



Chatter



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Our Fortnightly Newsletter

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DEAR PARENTS

Please note, for those parents who don't receive our internal newsletter, the **CHATTER** is updated on our **website** as soon as it is published.

There is so much to be grateful for. I **thank you** that, with your support, the following has been completed:

- The **Pre School soccer field**
- Additional **cricket nets** installed
- Upgrade and **renovations** to the **Farm House Café**
- **2 Air conditioners** installed in extra classrooms.

We have had our **landscaper** and a team in to treat the soil and tend to the flower beds. The children were very quick to report the compost smell in the grounds!

This school was started in 2003 and we had very humble beginnings. The progress made during the seven years since we were founded has been incredible. **Thank you parents for your enthusiasm, generosity in donations, work done at cost, expertise and time ensuring ongoing progress.**

We have been advised that the **dirt road from Mount Edgecombe** will remain closed until the middle of March.

OPEN DAY 12 MARCH 10 AM - 12 PM

Please pass the word on to family and friends.

Our PARENTS and CHILDREN remain our BEST AMBASSADORS AND MARKETERS!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO:

- The **Van Zyl and Hill Families** who have donated water coolers to the Grade 6 and Grade 4 classes.
- Birthday books and book donations received from **Zarik Jetha** (RD), **Georgia Mackay** (2J) and **Luke Gardiner** (2B)
- **Georgia** (2J) and **Kyle** (OOOW) **Mackay** for donating toys and games to the Pre School.
- **James Conway** (OOOL) for donating a puzzle to the puzzle library.
- **Talia Tostee** (1F) for the beautiful kitchen/stove donated to the Playgroup.

Mondi recycling – please remember to **deposit paper** in our Ronnie bin. This is a wonderful opportunity to create an awareness of the environment and conservation issues, in our children.

SECURITY STICKERS – Reminder to parents to please ensure they have a school security sticker on their vehicle for entrance and exit of school premises. Available at SP reception at R6 each.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE TO:

OUR MIDMAR MILE SWIMMERS:

Staff: Kris Ackerman, Debbie Reardon, Hayley Duncan and Chris Taylor. **Pupils:** Perez Vermeulen (4S), Sean Argue (4H), Chelsea Argue (7T), Kristi van Straaten (6P), Cayla Hill (6R), Thomas Hill (4H), Jade Viljoen (6P), Robert Attwood (5S), Tayla Berchowitz (3DI), Dominique Teichmann (3D), Danielle Teichmann (7T), Robyn Henderson (7T), Ethan Kraus (5B), Jayde Lamb (7B), Chad Michau (4S), Gaby Halford (3DI), Travis Misdorp (6P), Dominic Garreau (3D) and Joshua Isbister (7B).

Thank you to **Miss Duncan** for all her **efficient organisation, guidance** with **training and motivating** her young swimmers for the **Midmar Mile**. Thank you also to **Mr Taylor** who took the parents and children to the starting point.



Sarah Harding (2J), who received a certificate of Distinction for the **Royal Academy of Dance** Primary Level Examination as well as a Gold Badge. She was also awarded a trophy for being runner-up in the Grade.

Matthew Adams (3D), who received a certificate of Achievement for **Water Skiing**.

Luke Mayo (5B) and **Matthew Montgomery** (4S) on having been selected for the **North Durban U11 Cricket team**.

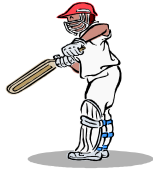
Cheylynn Pienaar (7T), who received her Junior 1st **Dan Black belt for karate** and was selected for the Kofukan World Championships in Japan (2009) to represent South Africa. She will be competing, at the highest level, in Sweden this year.

We are very proud of our two **South African representatives: Luke Mayo** – Golf and **Cheylynn Pienaar** – Karate.

It is unfortunate that there have been **clashes with our sporting fixtures and galas**. The date of the Midmar Mile also changed, resulting in pressure put on our children to meet their sporting requirements.

Parents please note that **no member may be excused from a team commitment to attend a birthday party**. To avoid disappointment, please take this into account when organising parties. The **teams rely on their members to participate**.

