



CBC PRETORIA

Newsletter 9 - 19th March 2010

Dear Parents

Happy St Patrick's Day to all and particularly to those who have a touch of the green blood!

This will be my last newsletter for the term as Mr Oliver and I will be leaving for Ireland tomorrow. We will be joined by 10 other CBC Heads from around South Africa and we will be attending an International Conference of CBC Heads in Dublin. This is a wonderful opportunity that the Christian Brothers' Congregation have sponsored.

As we come to the end of the term, the final preparations are being made to the reports which will be distributed to all the pupils during next week at the appropriate Parents Evening which is as follows:

Foundation Phase	Wednesday	25th March	(13:00 – 14:00) 16:00 – 18:00
Intermediate Phase	Tuesday	24th March	16:00 – 18:00
High School	Wednesday	25th March	17:00 – 19:00

You are invited to visit every teacher who teaches your child on these evening. Please bear in mind that these are meant to be short interviews so please do not delay the process unduly. If you would like further time with a particular teacher, please make an appointment with that member of staff.

It has been a very busy term with lots of work that has been done; midst all the business we have somehow found time to participate in a whole variety of extra-curricular activities. I would like to thank all the pupils who have been so busy doing the various activities, without which none of this would be any fun. Also my thanks to the parents who got involved and assisted when needed, but most importantly I would like to thank the staff who give so generously of their time. Let's be honest, without them none of these events would have happened.

One of the largest 'whole' school activities we have had this term has been the Swimathon. This was a hugely successful event both from the point of view of enjoyment, as well as fund raising. I am not able to give the final amount raised for this event at the moment but I can report that we have exceeded the R70 000 mark so far. This is an amazing effort from everybody and it certainly shows that everyone is ready to get moving on the renovations needed at the pool. Thank you. The prize winners will be announced next week, but as far as I'm concerned everyone who participated is a winner.

The MySchool project is running a competition called "Play it Forward". It entails children gathering points by you using your card. I do not want to create more competitions, but we have been given various vouchers to encourage spending, so should you get such vouchers please understand where they are coming from. All I ask is that if you are going to be spending that money at the various partner shops that you use your card and if you don't have one, at least get one so that when you do make purchases at places like Woolworths, the College benefits, otherwise the opportunity to assist your child and the College is wasted.

As we leave for holiday I would like to wish all those going away a safe journey. Please remember to buckle up,

It saves lives! Recently my son was involved in an accident and had he not had his belt on, he would have no doubt been very seriously hurt. It happens when you least expect it, so don't forget to buckle up.

To everyone, may you have a Blessed Easter and may the joy of this time of the year remain with you in the months that lie ahead.

"Faith must not remain theory, it must be life. If we encounter the Lord in the Sacrament, if we speak to him in prayer, if in the decisions of daily life we adhere to Christ then we see more and more how good he is, then we experience how good it is to be with him." Pope Benedict

Yours truly,

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