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PREPARATORY NEWS

Friday 18 March 2011 #9

Dear Parents, Staff and Pupils

Prestige Swimming

Last Friday 11 March the A-swimming team competed in the annual Prestige Gala which was hosted at Dainfern College. The swimmers competed against the eight other schools that make up A-league for co-ed Independent schools. All the swimmers gave of their very best and on more than one occasion the difference between first and second place was one hundredth of a second! Although the final result was not the win we were aiming for, our swimmers gave of their best and we can be very proud of all our swimmers. Out of the 49 events Dainfern achieved 13 first places, 7 second places, 10 third places and broke five records. We also won the Overall Girls' Trophy. The results were as follows:

1) HeronBridge 402
2) Dainfern 379
3) De La Salle 277
4) Redhill 269
5) Marian 260
6) Kyalami 259
7) Crawford 230
8) Grayston 227
9) St Dunstan's 210

We will be handing out Prestige swimming certificates (U9-Open) at next Tuesday's (22 March) Assembly. Parents of swimmers who will be receiving certificates will be contacted this week and invited to Assembly. Tuesday 29 March will be a Sports Awards Assembly where swimming, golf, softball, tennis and cricket awards will be presented. Parents will also be invited to attend this Assembly.

Tour Reports

Grade 6 Tour: ***by Nadine Pace – 6T***

On the day of departure the tension was building: everyone was so excited to see Camp Nelu. That very afternoon, after we had arrived, everybody was split up into teams with the team leaders' names being: Biscuit, Sparkles, Candy, Mustard, Peanut Butter and Chomp. With our teams in place, we all made a team flag and a war-cry. We then had free time (which was swimming in a very slimy reservoir). After our little swim, we went on a night hike. During the hike we stopped and sat on the dust road and did a "sense test". On our return to camp, we went to bed.

On our second day at Camp Nelu we all did the following activities: archery, djembe drumming game-driving, a very interesting nature hike, and survival, where we learnt how to make shelters. And then the rains came down, the rains being a 5-litre bottle of water,-the bearer being Peanut Butter. During the course of the day, everybody got a chance to do them all. That night, we had quite a funny show put on by our camp leaders. Later, we all roasted marshmallows on the greatest bonfire you have ever seen! Nobody wanted to leave Camp Nelu, but of course fate had it in that we had to leave straight after breakfast.

Grade 5 Tour: ***by Kiara Baker – 5Q***

I woke up with a fright as the alarm clock buzzed at 04:45 am. With much excitement I jumped out of bed and dressed in record time, much to my mother's surprise, because rushing is not something I do on a normal school day. Today was not a normal day; it was the day we left for the Grade 5 Tour, YIPPEEEEEEE!

After a long and loud bus journey we finally arrived at our destination, Elandskloof Camp near Dullstroom. Once we had met our facilitators, we were put into groups and chose our rooms and then had a much needed lunch as we were starving.

Camp was much fun with activities such as making shelters out of wood and leaves. Also, we had an obstacle course to complete in the bush that was exhausting but my team still won the challenge. Another activity was "stalk the lantern" which was very interesting and made us all laugh.

We were very sad to leave Elandskloof after our fun-filled adventures, but at the end of our never-ending bus journey, we were happy to finally be home and excited about the midterm break ahead.

Grade 4 Tour: ***by Christopher Flood – 4Q***

The camp was great, the food was great, Sun City was awesome and the whole camp was the best ever! When we arrived at camp we got our bags, chose who we wanted to sleep with and went to our dorms. We went back to the lapa where the facilitators told us their names and the rules. They put us into groups and we had to paint a flag and make up a war cry. After we said our war cries we had lunch. After lunch we did some more activities and then we had supper. The food was great! After supper we went on a night walk and when we got back we went to bed.

The next day we went to Sun City. I stayed in the wave pool most of the time. I also went on the slides. When I got off the slides we had lunch at Steers. It was so funny when a monkey stole some food! After lunch we went back to the wave pool to get our bags and head back to Camp Nelu. My best part of tour was Sun City - the wave pool was the best. I didn't have a bad part as it was too much fun!

I can't wait until next year's tour!

Have a lovely weekend

D WEBB
Preparatory Principal
Dainfern College

- **Academic Reporting in the Senior Preparatory Phase**

SP Parent-Teacher interviews to be held on Monday 28 March to Thursday 31 March from 14h00 until 17h00

Parents are reminded of the reporting procedures in the Senior Preparatory Phase.

