



St Paulus Preprimary and Primary School NEWSLETTER

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TREE REMOVAL



It was a sad day for our community when the decision had to be made to remove the huge Black Oak in the swimming pool enclosure.

Unfortunately, it was infected with the Ganoderma Fungus, and there was no other option but to have it removed. As a community, we are committed to taking responsibility for stewardship of God's Creation, and the decision to remove a tree is never taken lightly. We elicited several independent opinions, and on the strength of this, the Board and the Cabra Dominican Sisters agreed that there was no alternative but to take out the diseased tree. With its funds, the PTA will be re-grassing the swimming pool enclosure and laying irrigation. Thereafter, we shall be planting indigenous trees along the fence and in the pool area. Hopefully, these will flourish and will provide shade and enhance our campus for years to come. We were delighted to note that there were a number of young people who are passionate about the environment and who were saddened by the removal. Hopefully, they will share in the joy of our future planting of trees. If there is anyone who would like to make a donation, especially for the purchase of a tree, please feel free to do so.

GALA REPORTBACK AND PTA NEWS

The PTA was thrilled to discover that over R30 000 was raised at the recent Inter-House Gala fundraiser. This is a new record! Thank you, especially to all parents for the generous donations which made it possible for the PTA to make such a substantial profit, to the PTA Team for the hard work and to parents and children whose participation and support made this such an enjoyable event. I have had a number of requests to ensure that gazebos are erected against the swimming pool fence and not right on the edge of the paving, as the gazebos block visibility for parents on picnic blankets and sitting on the ground. We shall ensure that this is taken into consideration in the future.

OPEN WEEK

We have advertised our Open Days, 10 -12 March next week, during which time anyone interested in enrolling a child for 2011 is invited to visit our Pre-School and Grade One classes and see us in operation. If you have friends and family members planning to enrol a child, please encourage them to visit the school and to fill in the necessary Application Forms. We like to finalise numbers for the following year during the Easter break.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING GALAS

Our A Team will be participating in the B League Gala at Hillcrest Swimming Pool on Tuesday, 9 March, and our B Team will be participating in the D League Gala on Thursday, 11 March. We are confident that we shall do very well as our swimmers have trained so hard and have been well prepared by Coaches. Swimmers, we wish you well for the event and look forward to watching you all doing your best for our school!

CATHOLIC TEACHERS' DAY

Our workshop presented by Jaco Boëttger, a Human Resources Development Consultant on "Future Fitness," was excellent. A message which I share with you is that we as parents and teachers, the primary and secondary educators of our children, need to assist them to "Know their music," – to find their passion. Instead of perfectly preparing children for a world of systems and structures which no longer exists, we should be assisting them to find their strengths, and to love what they do. Children should not be channelled into professions, areas of study, or jobs in pursuit of material wealth. Finding that tune deep within one's self and learning to sing it and work with it in harmony, is wealth in itself. "Humans who find and develop their gifts, automatically transcend their need for externally based security. Never sell your soul for permanence, security, status and money. The real you will die ..." [A Fable: The Messenger, Jaco Boëttger]

*May you have a wonderful weekend, and
do something special with your children
which will help them to find their unique
Music!*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, 6 March:

Catholic Schools Council – AGM at Iona Convent

Mini-Cricket at Cornwall Hill 07:00 – 09:00

Tuesday, 9 March:

Inter-Primary Schools Gala at Hillcrest – A-Team

Thursday, 11 March

Inter-Primary Schools Gala at Hillcrest – B-Team

Friday, 12 March:

Grade 7 Mass

Grade 7 Visit to St. Alban's College

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:



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