

NEWS FROM THE PRC 2010

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About us: The Parents Representative Council for 2010 was elected shortly before the Easter Holidays. Many of the 2009 PRC members stood for election again this year. Dr Silke Thoss and Shamini Schaaf were amongst those who retired and we would like to express our sincere thanks for their enthusiasm and hard work over the past year. We welcome 4 new members, some of whom are known to us already: Andrea Davidson, Anne Griffioen-Haye, Bedelia Theunissen and Tim Orrill-Legg (also known as the bravest man in Johannesburg). You can find a complete list of PRC members and their contact details on the DSJ website under the „Structure“ section, as well as on the black notice board in the corridor leading to the library. In general we can of course also be contacted at any time via e-mail: prc@dsjmail.co.za .

Questions to the PRC from the Class Representatives General Meeting: Several written questions were submitted during the General Meeting of Class Representatives in March. These have now been responded to and the full list of questions and answers can be viewed on the school website in the PRC section.

Ideas for class get-togethers: We would like to follow up on a suggestion made at the General Meeting: it is not always easy to find somewhere suitable for class get-togethers, so let's share ideas and experiences with each other. Please contact us with the following so we can compile a list :

- Where have you held class meetings in the past? (address, contact & website details)?
- Suitable for which age groups?
- Entrance fees, if any?

- Any personal impressions?

Appeal for second-hand children's CDs, DVDs and books: The Kindergarten, pre-school and school library are urgently looking for good condition CDs and DVDs with children's stories and songs. Please contact Frau Myburgh in the Kindergarten if you can help. For copyright reasons the school can only accept original versions, no copies.

Blood Donor Drive: the little job that saves lives! The first blood donor drive in 2010 generated a good response and 40 units of blood. We would like to thank all donors for their support – particularly the many learners who participated. We have two more blood donor drives planned for this year, (one per term). Please put August 24th and October 19th in your diaries!

Lost property: as last year the lost property office will be open for an extra hour on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month from 1.30 till 2.15pm. For particular questions we can also be contacted on prc@dsjmail.co.za

Sale of second-hand school uniforms : as you probably know by now, all “nameless” lost property items, or those not claimed for more than a year, are put into the second-hand sale or are donated to charity organisations. Our first sale of second-hand uniforms took place on 30th April. Several bargains were to be had and many items of clothing found new owners. We would also like to remind you that unmarked pullovers, jackets, and t-shirts etc. are very difficult to find in the lost property office and thus you could end up buying back your own jersey at the 2nd hand

sale. So don't forget to label your children's clothes!

Event : The PRC organised two talks on 18th May in the Tuckshop: Firstly Juanene Frydman presented an introduction to workshops which focus on dealing with teenager issues. The second part of the evening was sponsored by Woolworths and comprised a talk by the experienced, qualified Nutritionist, Wendy Goldstein on the topic of balanced diets; well-balanced kids. Around 60 people attended the event and the presentations seemed to be appreciated by the audience. We would like to thank you for your support.

My School Card: Money for Jam! Just by presenting our My School Cards at the partner retailers of the My School community meant we enjoyed a financial windfall which allowed us to support a number of projects last year. For instance we donated R 5,000 to the school kitchen to buy new pots, pans and equipment. We are planning a competition later this year for all users of the My School card. More details to follow. In the meantime please don't forget: if you don't yet have a card please apply for one as soon as possible. You can also apply online at www.myschool.co.za

We wish all learners, parents and teachers a great school bazaar , a fantastic holiday and much fun during the World Cup. We hope to see you at one of the public viewing events at the school!

Your Parents' Representative Committee