Our academic year is divided into two semesters. Full, academic reports on pupils' progress are issued to parents at the end of each semester. The First Semester runs from January to Half-Term in Term 2. Semester 1 reports will be issued on Friday 1 July 2011. The Second Semester runs from after Half-Term in the second Term until the end of the school year in December. Semester 2 reports are issued on the last day of school, 2 December 2011.

Informal reporting opportunities are offered in the form of Parent-Teacher interviews roughly in the middle of each semester. We strongly recommend that **all** parents see their children's class teachers. If there are subject-specific issues which Grade 6 and 7 parents would like to discuss, they are encouraged to book appointments with the respective subject teachers. These parent interviews are informed by a brief Interim Report. Interim Reports only give a general indication of a pupil's progress in all subjects.

Grade 6, 7 and specialist teachers' parent- teacher interviews must please be booked on booking sheets that will be available in the Media Centre from 07h00 on Tuesday 22 March. Grade 4 & 5 interviews will be arranged by class moms or the respective teachers.

To summarise, here are some important dates to diarise regarding the SP reporting procedures:

Grade 6,7 and specialist teachers' booking sheets posted in the Media Centre for SP parent-teacher interviews	From Tuesday 22 March 2011	07h00
SP Interim Report issued	Friday 25 March	13h35
SP Semester 1 parent-teacher interviews	Monday 28 March – Thursday 31 March	14h00-17h00
Semester 1 Reports issued	Friday 1 July	12h00
SP Semester 2 parent-teacher interviews	Still to be confirmed	
Semester 2 Reports issued	Friday 2 December	10h00

CHRIS STEYN
Senior Preparatory Head of Academics

- **PA NEWS**

Swimathon:
The prizes for this event will be handed out in Assembly next week. The PA would like to thank the following sponsors who donated so generously towards this event.

TAZZYS (the new toy shop in the Valley shopping centre)
CAFFE FRAPPE
JONNYS RESTAURANT
PIATTOS DAINFERN
FASHION SQUARE
ALTECH NETSTAR
VODACOM
SPUR - FOURWAYS MALL
CHAPLINS DVD STORE
THAT'S DANCING (Kingfisher Shopping Centre-Fourways)
PICK N PAY - Douglasdale

And to all the Class Moms who donated prizes on behalf of their class -THANK YOU!! Thank you to all the pupils who participated --you all did so well and your efforts in collecting sponsorships and donations are much-appreciated. A huge thank you to all the parents for your wonderful support.

Golf Classic 2011:
The annual PA golf day is to be held on 26 May 2011. Please find our invitation and entrance form in the link. Entries are on a strictly first-come first-served basis. The invitation and entrance form for this event may be downloaded here: http://www.dainferncollege.co.za/downloads/doc_download/184-pa-golf-classic-2011

MySchool Fundraising:
Please remember this very easy way to raise funds for Dainfern College.

Dainfern Supporters' Clothing
Should you wish to purchase supporters' clothing, the updated order form and pricelist are in the link hereafter. Order forms can be placed into the boxes in the Main or JP Receptions. Deliveries take 2-3 weeks. Any queries can be directed to Pool Poncho directly or to Joanne Lund on 083-3088828. The order form can be downloaded here: http://www.dainferncollege.co.za/downloads/doc_download/183-supporters-clothing-order-form

- **High School Major Production – Opening Night – Sunday 20 March**

Opening night is a mere two days away! Please note that ACCESS TO THE AUDITORIUM IS THROUGH THE RECEPTION AREA ONLY as the 'usual' access route via the Tuckshop will be blocked off to keep the area clear for performers and set pieces. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and look forward to seeing you there. Remember to book your tickets – although Sunday is almost sold out, there are still tickets available for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so don't miss it! Contact tickets@dainferncollege.co.za or you can download a booking form here: http://www.dainferncollege.co.za/downloads/doc_download/171-romeo-a-juliet-booking-form

- **Parents' Tea**

Mrs Gower-Jackson and Mr Webb will be presenting their termly school report on Wednesday 23 March from 07h45-09h00 in the Function Room. Questions and concerns of a general nature, will also be discussed.

- **Grade 0 Enrolments for 2012**

Please let Mrs Proxenos know before 31 March 2011 if you have a sibling coming through to **Grade 0 in 2012**. We cannot guarantee a place after this date.

- **From the Media Centre**

We sincerely acknowledge the Dickinson family for their generous contribution of books to our Media Centre.

