



# St Paulus Preprimary and Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

After a short and extremely wet Easter break, we are well and truly into the Second Term with the Afternoon Time-Table getting underway on Tuesday. It was heartening to see so many boys and girls actively involved in Hockey, Netball and Soccer. Please can you ensure that children wear the correct sports uniforms as this enhances their sense of pride in being a member of the Team, as well as upholding the image of our school. Because the term is a short one, our fixtures are very demanding. I thank you for your help and support in getting children to practices and making sure that they are available for matches during the week and on Saturday mornings. If a child is placed on a Team, this does imply a commitment for the entire season. We need all our players in order to field our sides, so please make sure that all our players turn up for their matches and that they are on time.



The new Match Shirts for boys will be available from "The Shop" from Wednesday, 14 April.

Match outfits, for both boys and girls, should not be worn for practices. Girls and boys should be coming to practices in their quantec shorts and the blue and black golf shirt. The old match shirts, which are being sold at a discount, may also be worn for practices.

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 20 April, between 16:00 – 19:30. You are welcome to arrive without an appointment, and I like to encourage parents to meet with teachers whether or not a child experiences difficulties. It is affirming, both for the teacher and for parents, if a meeting is held in order to share positive aspects of a child's commitment and progress. It is a good idea to call Margaret in the Office to book a time to meet a teacher if you would like to avoid waiting in a queue. Please return the Assessment Documents to class teachers by Monday.

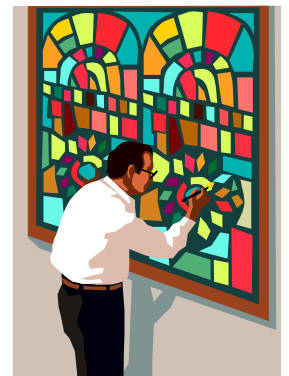
## PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Our formal Open Day for 2011 enrolment in Grade 00 and Grade R is scheduled for Saturday, 15 May. If you have friends who are prospective parents, or if a sibling will be joining us in the Pre-School next year, please join us for the morning. We shall start in the Hall at 09:00 with a formal address. Our Administrative staff will also be on hand to assist with the filling in of Application Forms, and taking one through the financial requirements of enrolment. Thereafter, the Pre-School staff will share information on the curriculum and daily programme and answer any questions. At present, we do not have any available spaces for Grade One in 2011, so it is also essential for people planning to educate their children at our school to enrol at Pre-School level.

Open Day 09:00 - 11:00 on Saturday, 15 May.

## FRENZIED FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

Our Grade Seven's are frenziedly getting us up and running for our first Friday Civvies Day which is scheduled for 23 April. We are really hoping that our suppliers come through on time, as we would like our children to order their shirts through the Grade Seven's, as this is one of their major fundraisers this year. We shall have a Football Friday Civvies Day every two weeks. With a donation of R5 a Civvies Day, also for Grade Seven funds, our children can wear their Bafana Football shirts, sports shorts, tracksuit pants or denims, and sports shoes. The money raised by the Grade Seven's is being used to sponsor the Artist, Fanus Boshoff's stained glass rendition of "Fruits of the Spirit," which will be fitted in our Prayer Room.



## THE POWER OF PRAYER



The past few weeks has seen our country once more hovering on the brink of turmoil. It is at times like these that we need to consciously avoid succumbing to a negative spiral, so easy if we surround ourselves by negative people and “prophets of doom,” ringing the death knells of our country.

We need to concentrate on moving beneath superficial differences that can still divide us, and concentrate our energy on celebrating what is good about our world, our country, and our communities – and most especially our rich cultural diversity. Now more than ever, we need to join hands with every South African regardless of race, colour or creed, who is committed to striving for justice, truth and peace, and who is prepared to work collectively to make ours a safe, crime-free place to grow our children. As a community, we shall be praying daily for God to grace our leaders, in all spheres, with strength and courage, wisdom and fortitude, and to guide them in the choices which they make. I invite you to join in this prayer in your homes, as it is only the power of prayer, and in our willingness to surrender our need for control, and our commitment to working pro-actively, positively and collectively for peace and unity, that can procure for us the bright tomorrow which is our dream for children – our hope for the future.

## IMMUNISATION FORMS

We included Immunisation Forms in the Reports but are re-sending these with the children this week. If you would like your child to receive any of the immunizations offered, specifically measles for all children, and Polio drops for Pre-School-age children, as a free service offered by the Health Department, please return the forms by **Tuesday, 20 April**.

NB: Children who had the Measles injection last year should not be re-innoculated. The Health Department will notify us of the date on which the Clinic Sisters will visit.

## CONDOLENCES

Raleigh Ferreira, who worked at St Paulus coaching many of our teams, and who also taught many of our children to swim through his “Learn-to-Swim” programme, passed away in Port Elizabeth on Tuesday, 6 April. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Peggy, the children and grandchildren.

Have a relaxed weekend doing something special with your children!

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, 19 April:** PTA Meeting

**Tuesday, 20 April:** Parent/Teacher Meetings  
Soccer v Crawford: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> at Crawford, U11A&B, U10A&B at St Paulus

**Wednesday, 21 April:**

Soccer v LRPS: - Opens (Away); U11A&B (Home); U10A&B (Home)

**Thursday, 22 April:**

Beginning-of-Term Mass

PTA Barnyard: “Super Troupers”

**Friday, 23 April:**

World Book Day

Gr. 6 Boys to St. Alban’s College

JCT Soccer Trials at CBC

**Long weekend – School closes at 12:30**

*One Day at a Time*

*Our God is an awesome God.*

*People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be.*

*People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.*

*Take care of your character and your reputation will take care of itself.*

*The first step to wisdom is silence, the second is listening.*

*The rest of your life begins right now.*

*There but for the grace of God go I.*

*When you believe in yourself the possibilities are endless.*

*Why worry when you can pray.*

*You only live once, but if you work it right, once is enough.*

*Believe in the beauty of your dreams.*