

**SWEET  
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**Grade 4–7 Athletics Day—22 January 2010  
08:45–12:30 (Field) and 15:00–19:20 (Track)**

**Dear Parents**

A new year is unfolding with different experiences and opportunities to take up. I think we all feel a sense of anticipation, optimism, enthusiasm and hope about what we are going to do, what we can achieve, the people we will meet and 2010 in general. It is a wonderful opportunity to start afresh.

In order to remain focused in our pursuit of higher academic achievement, I am asking every pupil and parent to take note of the following. I believe that at Sweet Valley everyone can learn with :

- P** - Participation  
**R** - Responsibility  
**I** - Integrity  
**D** - Determination  
**E** - Excellence

Let's make 2010 a year to be proud of.

**School Magazine**

If you did not buy a copy last year, the school magazine is still available from Mrs Clark, the bursar, for R80-00.

**Mathletics**

As explained in a letter which went out towards the end of last year, we will be wanting all our pupils (Grade 1–7) to have access to Mathletics, which is internet-based. Please log on to the Mathletics website ([www.mathletics.co.za](http://www.mathletics.co.za)) to find out more about this product.

The cost for the year is R130 per pupil, which needs to be paid to your child's class teacher by 27 January. Mathletics will be used as an aid to teaching, and will be an integral part of computer lessons.

Please contact Mr Rushby with any queries in this regard.

**School Communicator**

All new children will have been issued with the Sweet Valley Communicator CD today. Please download this onto any of your computers, home or work, which are linked to the internet.

This is our way of keeping parents up to date with school events.

Please return the CD when you have downloaded the Communicator.

Any 'old' parents needing a copy of the CD can get this from the school office.

**Welcome**

I take great pleasure in welcoming the following new staff members to Sweet Valley this year. They are :

**Grade 1.4**  
**Head of the ESU** Mrs Liana Browne  
**Learnership Students :** Mrs Ruth Bosworth  
 Michael Best  
 Michal Hazell  
 Stuart Philips

**Aftercare Assistant** Kerri-Leigh Nash

We wish you much happiness and every success here at Sweet Valley.

**School Fees**

Parents please note that School and Pre-Primary fees are payable over 11 months (January–November 2010). Music and Aftercare fees are payable over 10 months (February–November 2010). **Please consider this to be your first statement for 2010 and note that your first payment of fees is due at the end of January 2010.**

School Fees R1 080 per month x 11 = R11 880 per annum

Gr R Fees R1 224 per month x 11 = R13 464 per annum

Parents who qualify are reminded that they can apply for a rebate. Please approach the bursars for the relevant forms. The return date for rebates is 19 February 2010.

**First payment of School Fees is due at the end of January 2010**

**Allergies / Medical Conditions of Learners**

It is imperative that the school staff are made aware of any allergies or medical conditions that your children may suffer from. If your child needs special attention and / or medication for a medical condition, please contact Sandy in the school office. She will give you a form to complete and you will be asked to supply 2 sets of medication : 1 for the teacher and 1 for the sick-room, so that medication is readily available in case of an emergency. If your child is registered with the school already, **please make sure that the medication supplied has not expired and replace with new if necessary. Please regard this matter as urgent.**

**Children to be fetched on time**

I ask parents this year please to make certain that your children are fetched on time. Last year many children were left for lengthy periods waiting to be picked up.

**Phone Cards**

Please ensure that your child is in possession of a phone card. The office phone is only available in the case of an emergency or if your child is unwell.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**20 Jan**—Gr 1 Orientation Meeting @ 19:30

**21 Jan**—Gr R Orientation Meeting @ 19:30

**22 Jan**—Athletics Day—Int/Sen Phase

**25 Jan**—Extra-murals begin (Gr 2–7)

**27 Jan**—Gr 6 and 7 Orientation Meeting @ 19:30

**28 Jan**—Gr 4 and 5 Orientation Meeting @ 19:30

**1 Feb**—Extra-murals being (Grade 1)

**2 Feb**—New Parents Welcome Cocktail Party @ 18:30

**4 Feb**—Classroom Visits—Foundation Phase—08:00–08:30

**5 Feb**—Interhouse Gala—Gr 2–7 : 16:00–18:00

## Extra-Murals begin for Grade 2–7's on 25/01/10 and for Grade 1's on 01/02/10

### Music

Welcome back to all who are parents and learners in the Music Department. We welcome Mrs Ella-Smith who replaces Mr Classen.

