



# St Paulus Preprimary and Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## INTER-HOUSE FUN GALA

The Gala is one of the highlights of our calendar. It takes place on the first of our compulsory Saturdays for 2010 so registers of attendance will be taken. Please make every effort to bring your children and to come along and join in the fun. The Grade Seven's have already been working extremely hard on their House themes and the whole school has been practising war-cries at break in preparation for the long-anticipated event. Parents who have been with us for a Gala will know that the emphasis is on participation and Team Spirit. The most important objective is to develop in our children pride in their school, their House, and an awareness that, in order to win, or even just to have fun, the Team needs every member of the House to be present.



Points are awarded to everyone who participates, and the House which wins is the House in which all members attend the Gala and all members swim in as many races as possible. In this way, they are able to accumulate the most points. We also award a "Spirit Trophy," to the House which exhibits the highest degree of Team Spirit, by singing war-cries, cheering on and supporting swimmers, and keeping the area around the House tidy and litter-free.

## IMPORTANT GALA INFORMATION:

[Pre-School has sent a separate letter]

Children from Grade One – Seven report to classrooms for registers at 08:00.

March Past and Theme Song 08:30.

The Pre-School will complete all their races first.

Children must wear their House Shirts and sports shorts/skorts over costumes.

Please remember SUNSCREEN and SUNHATS

The PTA provides refreshments and this is a PTA fundraiser. St Paulus Dollars will be sold.

Remember to bring picnic blankets, cushions, fold-up chairs and umbrellas.

The swimming pool area, and any event where children are involved, is a SMOKE-FREE ZONE.

Children must remember - SLIP on a T-shirt, SLAP on a Hat and SLOP on sunscreen.

Although we make every effort to control it, the event does attract bees. Please make sure that any child who is allergic to bee-stings has the necessary medication and that the class teacher is aware of the allergy. We shall have a First Aid Tent and paramedics on standby in case of emergency.

Come hungry and support the PTA fundraising event! All money goes towards buying those "nice-to-have's" for our children and our school!

Thanks to the PTA's fundraising efforts, we have plenty of room to accommodate parents in the swimming pool enclosure.

## OPEN WEEK

We have decided to change our approach this year and, instead of having an Open Day on a Saturday for prospective parents of Grade 00, Grade R and Grade One, we shall open the school to visitors while the school is in operation so that they can see us in operation. If you have friends who are interested in placing their children at our school for 2011, please pass on the information to them:

10 – 12 March from 09:00 – 11:00

## MID-TERM BREAK

School will close at 12:30 on Thursday, 25 February and re-open at 07:45 on Tuesday, 2 March.

St Paulus is hosting the Catholic Schools' Teachers' Day on Friday, 26 February, where 350 teachers in Catholic Schools come together for a Mass and Motivational Workshop. Archbishop Emeritus, George Daniel, will be celebrating the Mass, and Jaco Boetger, the well known motivational performer will be doing a presentation with his band, CH2 Guitar Duo.

## VALENTINE'S FAIR AND OUTREACH

Congratulations, Grade Seven's, for a well-run Fair! It was greatly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all who contributed to the HAITI SILVER COLLECTION, which realised R2,911.05. Our Outreach Projects follow the theme, "Children reaching out to Children in Need." There is so much need that it is easy to feel overwhelmed. For this reason, we attempt to concentrate our efforts. As a Catholic School, we do support Catholic organisations which care for children in need, either by providing groceries to children affected or infected by HIV/AIDS, or collecting clothing, Easter Eggs, Christmas presents or money for children affected by tragedies or natural disasters.

We are also able to track our donations to ensure that they reach their destination. The money which we collected for the children of Haiti will be delivered through the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference. (SACBC)

We shall once more collect groceries for our HIV/AIDS families in Mamelodi, which are cared for by the CWL. We shall be starting with Grade 7 immediately. Mrs van der Wielen will provide each child with a list of groceries required for one package. We would like to request that you keep to items on the list, which are basic requirements, as we have to make sure that all our families are treated to the same items in their parcels.

## CONCOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kaydin Fischat's family on the loss of Kaydin's little brother, Casey, who drowned on Tuesday.

## GENERAL

### The Shop

The new Cricket Team outfits, as well as back orders, are now available.

### Baden-Powell Day

Scouts, Cubs and Brownies are invited to wear their uniforms in honour of their founder, on 22 February.

## PRE-SCHOOL GATE

To improve security, this gate is only open at certain times:

07:00 – 08:30

12:00 – 14:30

We use our two security guards and have only one entrance and exit point at the Main Entrance after 14:30.

## AHEAD

### Saturday, 20 February:

Inter-House Fun Gala

### Sunday 21 February

U/13 A Cricket at St Alban's

### Monday, 22 February:

Tennis:

Boys C1 v. Magalies at St Paulus

Boys D4 v. Garsfontein at St Paulus

Girls D3 v. Garsfontein at Garsfontein

### Tuesday, 23 February:

Cricket:-

U/13 A v. CBC at CBC

U/13 B v. CBC at St Paulus

U/13 C v. La Montagne at St Paulus

### Wednesday, 24 February:

Cricket:

U/9 A v. CBC at CBC

U/11 A v. CBC at CBC

U/10 A v. CBC at STP

U/11 B v. La Montagne at La Montagne

U/10 B v. La Montagne at St Paulus

### Thursday, 25 February:

Mid-Term break –

School closes at 12:30 and re-opens on Tuesday, 23 February.

U/9 B cricket postponed due to mid-term break.

*We look forward  
to sharing a Family Day  
with you on Saturday.*