

All in One Boys' Prep

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Term 2 4 June. 2009



Mathematics, Science & Technology

Olympiad took place at St Stithians on Friday 29th May and Saturday 30th May. Fourteen independent schools participated. The children took part in interactive Maths, Science and Technology activities on the Friday morning and then wrote an individual assessment in one of the learning areas on Friday afternoon. On Saturday, the teams solved a problem and completed a portfolio within a 4 hour period. Much fun and learning was had by all.

The Boys' Prep participants were: Jeffery Lewis, Mitchell Cuthbertson, Harry Hankey, Adam Henman, Michael Carter, Sean Attridge, Ethan Hunter, Matthew Wade, Blake Austen, Luke Evans, Chris Hackney and Stephan Eichner.

First Place in the Individual Mathematics Assessment was Adam Henman.

First Place in the Team Project: Luke Evans, Mitchell Cuthbertson and Michael Carter

Fourth place in the Team Project: Sean Attridge, Harry Hankey and Chris Hackney

Well done boys!



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Fr1 05 12:00 Closing date for entries: Boys' Prep Ensemble Concert (BB)
14:00 Football vs St John's (Venue: TBC)

Sat 06 11:30 Inter-house Football (Prep Field) Founders' day

Blue Week starts Monday 8 June: Proudly South African Week

Mon 08 18:00 AIDS Awareness Junior Choir Festival (Linder Auditorium)

Tue 09 14:00 Squash League Fixtures (H/A)
16:00 Aids Awareness Marimba Festival (Venue tbc)

Wed 10 14:00 Football Matches (Venues tbc)

Thu 11 09:05 Father's Day Chapel Service (Chapel)
14:00 Football vs St Peter's
14:00 Tennis vs St Peter's

Fri 12 Hooked on Books
08:45-09:45 Grade 3 & 4 (GLT)
11:45-12:45 Grade 5, 6 & 7 (GLT)

Prep Garden: Herbs for Colds

Self Help:

Drink lots of fluids. Inhale steam with essential oils or herbs. Increase your daily Vitamin C intake. Fresh air and light exercise and sufficient rest are essential.

Herbs:

Drink hot ginger, Peppermint, Cayenne or Cinnamon tea. Drink warm lemon juice with honey. Garlic. Chamomile, Lemon Balm, Elder, Vervain and Yarrow teas are also helpful, Chamomile and Vervain help with irritability and inability to rest, Elder reduces catarrh, Yarrow and Lemon Balm help to break a fever. Take Echinacea to boost immunity.

ST STITHIANS BOOK WEEK; 8 – 12 JUNE 2009

It will be Book Week between 8th and 12th June at St Stithians College. To celebrate and inculcate a culture of reading, a number of activities have been lined up for the week. The Boys' Prep Library will host Book Time, owned by ex - Teachers Jenny Canton and Anne Ortlepp. They will bring to us a selection of over 400 titles from toddlers to young teens between Monday 8th June and Tuesday 9th June.

Being ex – teachers, Jenny and Anne are better positioned to guide the children in buying quality books at great prices. The books will range between R30 and R70; regrettably there are no card facilities and all payments will have to be either by cash or cheque. The school stands to benefit from the positive spin off in the increased enthusiasm for books and reading. Please do come and visit the sale if you can or let your child purchase a book to start or add to their personal treasure trove!

On Friday the 12th, the Hooked on Books team will tantalize the boys when they bring several books to life at the Girls' Lecture Theatre. With your permission, a charge of R10 will be levied to your son's school account for the plays.

St Stithians Boys' Prep Marimba Festival 2009

On Tuesday 9 June 2009 the St Stithians Boys' Prep are hosting a **Marimba Festival** involving a total of seven schools. This is a very vibrant event as you get to listen to different bands performing their various repertoires and of course your very own Marimba Band will be participating. Over a hundred children will get to perform two mass items all together. This is not to be missed.

You are all invited to attend.

Date: Tuesday 9 June 2009

Time: 18:00

Venue: Mears Hall

Admission: Mahala/ Free



Ivory Park Matters

Gas Stoves for the Preschools!

The electricity supply to the preschools has been very unreliable lately. For some, the problem is winter, when electricity is typically less dependable; for others, the problem is ongoing cable theft in the neighbourhood.

Given the vital role that the preschools play in feeding the children wholesome warm food, the committee decided to provide gas stoves to the preschools. Four of the five preschools received their stoves at last week's visits, as many of you observed; the fifth will receive theirs shortly.

These gas stoves will complement the electric stoves that Boys' Prep bought for the preschools one and a half years ago.

Thank you to those families whose ongoing sponsorships provide the committee with the means to help the preschools in situations such as this.

