



St Cyprian's School

Preparatory School Newsletter 26 February 2010

Dear St Cyprian's School Parents and Guardians

The month has drawn to a rapid close and March beckons. How time flies! We are really looking forward to our Foundation Phase Father/Daughter campout this evening and pray for good weather and a fun time to be had by all!

Last week, five teachers visited us from Bracknell- Forest, a school in Cornwall, UK. The teachers spent the morning going around the Prep school and talking to various teachers and visiting different classes. It was extremely interesting to discuss education perspectives with people from another country- a very worthwhile experience. Our visitors were very impressed with the ambience and the quality of schooling they found in our wonderful school. We certainly need to appreciate more of what we so often take for granted.

School Communicator

We hope that you are enjoying School Communicator. I love the fact it constantly updates me on the latest news at St Cyprian's School. I hope that it is working as well for you. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you not have received your copy.

Verbal Reports Grades 4-7

A reminder that these will take place on the following days in the rooms- 4JR, 5BB and 5NN:

Monday 1 March

Wednesday 3 March

Monday 8 March

Wednesday 10 March

Should all the designated time slots have been filled for a particular teacher, parents are reminded that there is an **open hour slot from 16h00 to 17h00** on these four days when you may visit the teachers without a prior appointment.

Open Day 5 March

Parents are reminded about our Open Day on 5 March. Mrs Redelinghuys will be addressing parents in the hall at 09h00 after which you will be able to go on a conducted tour of the school. The parents are kindly requested not to enter the classrooms while lessons are taking place as this will prove disruptive for the normal school day. However, there will be displays of work from all the phases of St Cyprian's School.

Foundation Phase Fun Gala

Our Foundation Phase girls will be participating in a fun gala at the pool on Friday 5 March. The event will commence at 09h00 and should finish at approximately 11h30. The girls may go home at the end of the gala as a special treat. Should you not be able to fetch them, they will be supervised until the end of the normal school day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Grade 4 -7 Musical Showcase

This will take place on Wednesday 3 March at 09h40 in the hall. You are all invited to attend. I am certainly looking forward to hearing our girls play!

Lenten Food Donations

We would like to thank you once again for your generous Lenten gifts which continue to arrive at Chapel. We have had a special request for the following items for the next couple of weeks: peanut butter; apricot jam; long-life full cream milk; sugar and Koffiehuis/Frisco. Your donations will be gratefully received.

Conquesta Results 2009 Grade 1-6

We have finally received our 2009 Conquesta certificatees for St Cyprian's which we have proudly displayed outside our offices. I am delighted to inform you of the following results:

International Top Twenty Schools 2009 (including many top South African Schools nationwide, African countries and some schools from Australia and New Zealand)

Mathematics 1- Grade 4	10th place
Mathematics 1- Grade 5	6th place
Mathematics 1- Grade 6	11th place
English Language 1- Grade 4	5th place
English Language 1- Grade 5	1st place
English Language 1- Grade 6	12th place
Afrikaans Taal 2- Grade 4	16th place
Afrikaans Taal 2 Grade 5	14th place
Life Orientation- Grade 2	10th place
Life Orientation – Grade 3	13th place

Girls, I am so proud of you. I look forward to emulating these results again this year. To our teachers, congratulations on a sterling effort in preparing our girls so well for this type of benchmarking exercise.

Grade 4-7 Camp-out

Our girls are reminded that their reply slips need to be back by Monday 8 March. They can be handed to Mrs Jappie or Mrs Njobe, the camp-out organizer

Chadwick Tour

We are happy to announce that at the end of this term we will host our first visiting group from overseas to our Prep School. Chadwick School, from Los Angeles, California, will be visiting our country and be with our school from 22 March to 26 March. The visiting students are mainly in Grade 6 and 7. Thanks to all the families who have volunteered to host these students. As there are only 10 students, we will only be able to select 5 families.

This does not mean that your daughter won't get to interact with the visitors. Both Grade 6 and 7 will have them in classes and be part of a larger discussion with them during that last week.

As a reciprocal programme and in line with the Round Square values of the school, we are hoping that we can take a group of prep school girls to Chadwick next year. Being a host family or student this year does not mean that you have to go on the trip next year and not being a host this year does not mean that you cannot go. There will be more discussion about the possibility of this tour later on this year. Most exciting!

School clothing shop

We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our Clothing Shop. A special request from the PTA- please ensure that you get a receipt from the shop when you make your purchases.

Road safety

We are urging all our parents and guardians to please exercise extreme caution when collecting your daughters after school. The Foundation Phase needs to cross the road to get to the Hayfield at the end of the school day and there are still a number of people who are parking on the red lines, making it very difficult for the little ones to cross. We want to be proactive and prevent the possibility of any accidents so please help us to keep your daughters safe and do not park on the red lines.

***Winning starts with beginning-** Robert H Schuller*

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