SPORTS



CRICKET RESULTS

3.2.2010 UC vs CRAWFORD NC U/11B
CNC – 82/4 (Tyrique Muthan 1/3, Jordan Sherratt 1/3)
UC – 58/1 UC lost by 24 runs

Man of the Match: Jordan Sherratt

3.2.2010 UC vs CRAWFORD NC U/13B
CNC – 39 All out (Ryan van der Poll 4/5)
UC – 40/4 UC won by 6 wickets

Man of the Match: Ryan van der Poll

6.2.2010 UC vs CRAWFORD NC U/10A
UC – 189/3 (Sean Argue 52 not out, Matthew Montgomery 51)
CNC – 122 All out (Chad Michau 3/5)
UC won by 7 wickets

Man of the Match: Sean Argue

6.2.2010 UC vs CRAWFORD NC U/11A
CNC – 113/9 (Cameron Webber 3/14, Ross Venning-Pridham 3/14)
UC – 98 All out
CNC won by 14 runs.

Man of the Match: Ross Venning-Pridham

6.2.2010 UC vs CRAWFORD NC 1st XI
UC – 173/8 (Rory Allan 59)
CNC – 163 All out (Darian Blair 4/30)
UC won by 10 runs

Man of the Match: Rory Allan

GARVZ SPORTS ACADEMY is operating at our school. For further details please contact **Bruce Dragt on 0867277678** or log onto their website at www.garv.co.za.

PRE SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

The Pre School **Valentines Picnic** was a great success, both parents and children had a wonderful time. Our **soccer field** is well on its way to being played on, we hope to have our official opening very soon. Our **Indigenous Garden**, filled with fairies and magic, is currently being planned. We will keep you posted on its development.

A **special thanks** must go to the **Parents Committee** for giving us the money to enable us to go ahead with our extension, to **Rob Cunnama** for managing this project for us and to **Warren Bradfield** for moving the fence.

Swimming has begun in the Pre School and is an extremely exciting time of the day for our little ones. We have some very good swimmers this year and a few have already swum a full length of the pool, I am so proud of them!

Paula Algar

Health - Teachers on break duty are noticing that the Grade 4 and 5 children have a lot of chips, sweets and cool drinks in their lunch boxes. Please note that **treat day is on a Friday** and we encourage parents to pack healthy lunch boxes for their children on the other days of the week.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

First fundraiser **LADIES NIGHT 24 MARCH at 7:00PM** in the **JP HALL**.

Tickets are selling fast. Please contact LEANNE on 0824563791 to book your seat/table.

The PA is happy to announce that, after the delays and finalising the stability certificates and documentation, the Cantilever **Awning for the Grand Stand area** should be installed around the end of March.

PA Meeting dates for 2010. Meetings begin at 5:30pm in the UC Boardroom.

Term 1 - 17 February

Term 2 - 5 May

Term 3 - 18 August

Term 4 - 13 October

FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to **Christian Le Roux, Ethan Kraus, Ryan Johnston, Travis Misdorp, Azhar Omarjee, Yizhuo Li, Jenna Van Der Poll, Arya Maharaj, Natcha Tosomsakul, Chulu Qoboshiyane, Micah Valiquette, Hannah Vince-Jillings, Rouxlè Koekemoer, Matthew Blunden, Calym Lishman, Daniël Van Zyl, Charles Goldson and Loren Johnston** for all the books that have been donated to our libraries, the "Street" was looking great with all the books displayed in it and we have some good reads we can add to our collection!



Thank you, Debbie Wicht

A CALENDAR REMINDER:

TBC	Grade R-3 Family Picnic 17h00
22 February	Pre School Parent Interviews
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25 February	Pre School Parent Interviews Durban North Heads Conference – Mrs Reid away
26 February	Grade 6 & 7 sleepover at DGC Durban Heads Conference – Mrs Reid away
01 March	Hearing Test Screening Pre School & JP
02 March	Hearing Test Screening continues World Maths Day
03 March	Grade 000 outing to Flag Farm Board of Governors Meeting 16h00
04 March	Class & Individual Photos Grade 00 outing to Flag Farm

Due to our staunch rugby supporters understandably wanting to watch the Sharks playing at ABSA Stadium the same day scheduled for our **JP picnic**, priorities dictate a **change in date**, the new date will be confirmed shortly!

For the SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED parents MUST PLEASE STOP at the four-way stop. Please DO NOT SPEED in a residential and school zone. This is important as there are children, pets and pedestrians in the Prestondale and school areas.

MARGO REID