



St Cyprian's School

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Dear St Cyprian's School Parents and Guardians

A very warm welcome to you all, especially our new families. May I take this opportunity to thank you for the warm way in which I have been welcomed. The St Cyprian's School family ethos has been very much in evidence as I have felt very welcome here and I sincerely hope that our new girls have felt the same way. I trust that the year ahead will be a positive one for us all, filled with many wonderful memories waiting to happen!

Staff news

Congratulations to Mrs Caryn Reznik on her marriage. We wish her every future happiness with her new husband. It is wonderful to welcome Mrs Tiffany Billimore back after her maternity leave - I am sure it has not been easy to leave her new baby at home!

Ms Karen Blank has informed us of her intention to relocate to the UK in April. We are very saddened by this news but very glad at the same time as this will be a life-changing experience for her. Ms Blank, we are going to miss you so much, but will enjoy all the weeks that we still have left with you.

Lesson times for 2010

In order for us to have more academic time in Grades 4-7, a few adjustments have been made to the school times for 2010. The school day will still start at **07h45** for all learners. We strongly advise that the girls are at school before this time in order for them to get ready for the day.

The last lesson will finish at 14h10 and thereafter the girls will have a Form Time with their Class Teachers from 14h10-14h20. School will finish at 14h20 for Grades 4-7 from Monday to Friday. The Prep Class will be available from 14h30-16h00 from Monday to Thursday. On Fridays the Prep Class and Detention will run from 14h30-15h30.

The times for **Grades 1-3 learners** will be as follows:

Grades 1 and 2 learners go home at 12:50 on Monday to Thursday, and at 12:30 on Friday.

Grade 3 learners go home at 14:20 from Monday to Thursday, and at 12:30 on Friday.

Hats

With the sun at its very hottest at this time of the year, I urge you to ensure that your daughter brings a hat to school. We need to instil a culture of wearing hats as skin damage is a very real danger that we need to start taking seriously.

Cell phones at school (Grade 4-7)

Please only allow your daughter to bring a cell phone to school if it is absolutely necessary.

The system at the moment is that the girls must hand their phones in to the office in the mornings and then they must collect these again at the end of the day. The girls also have to sign when they hand the phone in and when the phone is collected after school. It is very hard to control this system and to ensure that phones do not go missing.



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As this is not our core business, we do not want to spend extra time in dealing with cell phone issues. It is also not a good idea to allow your daughter to bring an expensive cell phone to school. I emphasize again that the school is **not** responsible for the loss of any cell phones. Cell phones are brought onto the school property at the risk of the learners and the parents. Staff members will not spend any time looking for missing cell phones.

Picnics

Grade 1 -3 Wednesday 3 February 2010 at 17h30 on the Hayfield

Grade 4 - 7 Thursday 4 February 2010 at 17h30 on the Hayfield

These picnics are an opportunity for you to socialize with other parents. Please bring your own picnics and blankets. All parents and girls are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Athletics Day Grade 4-7

This compulsory event takes place on Saturday 6 February 2010 on the Hockey Field. The Sports Office will send out a letter closer to the time. Please note that this event will start promptly at 07h00 so that we can avoid the heat of the day.

Thought for the Week

“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” Howard Thurman

Tracy Laubscher

Head: Preparatory School



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Prep School Weekly Reminder Term 1, 2010

Date	JANUARY, 25-29	Week 3	Day 1 – Day 5
Time	Event	Venue	Details
MONDAY 25 JANUARY			
08h00	Foundation Phase Chapel	Chapel	Parents are welcome to join us.
09h50-10h20	Grades 4-12 Assembly	Hall	
TUESDAY 26 JANUARY			
09h50-10h20	Grades 1-7 Assembly	Hall	Parents are welcome to join us.
WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY			
14h30	Intermediate Phase Staff Meeting	DT Lab	
THURSDAY 28 JANUARY			
09h50-10h20	Grades 4-7 Chapel	Chapel	Parents are welcome to join us.
17h30	PTA Meeting	Voorkamer	
FRIDAY 29 JANUARY			
07h50	Prep School Class Reps' Meeting	Voorkamer	
13h15	Foundation Phase Staff Meeting	KB's Classroom	



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Prep School Weekly Reminder Term 1, 2010

Date	FEBRUARY, 01-05	Week 4	Day 6 – Day 10
Time	Event	Venue	Details
MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY			
08h00-08h30	Grades 1-3 Chapel	Chapel	Parents are welcome to join us.
09h50-10h20	Grades 4-12 Assembly	Hall	
16h30	Property Committee Meeting	Voorkamer	
TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY			
09h50-10h20	Grades 1-7 Assembly	Hall	Parents are welcome to join us.
WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY			
14h30	Intermediate Phase Staff Meeting	DT Lab	
17h30	Grades 1-3 Picnic	Hayfield	Please bring a blanket, a picnic basket and join us for this wonderful event.
THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY			
09h50-10h20	Grades 4-7 Chapel	Chapel	Parents are welcome to join us.
14h30	Prep School Management Meeting	TAL's Office	
17h30	Grades 4-7 Picnic	Hayfield	Please bring a blanket, a picnic basket and join us for this wonderful event.
FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY:			
SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY			
07h00	Prep School Athletics Day (Grades 4-7)	Hockey Field	Girls must be at school at 06h30. Parents are invited to join us.