TRICIA MOODLEY
Media & Research Specialist

- **SP Lost Property Procedure 2011**

Please remember the following procedures for the managing of Senior Prep lost property:

- Please label all clothing.
- Lost property is taken to Mama Mncube in M103 in the SP Quad.
- There are labelled boxes where lost property is kept.
- Lost property will be returned after the payment of the following fines:
  - Grade 4 and 5: R5,00.
  - Grade 6 and 7: R10,00.
- A receipt will be issued once payment has been made.
- Monies paid will be donated to the Prep School Outreach programme.
- Lost property names are called out at morning line-up on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Lost property can only be collected at the following times:
  - 2nd break: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
  - 13h30 to 14h30: Tuesday and Thursday.

Lost Property

Names	Grade	Names	Grade
Lunch boxes		**Towels**	
Courtney Clark	Gr 4	Eleanor Hoggarth	Gr 6
Lateffa Monareng	Gr 5	Ditiro Maaga	Gr 7
Nicholas Brown	Gr 7	Aiden Singh	Gr 4
Brandon Valjalo	Gr7		

MAMA MNCUBE
Head of SP Outreach

- **Art Jamming in our April School Holidays**

Please see Mrs Sue Vermaas' invitation at the end of this newsletter, for your children to attend a session from Monday 11 April to Wednesday 13 April

Dates to Diarise:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Friday 18 March	13h45	JP Music Matinée	Auditorium
Sunday 20 March Tues 22 - Thurs 24 March	18h00 19h00	High School Drama Production: ***Romeo and Juliet***	Auditorium
Monday 21 March		**Human Rights' Day – school closed**	
Tuesday 22 March	07h30	SP Music Assembly	Auditorium
From Tuesday 22 March	07h00	Booking sheets posted in the Media Centre for SP parent-teacher interviews	Media Centre
Wednesday 23 March	07h45	Parents' Tea	Function Room
Friday 25 March	07h40	JP Swimathon Awards Assembly	Auditorium
Monday 28 – Thursday 31 March	14h00-16h00	JP & SP Parent Interviews (by appointment) **No extramurals except for some matches. See next week's newsletter for details.**	Various Classrooms
Tuesday 29 March	18h00	Music Soirée	Auditorium
Friday 01 April	07h40	JP Music Assembly – Miss Shannon Frigyik	Auditorium
Friday 01 April	09h00	Grade 2 Entrepreneurial Day	JP Block

SPORT

SP Sportsmen of the week: David Brown and Marcus Taylor - Excellence in golf.

SP Sportswoman of the week: Kelly Fairon - Excellence in swimming.

JP Sportswoman of the week: Kirsten Roberts - For her commitment to, and enthusiasm in tennis this term.

JP Sportsman of the week: Loungo Kukama for his dedication and commitment to chess.

Prestige Gala results

First Places
Junior Girls Individual Medley: Kayla McLoughlin
U9 Girls Backstroke: Jenna Smart
U10 Girls Backstroke: Kelly Fairon

U12 Boys Breaststroke: Michael Smart
Open Boys Breaststroke: Daniel Buwalda
U10 Boys Butterfly: Finn Elliot
U11 Boys Butterfly: Julius Buwalda
U12 Girls Butterfly: Amy Carruthers
U9 Girls Freestyle: Jenna Smart
U12 Girls Freestyle: Amy Carruthers
U10 Mixed Medley Relay: Finn Elliot, Marcus Taylor, Kelly Fairon, Kayla McLoughlin
U12 Mixed Medley Relay: Andrea Lemmer, Amy Carruthers, Michael Smart, Alex Taylor
Girls Freestyle Ladder Relay- Jenna Smart, Kayla McLoughlin, Jenna Thornton, Amy Carruthers, Mia Bam

Second Places
U12 Girls Backstroke: Andrea Lemmer
U9 Girls Breaststroke: Skyla Fuller
U11 Girls Breaststroke: Georgia McDonald
U10 Girls Butterfly: Kayla McLoughlin
U9 Mixed Medley Relay: Jenna Smart, Skyla Fuller, Jordin Bouchier, Robin de Lorm
Boys Freestyle Ladder Relay: Jordin Bouchier, Finn Elliot, Julius Buwalda, Michael Smart, Brandon Gray

Third Places
U9 Boys Backstroke: Jordin Bouchier
U11 Boys Backstroke: Julius Buwalda
Open Girls Backstroke: Kate Forbes
Open Boys Backstroke Brandon Gray
U9 Boys Breaststroke: Robin de Lorm
U10 Girls Breaststroke: Kayla McLoughlin
U10 Boys Breaststroke: Marcus Taylor
U10 Girls Freestyle: Kelly Fairon
U11 Mixed Relay: Jenna Thornton, Georgia McDonald, Jared Kruger, Julius Buwalda
Open Mixed Relay: Mia Bam, Kate Forbes, Brandon Gray, Daniel Buwalda

New Records:
U9 Girls Backstroke: Jenna Smart 19.83
U10 Backstroke: Kelly Fairon 19.38
Open Boys Breaststroke: Daniel Buwalda 39.96
U9 Girls Freestyle: Jenna Smart 17.41
U12 Girls Freestyle: Amy Carruthers 31.86

Dainfern Prep was placed 2nd in the Boys' category, won the Girls' category and placed 2nd overall.

