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Term 2 11 June. 2009



Founders' Day 2009 Theme: Transformation

Guest Speaker, Mr. Saki Macozoma (Chairman: STANLIB), pictured left, enlightened the audience with his views on transformation and the road ahead.

The College Orchestra, school choirs, art in the park, and a host of sporting activities and fixtures contributed to the success of the day.



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| Thu 11 | 09:05 Father's Day Chapel Service (Chapel) 14:00 Football 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) |
| <u>Red Week starts Monday 15 June:</u> | |
| Wed 17 | 14:00 - 16:00 Staff workshop: No sport 18:00 Boys' Prep Ensemble Concert (Chapel) |
| Thu 18 | 08:00 - 09:00 Grade 6 RE Workshop & Holy Communion (Mike Roberts Chapel) 14:00 Tennis vs St Benedict's: 1st & 2nd (H) 3rd & U11 (A) 18:00 Magic of music Festival (Linder Auditorium) |
| Fri 19 | 18:30 - 21:30 Boys' Prep Social (Mears Hall) |
| Sat 20 | 08:00 - Footballs vs KEPS (Venue tbc) |

Ivory Park Matters

Gas Stoves for the Preschools

Given the vital role that the preschools play in ensuring the children get fed wholesome warm food, the committee decided to provide gas stoves to the preschools. These gas stoves will complement the electric stoves that Boys' Prep bought for the preschools one and a half years ago.

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

Four of the five preschools received their stoves when Boys' Prep visited on 26 May; the fifth received theirs last week.

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

An Appeal for Bricks and Mortar

Arthur Mnisi and the staff at Nehemiah Preschool, the preschool with which Grade 4 is partnered, are really keen to finish the last section of the partially completed wall around the preschool and church. This last part of wall would block out the nearby informal settlement, their toilets and the unsightly litter that gets dumped near the preschool.

The preschool does not have the funds to finish the wall, needless to say. So any donations of bricks—particularly grey stock bricks (the rest of the wall comprises these)—and cement would be extremely gratefully received. The outstanding section is about 40-50 feet in length and approximately 6 feet in height.

If anyone can offer any help with this particular challenge, please let Heather Falconer at Boys' Prep Reception know.

With many thanks,
The Ivory Park Committee

Dates for Term 2:

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

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

SCRIBBLE ON

So you thought that your children's scribbles were meaningless doodling! Well think again. A child's scribbles are in fact the foundation of every alphabet in the world. They contain all the lines and shapes needed for decoding and writing.

If you think I've lost it, take a letter of the alphabet and see what shapes or parts of shapes you can find in it. Alternatively, break a shape down into lines (eg, the letter 'k' has a vertical line from a rectangle and two diagonal lines from a triangle, the letter 'a' has a vertical line from the side of a square and a curve from a circle). When a child scribbles, every horizontal, vertical, diagonal and curved line is practiced over and over again creating memory cells of the movement which will become very useful in the development of handwriting. In her book *Young at Art* (Henry Holt, 2001), art educator Susan Striker says that "scribbling leads very clearly and directly toward developing the ability to read and write....Scribbling progressively introduces children to both the symbol recognition and production required in later reading and writing".

Watch with wonder as you child's handwriting evolves through his or her seemingly aimless first scribbles in the following process:

- Scribbling with no parental interference (from about one year)
- The child connects hand movements to marks on paper (14 – 18 months)
- Controlled scribbles – vertical and horizontal lines (18 months to two years)
- Scribbles include all 20 basic scribbles (2 – 3 years)
- Copying and drawing shapes (3 – 5 years)
- Isolating specific lines and curves and repetitively copying and drawing them (5 – 7 years)
- Putting various lines and curves together to form letters of the alphabet (6 – 8 years)
- Moving from printing to cursive, combining even more lines and curves together (7 – 9 years)

Encourage your child's scribbles in a variety of media such as crayons, kokis, pastels, paint and finger paints. The younger the child the larger the piece of paper should be to encourage crossing the midline while scribbling.

SCRIBBLING AS A STRESS RELIEVER FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Doodling on a piece of paper is a good way to get the brain processing and connecting thoughts freely. If your child should get frustrated or irritated with homework, I have found it useful to give them a piece of blank paper and get them to scribble like mad to get all the "cold pricklies" out. It seems to unlock the brain in a similar way to having a good primal scream or punching a pillow to relieve frustration. You might like to try it yourself!

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**ST STITHIANS BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL
SPORT AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME
THURSDAY 11 JUNE - THURSDAY 18 JUNE**



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

FOOTBALL

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| FRIDAY 11 | ALL AGE GROUPS | VS ST PETER'S | ST STITHIANS & ST PETER'S | 13:30 - 16:30 |
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NOTE: BUSES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MIDWEEK AWAY FIXTURES
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TENNIS

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| THURSDAY 18 | 1ST TEAM | V ST BENEDICT'S | ST STITHIANS | 14:00 |
| | 2ND TEAM | V ST BENEDICT'S | ST STITHIANS | 14:00 |
| | 3RD TEAM | V ST BENEDICT'S | ST BENEDICT'S | 14:00 |
| | U11 | V ST BENEDICT'S | ST BENEDICT'S | 14:00 |



**Confederations Cup 15 June
20:30 United States v Italy - Loftus Versfeld**

We have booked 5 buses to depart at 17:30pm and return approximately 23:40pm. Due to the late return times, we appeal to all to honour these times and to work as a group towards a successful event.

The busses will meet the Dads & Lads on the grass parking opposite the Junior Prep (as per departure for football fixtures).

Should you not travel by bus you need to inform Mr. Pascoe. Note: You will still be charged for the bus seat as per the package price offered. In order to facilitate transport arrangement, Dads & Lads have been allocated to specific busses to travel to and from Loftus.