



# CBC St John's Parklands Senior School

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Dear Parents

## From the Senior School Office

*'The mind is like a parachute it works only when it is open.'*

Unknown

Study time is upon us all. Students are going to need to open up their minds to all knowledge as they revise their year's work. FET Students in particular should be aware of the importance of these exams. Study timetables should have been drawn up long ago and today when the final examination timetable is given out, final revision planning can be done. Grade 11's have two weeks to go, so pump up those parachutes, not with air, but with all you have learnt.

## Condolences

We extend our love and sympathy to the sisters, staff and students of Holy Cross Bellville, who have lost their principal, Sr Margaret McGovern to Cancer. If any school understands the extent of their grief, we do, and we are praying for her and them in their loss.

## Art and Design Expo

Take pity on the Art and Design students who set up their exhibitions yesterday at the Portuguese Club, despite the howling South-easter. Do not forget that parents and interested viewers may attend on 29 October. We are most grateful to the Portuguese community, who have been so supportive of this function. The school will also visit the exhibitions on 29 October. The Gala Evening for invited guests is on Wednesday, 28 October and we are looking forward to viewing the fruits of so much labour.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who will take on these leadership positions next year:

Interact President: Tarryn Naude

Vice- President: Julia de Vartek

## House Captains:

Edmund House: Captains: Luis Pita and Amber Smit

Vice-captains Lyndon Stratford and Shelly Oxley

Ignatius House: Captains: Jason Barrett and Sarah Netherlands

Vice-captains: Winnie-Sue Maboea and Stevland Present

Rice House: Captains      Amber Jones and Mario Da Silva  
 Vice-captains:              Joshua Coetzee and Leandra Da Silva

Tyler Ryan: fourth place at South African Kite Surfing Championships

### **Second-Hand Booksale**

Make sure your child advertises his books for sale on Mrs Le Roux's window so students needing books can contact him. In these tough economic times it makes sense to sell unnecessary books and buy second-hand where you can. We aim to change as few as possible books from year to year, and only change books when the curriculum requires us to, or when books are out of print. Encourage your child to recycle in this way.

### **24-7 Booksale**

Don't forget the booksale for new books on Thursday at 12:30.

### **ERS Gifts**

The ERS is once again hosting a Christmas party for under-privileged children and so need boys' and girls' gifts. We thank you for your generosity in this regard in advance. There is no need to wrap them. The ERS does this. Christmas is an important time to support those who would otherwise not be spoiled.

### **Pets Pets Pets**

Our annual beach run will take place on 6 November. Donations of dogfood are being asked as entrance fee.

### **Hear2Day – Tableview**

Join this exciting new support group for persons living with a hearing loss i.e wear hearing aids and/or cochlear implant/s.

Family members are also welcome to attend. Meetings are held once every 6 weeks.

The next meeting will take place on **13 November 2009** at CBC School, Main Road, Parklands at **18:00**. (ends around 19:15)

Call/Sms Diane on 0823304586 or

Email [diane@x-llent.co.za](mailto:diane@x-llent.co.za) to RSVP (refreshment purposes)

We look forward to welcoming you!

### **Dates to Diarise**

- 25 October: Art and Design Exhibition set-up
- 26-27 October: External Art and Design Marking
- 27 October: **Matric Examinations begin**. Keep them in your prayers.  
                   RE Co-ordinators' Forum
- 27-28 October: Prefect Camp
- 28 October: Final Art Moderation  
                   PS Fun Gala  
                   Art and Design Exhibition Gala Opening
- 29 October: 24-7 Booksale  
                   Catholic Principals' Forum  
                   SS visits Art Exhibition
- 30 October: Farewell to Mr and Mrs Booyesen
- 31 October: Pre-school Fashion Show

In closing, I return to the quotation above and explore the deeper meaning of 'open mind,' the ability to be willing to explore

other' views or an alternative interpretation of events. While this is a good quality for students to develop in their studies because it implies a non-judgemental approach, it is also a good approach for us as parents to take as our children head for their year-end examinations: Be open to their stress; be open to their contrariness, without tolerating rudeness, and be open with not just our minds, but our arms so that we can constantly remind them of how much we love and support them in their studies.

Yours in education

Colleen Mongie

Senior School Principal