The Ivory Park Committee

Other dates for Term 2

25 June: 7O, 6P, 5W, 4V, 3N

21 July: 7D, 6L, 5B, 4L, 3D

PARENTS' SAMARITAN GROUP COLLECTION WEEK 'HELP WITH HYGIENE'
15th June to 19th June

The Parents' Samaritan Group is collecting toiletries such as face cloths, soap, shampoo, body lotion, hairbrushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, nappies, bottles, formula etc. These items will be donated to the 'Be a Friend Foundation', who put together 'comfort kits' for abused and abandoned children who have been removed from their homes and placed in 'safe' houses.

Drop off points:

- The Stythian Shop car park
- Chapel Circle
- Foyer of the Girls' College and Prep.

Your support for this worthy cause will be much appreciated.

Kind regards

Jenny Buchanan

PSG Chairperson

SO HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

"So how was school today?" "Fine."

"What did you do today?" "Nothing."

"Who did you play with today?" "No-one."

How often do you find yourself asking your children these conversation opening questions only to find their mono-syllabic, unexpressive responses grind the conversation to a halt before it even begins? Listening to visiting Australian educationalist, Prof Loretta Giorcelli on this subject recently, it would appear that we need to change our strategy if we want to really open the doors to communication with our children.

We must stop asking about school directly, rather starting our conversations by focusing on our children's interests and not on our expectations of them. You see, the minute we ask about school, inside their heads a conversation similar to this is going on: "Groan.....what she's really asking is: Did you pass your history test? Did you hand in your maths assignment? Did you make peace with your English teacher?" This presses our children's off buttons, shutting them down.

Instead, we should ask questions relating to their friends, and their extra-curricular interests. In her anecdotal studies, Prof Giorcelli says that amazingly, when communicating with our children in this way, the children then initiate the conversation about school themselves – in their own time. "Hey, here's what happened at school today mum.....", which is a far cry from their more common single word responses to our probing.

This tactic is a great way of affirming the "**who you are**" in your children rather than continually focusing on their performance – **the "what you do"**. It will also build your relationship around a listening culture which will be perceived by your child as "Mum/Dad really wants to know about me." This is important if you want to create a relationship of trust with your child. You will get to know your child better – who they are, what they stand for, the nature of their friendships and relationships, their interests and abilities, strengths and weaknesses. And all of this information without making them feel like an insect on the slab in the lab.

And, lastly, it is a more accurate reflection of the future world of work in which **who you are** and how and why you sell the products and services you do, will be more important than **what you do**.

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**ST STITHIANS BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL
SPORT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME
THURSDAY 4 JUNE - THURSDAY 11 JUNE**



* NOTE: ALL TIMES & VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR SONS MATCH LETTER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOOTBALL

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FRIDAY 5	ALL AGE GROUPS	VS ST JOHN'S	ST STITHIANS & ST JOHN'S	13:30 - 17:00
SATURDAY 6	ALL AGE GROUPS (COMPULSORY)	INTERHOUSE	ST STITHIANS	11:00 - 13:00
THURSDAY 11	ALL AGE GROUPS	VS ST PETER'S	ST STITHIANS & ST PETER'S	13:30 - 17:00

NOTE: BUSES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MIDWEEK AWAY FIXTURES
PLEASE CONSULT MATCH LETTERS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
MATCH LETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NOTICE BOARD & ON THE WEBSITE: www.stithian.com

SQUASH

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TUESDAY 9	A TEAM B TEAM C TEAM	MATCH V CLIFFVIEW A MATCH V CLIFFVIEW B MATCH V CLIFFVIEW C	ST STITHIANS ST STITHIANS ST STITHIANS	14:00 14:00 14:00
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TENNIS

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THURSDAY 11	1ST TEAM 2ND TEAM 3RD TEAM U11	BYE	BYE	BYE
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**ST STITHIANS BOYS' PREPARATORY
FAMILY CRICKET DAY**



16 JUNE 2009

**ST STITHIANS BOYS' COLLEGE MAIN OVAL
&
BAYTOPP OVAL**

08:00 - 13:00

DADS & LADS CRICKET CHALLENGE

*Challenge another Dad & his Lad to a game of Super Six Cricket.
Prizes for best Dad & Lad pair!
Lunch included. Only 48 places available!!*

LONGEST HITTING COMPETITION

Test your muscle and see who can hit the furthest!

SPEED GUN BOWLING CHALLENGE

Dale Steyn or Brett Lee? Put the speed gun to the test!

RAFFLE

Up for grabs!

PREGO ROLLS & COOLDRINKS

On sale throughout the morning

ENTRY FORMS WERE HANDED OUT ON WEDNESDAY SO HURRY!!