

# SWEET VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

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### MINI CAMPAIGN—MARCH—KEEP IT CLEAN AND GREEN

#### Dear Parents

We are in the middle of 'Camp Time' at the moment with our Gr 6's having had a wonderful time last week at Jonkershoek, our Gr 7's returning from their camp in Wortelgat today and our Gr 5's leaving for their camp in Villiersdorp On the 17 March. We also have our very exciting Gr R—Gr 3 Camp Out on the field this Friday. We wish all you parents a fantastic and fun-filled time.

#### Class Parties

I would like to make any new parents / class reps aware of the policy at Sweet Valley with regards to Class Parties. Part of the SV tradition in certain grades is to hold class parties. Whilst not wanting to discourage such occasions, I feel it appropriate to inform parents that such parties are not sanctioned by the school and are therefore not official school functions. Any injuries or damage to property are therefore not the school's responsibility and the school is not liable.

My advice to parents is to follow the same procedures you would normally follow when your child is invited to a party regarding adult supervision etc. Teachers attending these parties are doing so in their personal capacity and not as representatives of the school or Western Cape Education Department.

#### School Communicator

Staff e-mail addresses are now available on the School Communicator under the 'Contacts' category. I encourage you to use e-mail to communicate with your child's teacher with regards to absenteeism, etc. This is a far easier way to communicate than telephonically.

#### Charities

Listed below are the charities that the grades have adopted this year :

- Grade 1—Little Angels
- Grade 2—Choc House
- Grade 3—TEARS
- Grade 4—SA Guide Dogs Association
- Grade 5—Peninsula School Feeding
- Grade 6—Beautiful Gate
- Grade 7—Maitland Cottage Home

We thank our parents and learners for their ongoing support of these charities, as we continue to strive to teach our learners to show care and compassion for others.

#### Marshmallow Easter Egg Collection

We will be collecting marshmallow Easter Eggs for underprivileged children again this year. The collection will run from 4—19 March. In that time we hope to collect a "mountain" of eggs, thereby brightening the lives of children who would otherwise not receive Easter eggs at all. Please send your marshmallow eggs to Mrs Orchard-Zwets (Grade 4.2) before 08:20 each morning.

#### Children being sent to school unwell

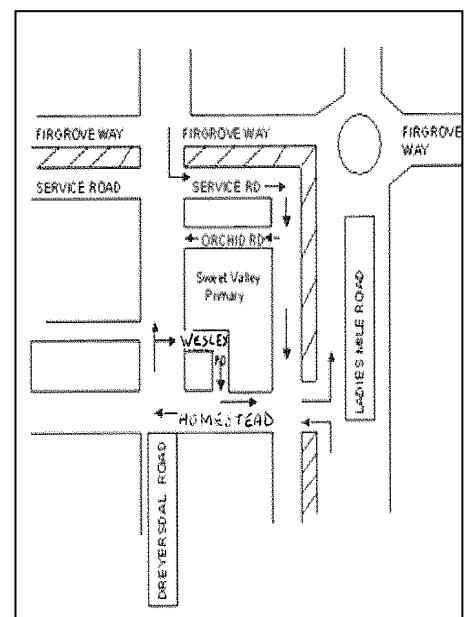
It has come to my attention, that there are a number of children, clearly unwell, being sent to school in the mornings when they should have stayed at home. First or all, they are spreading germs to other children in their classes and second of all, we have a limited number of beds in the sickroom, and do not have the staff available to look after the children when they are unwell. Please make arrangements for your children to stay with family or friends if you are unable to look after them yourselves when they are unwell.

#### Office Interruptions

The office is being inundated with lunch boxes, togs, etc. since the introduction of the new security measures. It is obvious that parents used to take these items to their children's classrooms and now that they are unable to do so, they are leaving these items with the secretaries. This is an unnecessary interruption for the secretaries. Please make certain that your child has packed everything necessary for the day, before they leave the house in the morning.

#### Traffic Courtesy and Flow

Once again I would ask that parents be courteous at all times with regards to parking when bringing children to and fetching from school. Please do not park in front of driveways, take note of the one way traffic flow and be extremely vigilant when driving around the school, being aware of both the children and of other motorists. Please take note of the traffic flow diagram below.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**4 March**—Zonal Gala @ Herzlia

**5 March**—Camp Out—Gr R—3

**9&10 March**—Bergvliet High School Open Day (Gr 7's)

**12 March**—Foundation Phase Sports Day @ 16:00

**15-19 March**—Academic Planning Week—**No extra-murals taken by Educators**

**17-19 March**—Gr 5 Camp

**19 March**—Report handout—Foundation Phase

**21 March**—Human Rights Day

**22 March**—Public Holiday

**23-25 March**—Parent Interviews and Report handout (**Extra-murals by arrangement**)

**26 March**—Awards Assembly and school closes @ 11:00

**Music Department**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Music PTA, to the moms who prepared tea and to James de Villiers for operating the sound system. Thank you also to those parents who have volunteered to form a Music PTA. You will be receiving a letter next week with further details. Concerns addressed at the meeting are being addressed. Our guest speaker was most informative and she certainly enlightened us as to the 'Value of Music in your Child's Life'.

