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GRADE 4 AND 5 PRIZEGIVING—10 DEC @ 08:30
GRADE 6 AND 7 PRIZEGIVING—10 DEC @ 19:00

Dear Parents

We really are speeding along to the end of the term. Last week we had our Foundation Phase and Arts and Culture Prizegivings. Congratulations to all the hardworking pupils who received certificates and trophies. We are so proud of all of you.

Grade 6 and 7 Prize-Giving and Valedictory—10 Dec 2009 @ 19:00

Grade 6 and 7 parents are reminded that this event is an evening event starting at 19:00. All learners are to attend this event and all Grade 6 and 7 parents are encouraged to attend as well. Parents of Grade 6 and 7 learners are please to note that **you will not be phoned if your child is receiving a prize.** Grade 7 Valedictory will not be held on the last day of school but will form part of the Grade 6 and 7 Prizegiving. This has become necessary due to lack of space in the hall on the last day. Tea will be served for Grade 6 and 7 parents after the prize-giving. ***Grade 7 parents are please to note that the final assembly on the last day will be for the children only.***

Intermediate and Senior Phase

We are currently working on our prize winners for 2009. If your child has participate provincially or nationally in a cultural or sporting event this year, please notify Debbie Hunt in writing of these details by Friday 27 November 2009. **Please note that this is an extra curricular award so it is for participation in a sport or cultural event or tournament outside of what Sweet Valley offers extra-murally.**

REMEMBER TO DOWNLOAD YOUR 'SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR' CD AND RETURN TO THE CLASS TEACHER

Sweet Valley Communicator

You should have received a CD, to be downloaded onto any computer you use which is connected to the internet. You may load it to as many computers as you wish. Every day, when you log on to your computer, the Sweet Valley Communicator will pop up, giving you updates on the events happening at Sweet Valley, the calendar, and other information. You can personalise the information you would like to see. Please take the time to fill in your details and personalise the communicator. Once you have downloaded the Communicator, please return the CD to your child's class teacher. The Communicator can also be downloaded at www.school-communicator.com/downloads/sweetvalley_install.exe.

Mathletics

For the last three weeks we have been trialing Mathletics, which is an internet-based Mathematics tutoring package. It has been enthusiastically received by the children, and we intend continuing with this next year. Mathletics will be the only internet resource the children will be allowed to access during their time-tabled computer lessons, and it is obviously available at all times on the internet.

This venture has come too late in the year to include it in the school fees for 2010. Thus, there will be a cost of R130-00 per child, which gives them access to Mathletics until 31 January 2011. If you were to enrol as an individual, the cost would be R695-00. This R130-00 needs to be paid to your child's class teacher by Friday 22 January 2010. If you wish to pay it this year, please put payment into the Mathletics box just outside the foyer. If you make an electronic payment, please put proof of payment into the Mathletics box. If you have any queries with regard to this venture, please speak to Mr Rushby, who can be contacted on 021-7123081 Ext 211.

P.S. Mathletics will be available throughout the upcoming school holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS

23 Nov—4 Dec—Exam / Test Series (Gr 4—7)
26 Nov—Gr R Nativity Play
7 and 8 Dec—Cantata
9 Dec—Foundation Phase Christmas Party
10 Dec—Prizegiving : Gr 4 & 5 @ 08:30
10 Dec—Prizegiving : Gr 6 & 7 @ 19:00
11 Dec—Report handout
11 Dec—School closes @ 11:00

A reminder that school closes at 12:50 until Friday 11 December when it will close at 11:00. Please fetch your children promptly at 11:00 on 11 December.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP? We have a mom and child at Sweet Valley who are desperately needing temporary accommodation whilst mom is trying to secure employment. They are willing to house sit, pet sit, baby sit, granny sit, etc. If you or a friend are able to assist please either sms : 072-795-9464 or e-mail : please2mail2me@gmail.com

Arts and Culture Department

Grandparents Concert A special thank you to Janet Lightley, her helpers, all parents and Mr Halkett and his staff for providing a scrumptious tea, beautiful décor, setting up of the hall and not least to all our learners who participated in this event. We were most proud of the performance given by the musicians and drama learners. Thank you also to Mrs Cogan and her young artists for the beautiful display of art around the hall. Please collect your platters from the hall kitchen.

Arts and Culture Prizegiving Congratulations to all learners who performed and to those who received trophies and certificates at this prizegiving. Thank you to all other music, art and drama learners who attended and behaved in a manner which made us really proud of you all. To those who did not receive any awards we would like to encourage you to keep working. Always do your best and one day you too may receive an award.

Cantata Please remember to attend this event which is happening on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 December @ 19:30 in the W J van Heerden Hall. No bookings will be made and there is no charge, but we do ask if you would be kind enough to make a donation towards our 'Facilities Fund'. Do not miss this performance and please bring along your friends, family and church groups.

Sweet Valley Girls' Swimming Costume

It has been decided to introduce a plain maroon girls' costume in a Roica, chlorine resistant fabric. This new costume will be available in the school clothing shop early in the new year. The old style girls' costume may continue to be worn in the future, and will be sold at a discounted price as from December 2009. Please note that the Sweet Valley costume is compulsory for phys ed lessons and extra mural swimming, and can only be purchased from our school shop.

Size	Old	New
24	R80	R130
26,28	R80	R135
30	R90	R135
32	R90	R150
34,36	R100	R150
38,40,42	R110	-

Holiday Care

Unfortunately there will be no holiday care offered by Sweet Valley during the Christmas holidays.

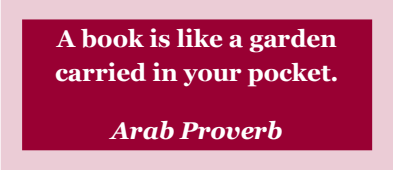
Staff will be leaving the school at 11:30 on the last day of school, Friday 11 December for their Christmas function. Please make certain that your child is fetched promptly at 11:00 on that day.

Christmas Market

We will be holding our first Christmas Market at Sweet Valley on 12 December from 09:00—12:00. Anyone still interested in booking a stand at a cost of R100 should contact Robyn Walker : rwalker@sweetvalleyprimary.co.za. Please diarise this exciting event.

Lost Property Cupboard

Marion Forster will be clearing the lost property cupboard of civvies, shoes, lunch boxes and bottles on 3 December @ 12:45.



Grade 4 Cake Sale

The Grade 4's held a cake sale on 13 November. Their charity, the SA Guide Dog's Association, will be receiving an amazing R2 021-00 from the proceeds taken at this event. Thank you to all who provided the delicious goodies to sell.

Class Parties

Part of the Sweet Valley 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.

Swimming Results

We apologise for having only put the results of the Mean Season swimmers in the last newsletter. We realize that we can be proud of so many of our learners for what they have achieved extra-murally. Congratulations to all of you.

Fundani IsiXhosa nathi

Egaraji (At the Garage)

Yimalini? (How much is it?)

Ube nemini emnandi (Have a nice day)

Iron On Labels

Debbie Slabbert is taking orders for Iron On Labels. The cost of these labels is R50-00 for 50 labels. Please complete the order form below if you wish to order labels. This is a fund-raising drive and the school receives an amount for each order received.

Kind regards

Mr I G Ryan

Headmaster

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Debbie Slabbert—Iron On Labels

Name (s) to appear on Label

Telephone Number (if required) _____

Name of Parent _____

Cell No. _____

Payment by cash or cheque (made out to Sweet Valley Primary School). Place your order with your payment in the Events Box in the hall foyer. Orders in on a Thursday will be ready the following Friday.