



St Paulus Preprimary and Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

THREE-YEAR PLANNING



Our staff and the school's Board are continuing discussions with a view to prioritising needs, and listing "nice-to-have's" for the good of our children and for the optimal development of our campus. During a series of meetings, we have listed our priorities and

welcome input from parents. Our list is quite exhaustive, but to get you thinking creatively, and practically, I include some of our suggestions under specific categories:

SPORT – re-surfacing of the tennis courts, re-vamping of sports changerooms and bathroom.

GENERAL CAMPUS – keypad access for parents to Ysterhout St entrance and utilisation of Pre-School parking area in the afternoons to relieve parking congestion.

Extending some of our existing classrooms, specifically, two of the Grade Three classrooms.

Developing the area outside of Teacher Stacey and Teacher Anri's classes, the Aftercare Centre and the area between these and the swimming pool.

CURRICULUM

Including the teaching of Study Methods in the Intersen Phase

Equipping all classrooms with inter-active boards over the next four years. [The Grade One's are having their boards fitted at present and the Grade Seven's, Sixes and Grade Five S are getting their data-projectors this term.]

The PTA will also be actively involved in giving their suggestions and recommendations. If you have any suggestions, or if there is anyone who would like to be involved in a Task Team, please let me know.

ST PIFA [our own "Fifa-type"] TOURNAMENT

Our fun Sports Tournament, involving Netball and Football, is scheduled for Saturday, 5 June. Those of you who were involved last year will remember that the accent of this Tournament is on getting fit, involved, "raising" fun and funds for our school, and having as much fun as possible. While this Saturday is one of our compulsory school calendar, it is a "Family Day." Both Football and Netball Teams are "Seven-a-Side," so we hope that all our



children will enter these in **ST.PIFA 2010** make up Teams and the Tournament. Adult Teams are also welcome! Remember to name your Teams, design your outfits and to get your cheerleaders practising! The Tournament Entry Form is being sent with the Newsletter as an attachment. The Sports Department is handling all entries. They need to know the name of your Team, have contact details of the Captain of each Team, and they will be receipting all payments. Let's make this a bumper fundraiser. The PTA will also use this as a fundraiser by providing refreshments throughout the day.

FRENZIED FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

With only 37 days to kick-off, and with only five more Fridays to go before the World Cup, we shall be having our "Bafana Fridays," on every Friday until the end of the term. Children and adults should wear their Bafana shirts and memorabilia, with jeans and takkies. R5 per Friday should be paid to the class teacher. All proceeds go towards the Grade Seven's " Stainglass Window Fund."

WINTER UNIFORM

As the temperatures have dropped, children should make the change to Winter uniform by Monday, 10 May. Please make sure that children wear the correct uniform: Grade R – Grade Three Full school tracksuit. Please make sure that tracksuit pants are the regulation ones provided by our uniform suppliers; "The Shop." The blue golf shirt with black collar is worn under this, with grey socks and black school shoes.

(Girls may wear white socks, but the long grey socks are warmer. Grade R may wear takkies.)

The Shop can also advise on the other warm items of clothing that can be worn.

Grade Four – Seven

Girls may wear the blue skirt or long grey pants. Long grey socks with black and white stripes, or grey tights. Please do not send children with tights of other colours.

Boys should wear long grey pants.

Both girls and boys should wear white shirts (either long-or short-sleeves) Ties have to be worn by both girls and boys.

Blazers are compulsory for all children from Grade Five – Grade Seven, but this is voluntary for Grade Fours. Blue jerseys should be worn. Sleeveless and long-sleeved jerseys are available, as well as Dri-Macs Dri-Macs worn to school must be those available from “The Shop.”

SPORTS UNIFORM

Children representing our school need to wear school uniform. This includes jackets and tracksuit tops worn, most specifically for Saturday matches.

Please support us in ensuring that our uniform is worn with pride.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chanel Maas and Catherine Uys have both been awarded Major Academic Scholarships to St Mary’s DSG. We are very proud of them!

The following boys and girls have made it to the next round of the Gauteng North Hockey selections:

U/13 Boys

Christian Hitchcock
Grant Grobbelaar
Keagan Richardson
Calvin Nasimento
Selwyn Steyn

U/13 Girls

Ingrid Benn
Nkateko Mkhabela

U/12 Boys

Jacob Cloete
Toni Rossouw
Marno vd Westuizen
Tyler Michael
Dirk Coetzee

The following boys have been selected for the Gauteng North Soccer Final Trials:

U/13 Boys

Dylan Rodrigues
Tabola Kganane
Grant Grobbelaar
Jarrad Solomons
Jaco Moller
Tristan James

GENERAL

Mrs Roberta Charles, the widow of our previous Principal, Mr Mike Charles, passed away on 23 April. Our thoughts and prayers are with her children and relatives.

Leanne Moreau’s (Grade R Lions) little sister, Jenna, underwent surgery to remove a brain tumour, on 1 May. We are all praying for Jenna and her family!

May you have a relaxing, warm weekend with your children!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, 7 May:

JCT U/13 Soccer Tournament

Saturday, 8 May:

JCT U/13 Soccer Tournament

Mini Hockey at Rietondale

Monday, 10 May:

Public Speaking

Tuesday, 11 May:

Soccer - Challenge Cup:

U/14A v Glenstantia (Away)

U/13 D v Sunnyside (H)

U/13 B v Burger Right (H)

U/11 A v Paratus (H)

U/10C v Woodhill (H)

U/10A v Burger Right (H)

Netball v Tygervalley (Home)- U/9, U/11, U/13

Wednesday, 12 May:

Soccer v WHPS

Opens (Away)

U/11A, B (Home)

U/10 A, B (Home)

Netball: U9 – U13 v Sunnyside (Home)

Thursday, 13 May:

Ascension Thursday Mass

Saturday, 15 May:

Pre-School Open Day

Mini Soccer at Hatfield CS at 07:30

Hockey League at Rietondale

FIVE IMPORTANT LESSONS TO LEARN FROM A HUMBLE PENCIL

- 1 It tells you that everything you do will always leave a mark**
- 2 You can always correct the mistakes you make.**
- 3 The important thing in life is what you are on the inside and not on the outside.**
- 4 In life you will undergo painful sharpening which will make you better in whatever you do.**
- 5 Finally, to be the best that you can be, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the Hand that holds you.**