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Girls' Prep Weekly Newsletter

25 June 2009

FORTH-COMING WEEKS :

Thursday, 25 June

07h30 - 12h15 Gr 7 Assessments (GP21 and GP22)
13h30 - 16h00 Open Hockey vs St Mary's (3 teams Away)
Bus leaves from GC sand parking at 13h30 and returns to GP car park.

Friday, 26 June

07h30 - 11h45 Gr 7 Assessments (GP21 and GP22)
11h45 Half-term begins

Monday, 6 July

07h30 - school re-opens after half-term

Tuesday, 7 July

Squash matches vs St John's (2 teams at Home)
17h00 - 19h00 Parent Interviews (Gr 3 - 5 in classrooms;
Specialists and Gr 6 and 7 in the Gym)

Thursday, 9 July

13h30 - 15h30 All Ages Cross Country (Away at St Peter's)
Bus leaves GC sand parking at 13h30, returns to GP car park.
17h00 - 19h00 Parent Interviews (Gr 3 - 5 in classrooms;
Specialists and Gr 6 and 7 in the Gym)

Friday, 10 July

A and B Hockey matches vs Roedean and C teams vs Kingsmead
Home : U11C; U12A, B, C; Open A, B
Away : U10 A, B, C; U11A, B; Open C
Buses leave from GC sand parking at 13h30 and return to GP car park.

Saturday, 11 July

07h30 - 12h00 U10 and U11 Hockey Festival at St Mary's

WELCOME!

Girls' Prep would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Moodley, our new receptionist. We wish her a long and happy stay!

THANK YOU!

Mr Veldman would like to say a big Thank You to all the parents who keep dropping off cardboard boxes, etc for recycling.

Thanks too to all the grade 7 parents and learners who participated in the Fashion Show - Well done!



Grade 3 / 4 Big Swings

Due to safety concerns, the big swings have been off limits for the last two months. We have secured a company to make the ground under the swings safer for the girls. We are confident that the work will be completed within the next few weeks, and then the girls can happily swing free again!

Mr S Veldman

Resource Centre News

We have had an excellent reading term and I am so very proud of our girls' enthusiasm for reading. Our book stock is growing so fast, and this is partly due to all the wonderful Birthday Books which we receive. Thank you to the girls and parents for your generosity.

No books will be allowed out after the midterm break, so that the annual stock take can be taken. To help us start this process, **all books are to be returned by Friday, 10th July**, at the very latest.

Any moms who have spare time and can help with this stock take are asked to contact me at mberrington@stithian.com so that a roster can be drawn up. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Mrs M Berrington

AN OPPORTUNITY

Would you be excited about teaching Saints Prep girls more about the Gospel?

A Saints mom is needed to help run the JAM (Jesus and Me) Club at the Girls' Prep from the beginning of 2010. JAM Club meets every Friday at first break in one of the GP classrooms. Leading JAM involves planning and teaching this half hour slot for the Gr 3, 4 and 5 girls who choose to come along.

Please ring Jill Gorven (083 348 4602) or Lianda Galatis (083 728 4254) if you are interested in volunteering.

Girls' Prep Parking

We have become increasingly aware of dangerous driving and parking in the girls' prep parking area. Please could One and All make an effort to keep this area safe for our girls.

Thought for the Week:

Life is God's gift to you. What you do with it, is your gift to God. - Anonymous

Dear One and All

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the new Deputy Head at St Stithians Girls' Prep with effect from January 2010.

The post was advertised in the Sunday Times on 15 March 2009 and attracted many applications. The CV's were screened by Mrs Acquisto, Mrs Dace and Mrs Gilardi. A short list of six applicants was interviewed by the selection panel, comprising Mr Anton de Souza (GP PTA Chairman), Mr Jakes Fredericks (Deputy Head - Boys' Prep), Mrs Lori Borello (Deputy Head - Girls' College), Mrs Gayle Kennedy (Deputy Head - Junior Primary) and Mrs Celeste Gilardi (Head - Girls' Prep).

Three candidates were short-listed. These candidates underwent further psychometric assessments run by an outside facilitator – Assessment Centre Technologies.

A second interview was held with one of the candidates.

Please join me in congratulating Mrs Kim Roberts (currently Director of Academics, St Stithians Girls' Prep) on her appointment as Deputy Head.

Mrs Roberts has been in the employ of the school since January 2003 and has held the position of Director of Academics since January 2005. Mrs Roberts is married to David and has three sons Justin, Michael and Simon. Justin and Michael are both old boys of the Boys' College; Simon is currently in matric at the Boys' College.

Mrs Roberts has played an important role in ensuring that the Girls' Prep remains at the cutting edge of Academics. She has also added great value to the Girls' Prep Executive and has been instrumental in many of the changes and innovations embraced by the Girls' Prep. I am looking forward to working alongside Mrs Roberts in her new role.

I wish Mrs Roberts God's richest blessing during her time with us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Celeste Gilardi
Head – St Stithians Girls' Preparatory

CONGRATULATIONS!!

St Stithians Girls' Prep Netball has been exceptionally successful this year. Most of the teams were unbeaten by the end of the season and generally we were recording only one or two losses at the weekly fixtures. All age groups qualified to go to play-offs and only the Open age group narrowly missed out in playing through to the finals. We are immensely proud of all our Netball players and the spirit in which they committed to a demanding season. Of course, behind every successful team is a dedicated coach and we thank all those (teachers and parents) who have been working so very hard since March to achieve such amazing results. This has, indeed, been a season to remember!!

Mrs C Whindus