



## St Cyprian's School

### Preparatory School Newsletter 15 February 2010

Dear St Cyprian's School Parents and Guardians

The atmosphere in the school has been infectious with all our sporting events occurring one after the other. I am so delighted to see the level of participation as it is this that builds a strong team spirit and ethos of commitment. Well done, girls!

We hope that School Communicator is working for you! Please note that the version for Mac computers will be out in the next few weeks so please let us know if you require this version.

We have such a busy school life that I have decided to send a shorter letter weekly rather than every fortnight. I hope this will help to improve our communication to you and keep you abreast of what is happening in our school. The Fortnightly Reminder will be sent every second week.

#### Athletics Day Grade 4-7

Athletics Day was celebrated in great style with the cool weather being conducive to great participation and no sunburn! The girls showed magnificent spirit and it was a super day.

Here are the results:

**Best time in 800m** – B van Heerden

**Best time in 400m** – A Phiri

**Best time in 200m** – N Nel

**Best time in 100m** – M Collins

**Best distance in Long Jump** – C Botha & A Phiri

**Most promising newcomer** – Cameryn Aubin

**Victrix Ludorum** – Aisha Phiri

**Spirit Cup** 1: Anderson 2: Darke 3: Verinder

**Final results** 1: Darke 2: Anderson 3: Verinder

#### Interhouse Gala Grade 4-7

**Best time in Backstroke** – B Desmarais

**Best time in Breaststroke** – B van Heerden

**Best time in Freestyle** – B Desmarais

***Best time in Butterfly*** – C de Lange

***Victrix Ludorum***:- Bailey Desmarais

***Spirit Cup***: 1: Verinder 2: Darke 3: Anderson

***Final Results***: 1: Darke 2: Anderson 3: Verinder

Finishing off Term 1's major Interhouse sporting events with the our swimming gala was very rewarding and definitely worth the wait – this event was absolutely stunning and the entire prep school can be very proud of the way the programme flowed on the day. The officials were superb, the supporters were enthusiastic and the swimmers participated with absolute passion and dedication. Darke house really deserved their victory in the pool, and Verinder stood out as the house with the most spirit throughout the day. Not even a light drizzle could dampen the wonderful atmosphere!! Well done to everyone, and thank you for a memorable swimming gala. We really appreciate the sterling work done by the PTA and the fantastic support by the parents. Well done, St Cyprian's School.

### **Valentine's Day**

Our girls looked gorgeous on Casual Day and we raised an amount of R1775 for the Red Cross. Thank you so much for your generosity. We really appreciate the donations of stationery and know that the Red Cross Hospital is extremely grateful. Well done, girls!

### **Lent Food Collection**

A reminder to our girls that our Lenten food collections are underway. The girls were given flyers and we have been delighted with the wonderful donations already received. All dates are in the Fortnightly reminders.

### **Please bring**

*tins of smooth apricot jam, peanut butter, oil, Sunlight soap, Knorr stock cubes, tins of sardines, tomato paste sachet, oil, bully beef, rice, tea, sugar, spaghetti and meatballs, tuna, dried peas, samp, soup, pasta, flour, packets of soup, long life milk*

The food will go to Sakhumzi Children's Home, St George's Cathedral Soup Kitchen, and Carel du Toit Centre for hearing-impaired children.

### **Photographs**

School photographs will be taken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please would you assist us by ensuring that your daughters come to school neatly and correctly dressed for their photographs.

### **Grade 4-7 Verbal Reports**

As our Verbal Reports are only a few weeks away, we would like you to take this opportunity to look at your daughters' books. You will have noticed that we have sent slips home in their books on which you can comment. We know that it is early days in the term so there might not be a great deal of written work as yet, (please remember that oral discussions form a large part of the curriculum) but I know your daughter will be grateful for your interest in what they are doing in class.

### **Maths Sets Grades 4 -7**

There seems to be a little confusion around the concept of the Maths sets in the Intermediate Phase. This is a flexible arrangement in which children can move from teacher to teacher, depending on their needs. Because every child has different strengths, the system works well in ensuring that your child receives the best tuition for a particular skill. Please note that it is not meant to be a ranking system where children move up or down a scale but rather sideways between the teachers who use different approaches to teach the same concept.

### **Phonological Awareness Workshop**

Thank you to the parents who joined us for this excellent workshop. We would like to extend our gratitude to Ms Sharon Stevens for all her hard work in this regard. I feel that all Foundation Phase parents would benefit from this talk and we will certainly hold it again next year.

