

11 March 2011

Dear Parents,

The Dainfern College Parents' Association (PA) has a subcommittee focused on supporting the College's outreach partners. Please see below for an update about current collection drives in the Prep school as well as an overview of what is planned for the rest of the year. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

### **Donate marshmallow Easter eggs in March**

The entire College is collecting chocolate marshmallow Easter eggs throughout March. Please send as many as you can (boxes are great!) to school with your child. The eggs will be collected from each class by the outreach coordinators and will be distributed at the end of the month to children on the feeding scheme at Itirele-Zenzele, a crèche in Cosmo City, Re-Shomile Primary school in Diepsloot and Akani (the High School's outreach partner). The eggs really put a smile on the children's faces!

### **Clean out your child's cupboard to support the Grade 10 Enyuka Challenge**

Dainfern College's Grade 10 learners are heading off on the Enyuka Challenge on Friday 25 March. They will be based at the Mweni Cultural Centre in the foothills of the Drakensberg mountains and undertake a day of community service followed by a five day hike up the Drakensburg using various routes and passes to reach the summit. The learners and teachers are collecting items to take along to donate to the community. The items they are looking for are:

- Clothing (all sizes; winter clothes are especially needed)
- Stationery, magazines and books for Prep school children)
- School bags
- Sports equipment (Prep sized cricket equipment, soccer and tennis balls)
- Toys

If you have any of these at home and are willing to donate them, they would be greatly appreciated. The items can be dropped off at the following points by 24 March (please contact Megan Macpherson if you have any questions):

- JP – Antoinette's reception area
- SP – Mama Mncube's classroom. M103
- High School – Mrs Dube's classroom. J202

### **Re-Shomile Primary school library**

A group of dedicated moms from all sections of Dainfern College have been hard at work since October cataloguing, labelling and preparing over 3 000 books for the shelves of the Re-Shomile Primary school library in Diepsloot. We would love to create an ongoing volunteer force for the school where volunteers carpool to the school once each week to assist learners and teachers in the library and also read to the learners. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Molly Millett Singh at [mollymillett@tiinc.com](mailto:mollymillett@tiinc.com) for more information.

**Future collection drives (details will be sent at a future date):**

- In early May, we will start our annual collection of **winter blankets and warm clothes**, so if you have any extra blankets and warm clothes, please set them aside now.
- Before the December holidays, each class is asked to donate specific items to **holiday gift hampers** for children on the feeding scheme and support staff at the College.
- There may also be small one-time requests based on the particular activities in the JP, SP or an individual class.

**Ongoing efforts:**

- Learners in each Dainfern College class are asked to pack an extra lunch once or twice each year to support the **African Eagles** soccer program. Twenty boys on the U15 team are offered the opportunity to receive extra Maths, English and computer lessons on Saturdays, and the donated lunches are much appreciated.
- The **feeding scheme at Itirele-Zenzele** provides food hampers to particularly vulnerable children (mostly orphans) twice each month. The feeding scheme is funded by donations from the Dainfern College PA and parents who have signed up to donate via monthly debit orders. The cost of each food hamper is R80, and donations of any amount are most welcome and can be made via monthly debit orders. We would love to be able to extend the program to more children.

**Volunteers** are also needed to distribute the food parcels every other Friday between 12:00-14:00, and one volunteer with a little accounting knowledge is needed to assist with collating the statements for donors. Please contact Mrs. Coetzee for more information about volunteering or donating.

**Thanks for your support! For more information, please contact:**

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