Music lessons started this week and we trust that your children have settled in well. Should there be any queries please feel free to contact the teacher or Mrs Preston and we will do our best to assist you. Music extra murals begin as per the Year Planner. (This is available on the School Communicator 'Calendar' and on the school website : [www.sweetvalleyprimary.co.za](http://www.sweetvalleyprimary.co.za))

Please diarise the Music PTA meeting on Tuesday 23 February at 19:30, as we would love to meet all our parents on that evening.

### Arts and Culture

#### Christmas Cantata CD's

A limited number of these CD's are available at a cost of R50-00. Please send a note with the money to Mrs Preston or Sue, at the front office, as soon as possible, if you wish to purchase one.

Thank you to all who supported and sent letters of gratitude for this venture as well as to those who worked hard to make the evenings the great success that they were.

### Book Exchange

Learners are invited to bring books to the library which they no longer need. These must be in outstanding condition. Every book brought will be checked for condition and suitability. Donated books must only be brought to the library on Mondays and Thursdays as these are the days Mrs Senogles has assistance in the library. Come to our book sale (26 and 27 May) and buy a book for R5-00. All learners who donate 5 books or more will receive a special voucher for 1 free book. Have a 'book clean out' and bring those books to the library on the allocated days.

### Sports Keys

New keys will be on sale from 1 February 2010 from the bursars office. The cost of a key is R150-00 and this entitles you to the use of the cricket nets, the activity circuit, the rugby field and the tennis courts from 1 February 2010 to 31 January 2011.

### General Gymnastics

Registration for general gymnastics will take place in the school hall on Monday 25 January :

Foundation Phase :	12:30–13:30
Intermediate / Senior Phase :	14:30–15:00

Natalie and Ashley Hobbs look forward to meeting you all.

## Register for General Gymnastics on 25 January

### Fundraising Calendar

2010 is a year that we have been waiting for with much anticipation. It is an exciting year and we have planned some exciting new events for Sweet Valley.

Our **Sleepover / Campout** is always such a hit with the younger ones. This will take place on **5 March** at the school, and if the weather plays along as it did last year, we can expect a great evening. Start cleaning up the camping equipment now!!!

The **Ina Paarman** foundation selects only two schools per term in the southern suburbs to be part of their fundraising efforts. We have been selected for the second term, and we will put out order forms for only two weeks, during which time **anybody** can order Ina Paarman products. Sweet Valley receives a **huge** percentage of our overall order back. Please feel free to distribute the order forms to all extended family members too!

On **17 April** we will be hosting a **Walkathon**. This is a first for Sweet Valley and will be our primary fundraising event of the year. We encourage participation from the entire school—staff, parents and children. It will be held on a Saturday, so please diarise that date now and watch this space for lots of exciting details.

The world famous choir, the **Pro Cantu Choir**, is coming to sing to us in our hall on **4 June**. This is a real treat for us and the music department will be telling you more about this closer to the time. There will be one show only, so don't miss the opportunity of buying your tickets.

In **July** we will be launching our very own **Recipe Book!** We would love contributions from everyone and we will be calling for your favourite family recipes closer to that time—start preparing your ideas now! It will make a great Christmas present or just be one of those wonderful keepsakes, long after your children have left Sweet Valley.

Our annual **Golf Day** will be held in **October**. The field does fill up very quickly and is always a very popular event on our calendar for moms and dads alike.

A busy year lies ahead. For those of you who have any suggestions or would like to help in a very specific way, please contact me as soon as possible.

Debbie Slabbert (Events Co-ordinator) 084 582 5822

### Appeal from Lost Property

Please ensure that ALL items are marked with your child's initial and surname or name and initial of surname as this will greatly improve the chances of your child being able to claim his / her lost property. Items at lost property will be left in the grey baskets for one week and, if unclaimed, will then be placed in the cupboard and R5-00 is payable to a charity when the item is collected. There are 165 unlabelled socks at lost property. If your child has a lonely school sock in the cupboard, please come to lost property first thing in the morning to see if Marion has a matching sock. All unclaimed socks will be disposed of after 30 January 2010.

**Marion Forster—0825543438**

*We accomplish in  
proportion to what we  
attempt.*

### Flower Request

Thank you so much to all the parents who provided flowers for our office foyer in 2009. Once again we will be drawing up a flower roster for any parents interested in providing a bunch of flowers for the office foyer. Fresh flowers are put in the foyer on a Monday morning. A vase is provided and all that is necessary is for you to bring in the flowers on a Monday morning and to replace the previous week's flowers in the vase. If you are interested, please complete the reply slip below or contact Mrs Wendy Rousseau on 073 878 6756 for more information. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mr I G Ryan  
Headmaster



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**Flower Reply Slip** : Attention : Wendy Rousseau

I am interested in donating flowers for the school foyer.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No : \_\_\_\_\_