



## Wellington Preparatory School

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Dear Parents and Friends

### Fun outside the classroom.....

Yesterday some of our grades enjoyed a day outside the classroom. The Grade 3's had a proudly South African Potjikos competition with a few games on the side whilst waiting for the delicious potjies to cook.

Grade 5's and 6's built shelters in the blue gum forest, played crazy games and ended the day flipping pancakes.

The grade 7's made themselves a clearing in the forest and enjoyed the morning creating delicious potjies.



## CHANGE OF BUS TRIP

Because of the low demand for lifts from Paarl, we will be doing away with a pick up point in Paarl and including a new one in Mbekweni. Parents in Paarl and potential parents in Mbekweni have been informed accordingly. Changing routes does cause quite a bit of disruption and I ask for parents to be patient while we sort out the timing of the new routes. Those parents who have not returned the letter which was sent home on 19 September will not be part of the new route. If you have any queries, you can contact the school by email or you can leave a message on the school answering machine, even in the holidays.

## AFTERCARE

**Please remember that aftercare closes early today, at 14h00 as usual on the last day of term.**

## MATHLETICS

It is great to see that our children are starting to make more use of Mathletics. In the course of this week, the Grade 5's were placed 18<sup>th</sup> in the top 50 classes in South Africa and the Grade 7's were placed 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition, a number of children were placed in the top 100 in the country.

### South African Maths Challenge 26 – 27 September 2011

Mathletics are having a big national maths challenge for all the maths wizards! Sadly we will be on holiday next week but all the Wellington Prep children are registered and are welcome to participate from home by logging into Mathletics in the usual way and clicking on the 'Maths Challenge' icon.

Make sure that you have the new Adobe Flash Player 10.3.x.x – we recommend updating to the latest version available from <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>  
Great Prizes to be won!!

1st place: This student will be The South African Maths Champion and be awarded a trophy, an iPod and R3000 from Standard Bank

2<sup>nd</sup> place: A trophy, an iPod and R2000 from Standard Bank

3<sup>rd</sup> place: A trophy, an iPod and R1000 from Standard Bank

4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place: A certificate and R500 from Standard Bank

All students who participate will receive a digital participation certificate. If you have any question or queries, don't hesitate to contact Mathletics: Contact number: 011 706 8959 E-mail: [customerservice@3plearning.co.za](mailto:customerservice@3plearning.co.za)

## SCHOOL FEES

Although most of our parents pay their fees on time, there are some who unfortunately do not do so and as 80% of fees billed goes towards paying our teachers, late payment of fees makes it difficult for us to pay our staff on time. Please take note of the following:

1. School fees are payable monthly from January to November, due by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.
2. A monthly invoice is issued at the end of each month, either by email or sent home with your eldest child.
3. If you require a statement, please contact Heather who will issue you with one.
4. Should you fall behind with payments, please contact Heather, don't wait for the school to contact you.

*Thank you to all those parents who pay their fees on time.*

**Condolences** – our sincere condolences go to Johnny Chibanda in the Senior Playgroup whose grandfather recently passed away.

## Children leaving the school

Please remember that you need to give a term's notice if your child is not returning to Wellington Prep next year. Kindly let the office know if this is the case.

## TIN COLLECTION

The full tins are slowly rolling in. So far we have received 40 tins and an amount of R3540. Keep collecting your small change over the holidays and remember to decorate your tin as there will be prizes for the 'best looking' tins. All tins need to be handed in by the end of October. If you have filled a tin and would like another one, please collect one from the office.

## BREAKING NEWS - WELLINGTON PREP HAS TALENT!

In place of the Games Evening this year we are going to hold a WELLINGTON PREP HAS TALENT evening on Friday the 2nd of December. The school play, yet again, highlighted some very talented scholars and we would like to give more children the opportunity to showcase what they can do. All the different genres are welcome ... singing, dancing, drama, musical items, rapping, b-box, dialogues, monologues, reciting of poems .. the sky is the limit!

We welcome solo artists and group work too. So start practising your routine and ask your teachers for assistance.

Although friends are welcome to come and watch the show they may not enter the competition. There will however be an "open" session and we encourage parents, siblings and our teachers to enter too.

More details will follow at the start of next term.

## SPORT

A huge 'thank you' to our soccer coach, Justin, and our hockey coach, Lauren, for all their hard work this term. It is hard to believe that we only started hockey this year and soccer last year, if we look at how quickly the children have developed.

As far as next term is concerned, we have decided to change the policy that the green Wellington Prep shirts must be worn for ballskills. Children will now be allowed to wear any shirt as long as it is appropriate for exercise. Children must please wear shorts that end before the knee or tracksuit pants. It is very difficult to run in board shorts that end just past the knee. Proper takkies and socks must also please be worn.

Ballskills will start on the first day of term (Monday 10 October) but we will not be swimming until the weather improves.

Optional cricket for Gr R-7 will start on the first Wednesday of term (12 October).

### **Soccer matches:**

- On Wednesday 14 September the Junior soccer team played against Galacticos Soccer Club. Our super goal scorer, Noah managed to score his second goal in this season. WPS dominated the game, but at the last moment Galacticos scored a goal too. This made it a 1 all draw. Well done to all the junior soccer players on a super season!
- The Junior and Senior teams played against Newton Primary on Wednesday 21 September. Both teams played really well. Newton Primary had a home advantage and beat our Senior team 7 – 0. The Juniors defended well, with Sam scoring an amazing goal. We drew 1 all.

I would like to congratulate all the players on a fabulous season of great teamwork and super skills!

### **Hockey matches:**

On Tuesday 13 September our junior boys team played against Simond and won 1/0! They were very well behaved and calm, making it difficult to believe that this was their first match.

Congratulations to Aidan Sampson who scored our goal.

Two of our senior teams also played and although both lost it was clear to see that our hockey skills and teamwork has improved from our previous match.

We are very proud of all the players who were there on time, neatly dressed and keeping our school's name high. We would like to say thank you to all the parents and teachers who came to support us, as well as to Coach Lauren who refereed the games.

## **Inter-house soccer and hockey**

Today saw the clash between green and white teams in Interhouse soccer and hockey. Although results were not available before the newsletter went to press, there was immense fun and excitement and some healthy rivalry between the teams and their supporters.



*Last, but not least, we would like to wish all of our children a wonderful holiday, see you again on MONDAY 10 OCTOBER.*

*Thank you for your continued support,  
Mike Aubin and the WPS team*