**Book Exchange**

Learners are invited to bring books (have a 'book clean out') to the library which they no longer need. These must be in outstanding condition. Come to our book sale (26 and 27 May) and buy a book for R5-00. All learners who donate 3 books or more will receive a special voucher for 1 free book. The class that brings the most books, will receive a prize.

**Masifunde IsiXhosa**

Uyathetha isiNgesi / isiXhosa?  
*(Do you speak English / Xhosa?)*

Ewe, ndithetha kancinci.  
*Yes, I speak a little.*

**Congratulations—Western Cape Swimming Team**

Congratulations go to the following Sweet Valley swimmers who have made the Western Cape Swimming Team. They are : Orianne Wallace, Emma Joubert and Liam Saffier. We also congratulate Sarah Keyte who has made the Western Cape Swimming Team for synchronized swimming. Well done to all of you.

**Foundation Phase News****Grade R**

The Grade R's will be inviting their grandparents for tea on Thursday, 25 March. The children will be encouraged to dress up in old-fashioned clothes and hats. They will also be doing some flower arranging and baking!

**Grade One**

On Tuesday 23 Feb we celebrated Abie's second birthday. Below is an extract from Little Angels' letter of thanks :

*'A big thanks to the teachers for welcoming us back for Abie's 2nd birthday yesterday, and indeed for all the planning and effort involved. The cute gifts and cheque you donated will be put to excellent use. Special mention must go to Katie and family, for the awesome present! Abie is a car fanatic and still hasn't let go of them... and lastly, but certainly not least, to the talented mom who baked the amazing cake truck—a superb craft.*

*For these, and the ongoing quarterly groceries you collect, we believe the proverbial tenfold rewards will bounce right back! God bless.'*

**Grade Two**

We have been learning so much about plants and are looking forward to our outing to Kirstenbosch Gardens. Do remember to wear sensible shoes and to bring a packed lunch. We have planted our seeds and are now waiting patiently for them to grow. Maybe we will be snacking on some vegetables soon! Thank you for all your continued support and help.

**Grade Three**

The first week of March sees the Grade 3's going on their first outing of the year—to Hout Bay Museum and the Flora Bay rock pools—lots to be discovered and learnt as we explore this beautiful corner of the Cape Peninsula. Thank you to the moms and dads who have made these outings possible—we greatly appreciate your support! We have ventured into the world of 'Times Tables' now, starting with the 10 x Table—be sure to practice every day!

**GR R—3 CAMP OUT—FRIDAY 5 MARCH**

*Obstacles are what  
you see when you take  
your eyes off the goal.*

**Foundation Phase News (Continued)****Foundation Phase Sports Day**

A reminder to all FP learners, parents and friends that our FP Sports Day takes place on **Friday 12 March**, starting with the Grade R's at 16:00. Please request a copy of the information letter (sent home on 17 Feb) from your child's class teacher should you require one. This letter gave details of times, dress code and other important information (Gr R and 1 parents please see "Hats on Heads" info included in this newsletter).

**Appointments to meet with Teachers**

The FP teachers are looking forward to meeting with our parents on **Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 March**, as per our timetabled appointments. Please diarise your specific appointment time, as that last week of school is always very busy and appointments are sometimes easily forgotten!

**Gr R and 1 'Hats on Heads'**

Thank you to our Gr R and 1 parents who have supported our project to have a hat on every child's head during outdoor sport and play-time. Please note that these hats **MUST** remain at school, on the hook outside your child's classroom. They may **NOT** be taken home. Should your child be needing a hat / cap on Sports Day (although this may not be necessary as we do hold this later in the day to avoid the heat), please bring along one from home. If a hat is brought to Sports Day, please keep it with you until after your child's races have been run, as the children cannot run with hats on their heads. A friendly reminder / request to parents who have not yet sent money for the 'official' hat. The "cut-off" date for collecting this money is Friday 5 March. Please send money for your child's hat to his / her class teacher before / on this date.

**News from Events Co-ordinator—Debbie Slabbert****Camp Out**

Plans for the Camp Out are well underway for this **Friday 5 March**. If you have not paid for your site, you can still do so. Hamburgers, hotdogs, cold drinks and hot chocolate will be for sale on the field. On Saturday morning you will be awakened to the smells of bacon and egg cooking! We are looking forward to the event. Please take note of traffic flow on the reverse of the invite to alleviate any congestion on the evening.

**Walkathon**

Our sponsorship forms will be going out shortly for the Walkathon event to be held early next term. Please make every effort during the Easter holidays to gather as much sponsorship as possible. The grades will have chosen their themes for dressing up on the day, so please put lots of thought into your outfits!

**Coupon System**

Please note that in future, at all our events and sports days, we will be operating with a coupon system whereby you will purchase coupons for the food and drinks stalls. There will be a coupon table on the field during each event.

**My School Card**

Our records are currently being updated. If you have applied for a new card, you will hear from us shortly.

Kind regards

Mr I G Ryan  
**Headmaster**