parents’ Welcome Evening,” hosted by the PTA, on 3 February. You will receive a personal invitation in the near future! Please diarise the event.

TO REMEMBER

Thursday is “Recycling Day”. Remember to wash ‘n squash all recyclables and deliver to the Village every Thursday.

Staff Parking: Please do not park in the parking bays reserved for staff. Last night, a few of the teachers who had left the premises to fetch and deliver their own children before the Parents’ Evening, returned to find that their parking spaces were occupied.

Having a Makro and “My School Card” in St Paulus’ name, and swiping these every time you purchase, benefits the school financially. For more information, contact your PTA Representative or Ilze Venter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Milan Erasmus and Lucca Swart excelled at the Gauteng North Lifesaving Championships recently, taking First and Second places respectively in the many events. Well done, Boys!

Hannah Rüttsch, second daughter to John and Olga and sister to Lili, was born on 8 January. We welcome her to the St Paulus family.

MELICAN MULTI-MEDIA CENTRE

Some comments from our senior students:

Ashley: “The Library looks far better than a public library!”

Selwyn: “Ek is so beïndruk met die nuwe biblioteek.”

Bravura Music Academy is again in full swing. Please contact Altus Muller (072 0779 271) or Cynthia van der Mescht (084 5488 293) for further information, or collect a copy of their information letter from the School Office.

May you have a peaceful weekend with your children!

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Friday, 22 January

Beginning of Year Mass

Monday, 25 – 29 January

Gr. 7 Camp

Cricket at Rietondale:

U/13 A & B

Tuesday, 26 January

Cricket at Lyttelton:

U/13 A & B

Wednesday, 27 January

Cricket at Lyttelton:

U/11 A & B v. Rietondale

U 10 A & B v. Rietondale

Thursday, 28 January

Cricket at Rietondale:

U/9 A

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