### **Camp out**

The Camp-out letters have gone out to the Foundation Phase. All the details are in the notice. We look forward to a wonderful evening with you next Friday night.

The Intermediate Phase will receive their letters next week.

### **St Cyprian's School Prayer group**

One of our parents Jenny Shepherd leads a prayer group on a Friday morning between 08h00 and 09h00 in the Reading Room up at the Woods. All parents are invited to join them during this time, even if it is for a few minutes. Should your family or someone you know be in need of prayer, please drop your prayer requests in the box which Jenny will put in Mrs Jappie's office.

### **Grease**

We have been given a wonderful opportunity by the Artscape Theatre to attend the opening night of the musical Grease at a discount price.

*Date and time:* Saturday 13 March at 20h00

*Price:* R150 per child and R275 per adult

All tickets need to be paid for in cash to Rene Kruger in the Fees Office. Tickets will be issued one week before the performance.

### **Grade 1-3 Concert**

The Foundation Phase presented a wonderful concert this morning. Their enthusiasm and excitement put smiles on everyone's faces! Well done, girls! Thank you, Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandpas for all your support today. Your girls were evidently delighted to see you with their waves and kisses! A big thank you to our teachers who worked so hard to put our girls on the stage. I was very proud of our Foundation Phase choir who sang for the first time- they did a grand job.

### **Musical Showcase Grade 4 - 7**

Please note that the Musical Showcase for Grade 4 to 7 has now been scheduled for Wednesday 3 March at 09h40 in the Hall. You are welcome to attend.

**Parking**

You may have seen that our parking area around the Cypress Lawn has been repainted. There are several areas which are designated No Parking zones. Please do not park here as your wheels may be clamped and a small fine will be issued to have them released. This request is made in the interests of your daughters' safety.

Ms Webb has requested Prep School parents who park at the Woods to please move their vehicles before 07h45 as the Woods' parents need to drop their little ones after this time. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

*Character is who you are when no-one is watching*—Anonymous

**Tracy Laubscher**

**Head: Preparatory School**



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**Prep School Weekly Reminder Term 1, 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>FEBRUARY, 22-26</b>	<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Day 1 – Day 5</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY</b>			
08h00	Foundation Phase Chapel-Lent Food collection	Chapel	Parents are welcome to join us.
08h00	School photographs	Chapel lawn	
09h50-10h20	Grades 4-12 Assembly	Hall	
14h30	Health and Safety Committee	Boardroom	
16h30	EXCO	Voorkamer	
<b>TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY</b>			
08h00	School photographs	Chapel lawn	
09h50-10h20	Grades 1-7 Assembly	Hall	Parents are welcome to join us.
<b>WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY</b>			
08h00	School photographs	Chapel lawn	
14h30	Intermediate Phase Staff Meeting	DT Lab	
<b>THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY</b>			
09h50-10h20	Grades 4-7 Chapel-Lent Food collection	Chapel	Parents are welcome to join us.
14h30	Grade 7 CR Academic Progress Meeting	TAL's Office	
18h00	Winter Sports Information Evening	Hall	
17h30	PTA Meeting	Voorkamer	
<b>FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY</b>			
08h30	Grade 1 Educational Excursion	Kirstenbosch	
13h15	Foundation Phase Staff Meeting	KB's Classroom	
17h30	Grades 1-3 Camp-Out	Hockey Field	



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**Prep School Weekly Reminder Term 1, 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>MARCH, 1-5</b>	<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Day 6 – Day 10</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>MONDAY 1 MARCH</b>			
08h00-08h30	Grades 1-3 Chapel-Lent Food collection	Chapel	Parents are welcome to join us.
09h50-10h20	Assembly		
14h40-17h00	Grades 4-7 Verbal Reports	JR, BB, NN	
<b>TUESDAY 2 MARCH</b>			
09h50-10h20	Grades 1-7 Assembly	Hall	Parents are welcome to join us.
<b>WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH</b>			
09h40-10h20	Musical Showcase	Hall	Parents are welcome to join us.
14h40-17h00	Grades 4-7 Verbal Reports	JR, BB, NN	
<b>THURSDAY 4 MARCH</b>			
09h50-10h20	Grades 4-7 Chapel: Lent Food collection	Chapel	Parents are welcome to join us.
09h30-12h30	Grade 4 Outing	Parliament	
14h30	Prep School Management Meeting	TAL's Office	
<b>FRIDAY 5 MARCH: St Cyprian's School Open Day from 09h00-12h00</b>			
09h00	Grades 1-3 Fun Gala	Swimming Pool	
17h30	Grades 4-7 Camp-Out	Hockey Field	