Golf

On Thursday 10 March, our golfers played an excellent nine-hole game in a Betterball Tournament at Wanderers. David Brown and Marcus Taylor won the trophy with 25 points and Waldo Buitendag and Alexander Haiml came a close second with 24 points. Congratulations to these boys! Cameron Walker played with the teachers and had a very successful game.

I would like to thank Mrs Sue Vermaas, Mr Ross Greeff and Mrs Carosin Buitendag for accompanying the golfers.

JANINE CLEMENTS
Director of Golf

Senior Prep Hockey

Hockey on a Monday and on a Friday is open to any children irrespective of their ability or previous experience. All players each need to have their own ball, hockey stick, shin pads and gum guard. Matches will be played in the PE uniform and the primary school soccer socks. Mr Egbers is able to get discounted kit from certain suppliers so if you would like to order kit through him please contact him on aegbers@dainferncollege.co.za.

Tennis

Congratulations to the Girls' Tennis team consisting of Nina Holloway, Hadley Dickinson, Alexis Tensfeldt, Brittany Smith, Danai Kavartzis, Jessica Lobe and Abigail Alexander who won all their tennis matches this season, thus winning their league. Well done, girls, we are very proud of you!

A reminder about the parents/children Round Robin Doubles Tournament taking place on Saturday 19 March from 8h30 – 10h30 at the middle courts. Please meet at 8h15 in order to register. The braai will take place from 10.30 onwards.

Matches: Week 21 – 25 March

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Monday 21 March		Public Holiday	
Tuesday 22 March		No Matches	
Wednesday 23 March		No Matches	
Thursday 24 March		No Matches	
Friday 25 March		No Matches	

Sports Results

Date	Event	Opponent	Result
Thursday 10 March	Softball	Trinity	Senior Team A – Won Congratulations to Clio Waddicor for excellent pitching. Senior Team B – Lost Junior Team A – Won Junior Team B - Lost
	U9A cricket	Bryneven	Won by 7 wickets. Tomas Mackintosh – 32 runs.
	U9B cricket	Bryneven	Lost by 7 wickets
	Open C cricket	Rivonia	Won by 9 wickets. Joel Brandt 38 runs n.o. Bokang Makhele 2 wkts
Friday 11 March	Swimming A Team	Crawford, Heronbridge, Marian, Grayston, Redhill, De La Salle, St Dunstans and Kyalami	1) Heronbridge 402 2) Dainfern 379 3) De La Salle 277 4) Redhill 269 5) Marian 260 6) Kyalami 259 7) Crawford 230 8) Grayston 227 9) St Dunstans 210
	Open A cricket (Night Series Semi- finals)	Bryanston	Lost by 47 runs. Congratulations to Louis van Lennep who was awarded bowler of the tournament and to Matthew McDonald and Louis van Lennep for being selected for the team of the tournament.
Tuesday 15 March	Girls Tennis	Bryanston	Won. Congratulations to Nina Holloway, Hadley Dickinson, Alexis Tensfeldt and Brittany Smith for winning both their matches.

ART JAMMING DURING APRIL

2011 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Join us for three days of creativity, exploring and art making. We are going to paint on CERAMIC PLATES, try our hand at a landscape painting, paint on wood and canvas, play art games and explore all the possibilities with a wide variety of materials.

WHEN: Monday 11 April until Wednesday 13 April. (Visit our website: www.artworx.biz)

TIME: 9h00 until 12h00

WHERE: In our Senior Primary Art Room (above Cultural Centre)

WHAT TO BRING: An art shirt; something to eat and drink.

NOTE TO PARENTS:
Cell phones and personal possessions will be locked in my storeroom until pupils leave at the end of the session.

COST: R350-00 per pupil.

Make payments and confirmations no later than 1 April 2011.
Acc: Absa Fourways: Acc. no: 9185334955
My cell: 0823302079
E-mail: svermaas@dainferncollege.co.za

Please return reply slip to Sue Vermaas.

My son/daughter _____ in Grade _____

Will be joining the Art Week.

Parent cell: _____

Home: _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian): _____