



ST STITHIANS COLLEGE

A South African School Making a World of Difference

1 December 2009

Dear Parents

STAFF NEWS

1. It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to **Mrs Joanne Stead, our Deputy Headmistress**. Mrs Stead has worked at the Girls' Prep for the last 8 years and has played a very important role in shaping the school as it is today. St Stithians Girls' Prep owes Mrs Stead a huge amount of gratitude as she has been very involved in pioneering so much at the Girls' Prep. She has been most responsible for our approach to the leadership policy and our discipline policy.

She has also ensured that our approach to Awards and Recognition has been reviewed and refined. More importantly we thank Mrs Stead for her energy and passion which she has brought to our school. She will also be remembered by many girls for her pastoral care and her fairness in dealing with issues.

Mrs Stead will be relocating to Australia and so we wish her and her daughters, Courtney and Lauren all the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Mrs Stead will be sorely missed by all.

2. **Mrs Christine Whindus** sadly leaves us at the end of the year to join her husband in Abu Dhabi. Mrs Whindus has contributed hugely to the development of the Girls' Prep extramural programme over the last 5 years. She has ensured that it has been of the highest standard and that it has met the needs of our girls. She has also played a very important cross campus role and has represented the Girls' Prep on many committees. Mrs Whindus will be missed by all and we wish her and her family all the very best.
3. **Mrs Thandiwe Nxumalo** leaves us to join a television initiative which will involve teaching children from deprived backgrounds. We would like to thank Mrs Nxumalo for her contribution to our school over the last 7 years. She has been instrumental in establishing and developing additional languages in our school. We will miss her quiet presence and her wisdom which she often shared with us. We wish her and her family much joy and God's richest blessings.
4. **Reverend Fiona Calverey** leaves us at the end of the year; she has been relocated to the Bryanston Methodist Circuit. We would like to thank Rev Fiona for her contribution to the spiritual growth of our school. Reverend Janet Verrier from Bryanston Methodist Church will be joining us in January. We wish Rev Fiona and her family God's richest blessings.

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5. We congratulate the following staff members on their appointments:-
- **Mrs Kim Roberts** as Deputy Headmistress
 - **Mrs Kim Lowman** as Director of Academics
 - **Mrs Robyn De Sousa** as Director of Extramurals
 - **Mrs Premilla Naidoo** as Academic Support Co-Ordinator
 - **Mrs Cathy Tilley** as Maths and Science Teacher
 - **Miss Sue Tyson** as Academic Support Teacher
 - **Mrs Bonelela Memani** as Zulu Teacher
6. **Mrs Laura Vos** will be on long leave in the first term. **Mrs Judy Christiane** will be replacing her. Mrs Christiane is an experienced teacher, who has taught in the Girls' Prep and Boys' Prep in the past.
7. **Mrs Claire Eskinazi** will be on long leave in the first term. **Mrs Trudi Naylor** will be teaching her class.
8. **Mrs Trudi Naylor** will be on maternity leave in the second term and then on long leave in the third term. **Mrs Kerry White** will be teaching her class for the entire year.
9. **Mrs Anne Willemse** will be on long leave in the second term. **Mrs Carrin Richter** will be replacing her. Mrs Richter is familiar with the Girls' Prep as she has taught often in our school before.
10. **Mrs Glenda Theunis** will be on long leave during the third term. You will be informed of her replacement in due course.
11. **Miss Claire Kennedy** will be running our Kidz Club in the New Year.
12. I would like to thank **Mrs Kerry White**, **Mrs Cathy Tilley** and **Miss Sue Tyson** for the relief work they have done for us this year. We are delighted that they will be joining us.

EXTRAMURALS FOR 2010:

Equestrian: Well done to all the riders who did so well in 2009. We are hoping to have even more members next year. If you are interested in riding for the Girls' Prep, please contact Fiona Claasen (082 561 3946). Please register online on the following website www.sanefschoools.co.za and go to www.ghsinfo.co.za for more information.

Swimming: All swimmers are invited and encouraged to attend the pre-season clinic on Thursday, 7 Friday, 8 and Saturday, 9 Jan 09:00 - 10:30 at the Aquatics Centre with Mr Veldman. There is also training for everyone on Monday, 11 and Wednesday, 13 January from 14:00 - 15:00.

Tennis Championships: Congratulations to Leanne Wilson and Olivia Levieux who played in the finals of the 2009 Girls' Prep Tennis Championships. Both girls played outstanding tennis with Olivia winning the match 8 - 6.

Registering for Extramurals will take place with class teachers and tutors on Wednesday, 13 January.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the past year. We really do appreciate all your involvement and hard work in supporting us in the education of your daughters. I hope you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas and enjoy the time spent with your families.

Kind regards

Mrs Celeste Gilardi
Head, St Stithians Girls' Preparatory

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