



# St Paulus Preprimary and Primary School NEWSLETTER

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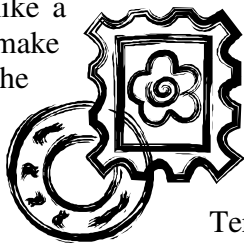
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*Dear Parents*

With only a couple of days to go to the end of the First Term, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our pupils for the many achievements in so many different areas during the course of the term. It has most certainly been an action-packed few months. Thank you to all our staff members who have worked tirelessly to assist and support our children in becoming the best that they can be. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated, talented staff, and such supportive parents. The successes achieved by any school are a tribute to the positive partnership between home and school. Thank you, Moms and Dads! We would not be able to achieve the heights we scale without your commitment.

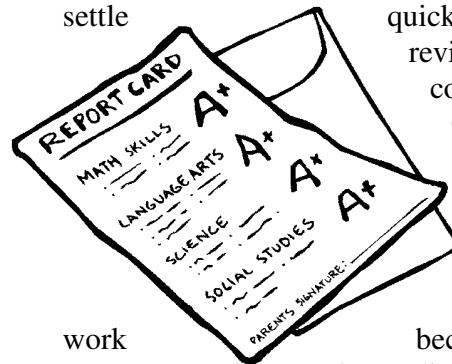
## RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS

Wherever possible, we communicate electronically as this saves the amount of paper used and ultimately is part of our commitment to the preservation of the Earth's resources – we need to save our trees! The Newsletter is e-mailed weekly and can be downloaded from our website: [www.saschools.co.za/stpaulus](http://www.saschools.co.za/stpaulus). If there is anyone who would like a hardcopy, please would you make contact with Ronel in the School Office to make arrangements to fetch one weekly. [This Newsletter with the Term Reports to ensure that everyone receives it.] SMS communication is also used to communicate short messages, keep you posted on the progress of children on Tours and Camps, and to notify you if there are un-scheduled changes to the Afternoon Time-Table. If you have changed your contact details please make sure that you send through the new information to the School Office so that you receive communications from the school.



## ASSESSMENTS FOR TERMS ONE AND TWO

The First Term Reports will be available for collection from class teachers on Friday, 26 March. Many children take the first term to adjust to the demands of their new grade. Although they may have made a slow start, these children make steady progress during the course of the second term as they gain in confidence and adapt to new Grade educators and the curriculum requirements. On the other hand, some children settle quickly and negotiate the



revision and consolidation of Term One with ease. For these, there may be a drop in overall average during the second term, as the work becomes more demanding. It is important to use your child's Report as a tool to discuss progress, commitment and to set realistic goals for the following term. Try to concentrate on the positive aspects before discussing any "disappointing" results, and also always take note of the Effort symbols. We cannot always achieve "A's" in every Learning Area, but every child has the potential to receive A's for effort. Children receiving A's for effort are working to potential and we can expect no more from them. They deserve praise from Mom and Dad. Our "Parent/Educator Evening" takes place on 20 April. Please come and discuss your child's progress with teachers.

The Second Term is very short, and we would like teaching and learning to continue throughout the term. For this reason, the following arrangements have been made:

Reports for Pre-School will be issued on the day school closes, on 9 June, as is customary.

The Grade One – Three Reports will be issued on 16 July.

All children in Grades Four – Seven will receive a “Mark Schedule,” of academic achievement as well as Effort Symbols. This will be issued on 16 July.

We shall be holding Parent/Educator Afternoon/Evenings from 19 – 21 July. 19 and 20 July for Intersen Phase and 21 July for the Foundation Phase. We would like all parents to make an appointment so that you can get one-on-one feedback. In Grades Five – Seven, where children have three teachers for core Learning Areas, the teachers will be available as a team.

## RECYCLING NEWS

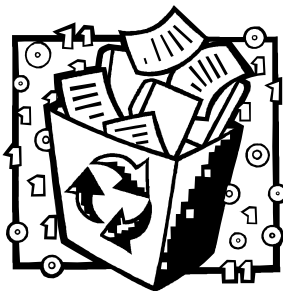
Recycling at St Paulus has really taken off this term! The Village will be closed until 15 April, so that the dedicated Team can spend time on completing aspects of the Village which they have been un-able to complete due to work-pressure.

Unfortunately, our recyclers have hit a problem as they are not able to find a company which is able to recycle the plastic, micro-wavable food containers specifically supplied by Woolworths. They hope to be able to resolve the problem, but until further notice, we request that you do not bring these containers for recycling.

I was delighted to note that one of our Grade Seven classes, Grade 7 T, was the winning class two weeks in a row. Well done, Grade 7's! Remember – recycling is one of the criteria for attaining your LLC badges.

Congratulations to Mrs van Niekerk's Grade One class which was the winning class for Term One. They will be enjoying their Pool Party on Thursday. Weekly results of the Recycling Competitions are available on our website:

[www.saschools.co.za/stpaulus](http://www.saschools.co.za/stpaulus).



**The Health Department is organizing Measles inoculations at schools. If you wish your child to be inoculated, please fill in, and return, the necessary Form by Tuesday, 13 April**

## FRENZIED FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

The Grade Seven's will be selling Bafana shirts and memorabilia – ranging from badges and scarves to personalised shirts. They are doing this as a fundraiser for their Grade Seven gift to the school.

Thereafter, we shall be having “Frenzied Fridays”, a small fee, towards



Seven funds, the can wear their Bafana and memorabilia to get us ready for the World Cup. Please support the Grade Seven's in raising the level of excitement, and in raising money, as the World Cup 2010 is a once-in-a-life-time event for our children. The Grade Seven's have commissioned a Stainglass Artist, Fanus Boshoff, to make a stainglass window for our Prayer Room. The design can be viewed in the Prayer Room and on my Office window.

## GENERAL NEWS

Barry's little sister, Dean Madison, joined the St Paulus family on 19 March. Congratulations to the Yeomans! May their little daughter and sister bring much joy.

Mrs Naysmith, who has been filling in for Mrs Rütsh who is on Maternity Leave, will be leaving us at the end of the term. We thank her for helping out for the term.

Ronel Olivier, our resident Educational Psychologist, will be emigrating to Australia early in May. Her husband moved to Perth a few months back, and she has been finalising matters before joining him with her two daughters. Ronel has been practising from St Paulus for over six years, and she has worked closely with our staff, while assisting children and their parents. We wish her God's richest blessings for her future. She will be greatly missed! Ronel has assisted us in finding her replacement, who will be in a position to take up residence early in May.

May you and your families receive God's blessings in abundance and may the joy of the Resurrection, re-enacted this Easter, renew our sense of hope. Travel safely and may you be held in the security of God's love until we meet again.