

NEWSLETTER 5 - 2 April 2019

Dear Parents

"A child's life is like a blank piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark."

Chinese Proverb

"In early childhood you may lay the foundation of poverty or riches, industry or idleness, good or evil, by the habits to which you train your children. Teach them right habits then, and their future life is safe."

Lydia Sigourney

I came across these two quotes recently - how thought-provoking and challenging. What a responsibility and what a blessing we have to impact the lives of "our" children as parents and teachers



There is lots in the pipeline for the second term - I do hope you can be a part of it!

PROGRAMME ORGANISERS

This term our umbrella theme is "Reptiles".

We would welcome any help with display materials, pictures or a little expertise.

DATE	LITERACY	LIFE SKILLS	NUMERACY
01 Apr	Easter	Chocolates	Ovals & Circles
18 Apr	Dinosaurs	Archaeology	Sequencing: Before & After
09 May	Snakes	Caring For Reptiles as Pets	Long & Short



23 May	Turtles & Tortoises	What's Inside our Homes?	What's Inside?
29 May	Bearded Dragons	Camouflage	Green & Brown

ENTERTAINMENT

We anticipate lots of learning through the lively entertainment of:

WED 24 APRIL

Dinosaurs
Mim & John

WED 22 MAY

Reptiles
Educate & Fascinate

EDUCATIONAL TALKS



Educational talks to our pupils will enhance and consolidate knowledge and understanding:

WED 17 APRIL

Archaeology
Pmb Museum Staff

WED 15 MAY

Snakes
Ariel Schloms

WED 29 MAY

Tortoises
Alison Bastable

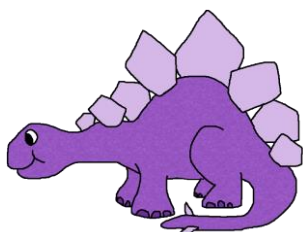
SCHOOL READINESS/GRADE R PROGRAMME



The topics that will be covered by the Red and Orange Groups this term will be:

- *Colour*
- *Attributes, e.g. Height, Length, Mass, etc.*

The Grade R Life Skills Outing this term will further explore our theme of Reptiles and will



visit the Dangerous Creatures Exhibit at uShaka.

MON 15 APRIL Dangerous Creatures

The Reptile Park

Please fill in the attached Reply Slip giving permission for your child to go and if you are able to assist with lifts.



MATTERS MEDICAL

Our honorary "medical team", Paul Darby-Wade, Dentist, and Grant Bekker, Doctor, will visit us this term to examine the

children. We thank them for their generosity of expertise, time and spirit in their service to St Martin's.

**TUES 7 MAY
TUES 4 JUNE**

**Dentist's Visit
Doctor's Visit**



OPEN RINGS

ALL PARENTS are invited to visit the School for "Open Rings" this term, over two days. Mums and Dads will watch their children in action at Ring Time, so as to

gain insight into what we do at School, followed by tea. Three of the Rings will take place each day. The proceedings will start at 9.45 a.m. Children will go home by ±11.00 a.m.

**THURS 25 APRIL Red Group/Blue Group/
FRI 26 APRIL Orange Group/Green Group/Purple Group**

A delicious tea will also be provided. Certain Mums have been asked to cater for this event, as per the Catering Rosters. Thank you for your assistance.

This Open Day is for parents ONLY. Grans and Grandads will have their own special day in the third term.

However, if you are unable to attend, please speak to me about sending a substitute. Siblings in the School will not visit each other's Rings.

Please fill in and return the attached Reply Slip. (And if any Mums can help pour tea, please fill in the Reply Slip accordingly.)

If you are unable to attend the Open Day, you must make arrangements for your child to be fetched early or your child may go into the After-Care.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Heather Fitchet will take both individual and group photographs on **TUES 9 APRIL.**

You may like to send your child in "minor finery" on that day!



NOTEBOOKS

Just so you know ... Once it has been established that all the Notebooks in a class are at School, those

books with the green flaps lifted out of them are opened and actioned as necessary. This includes noting a play date/lift arrangement or receipting fees, etc.

Please help us by:

- Ensuring your child does not "play" with or "write" in the Book.
- Lifting the green flap up if you write a message/send an enclosure. **We only** open books that have the flaps up. **We will make sure we do the same.**
- Dating all your messages.
- Notifying us, in writing, of play dates/lift arrangements, or 'phoning Dee for "late" plans. **We need this help to remember!**
- Not sending Lifting Arrangements or Notice of Absence via email - the emails are checked infrequently and your message may be missed.



If you send in money, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you put it into an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, the amount and what it is for. Please also reflect the amount in the enclosure in the Notebook itself. We cannot accept responsibility for loss if this procedure is not followed.



Keep an eye open for Dale Edy's Term 2 Newsletter.

If there is a message, the teacher on Office Duty will send the book through to Barbie and the appropriate person to read. And, of course, the teachers will write to you about an "injury" or any other issue, as a need arises.

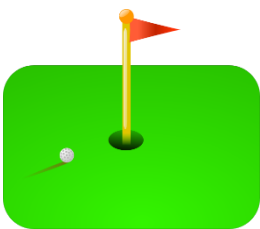
With returned forms/Reply Slips, a Whole School Capture Sheet is created and the *details of the return itemised immediately, as it is taken out of the Notebook*. This is done by the Class Teachers, so that there is control and accountability. The returns are then alphabetised by class and collated with the Capture Sheet on top.

In this way, we can see on a daily basis which forms are outstanding, who has volunteered for what, who is attending what, etc.

This is a tried and true method, refined over the years so, hopefully, we don't have many slip-ups

GOVERNING BODY/ PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MATTERS

Golf Day



Please diarise **THURS 6 JUNE** for this, our major PA Committee fundraiser. You will shortly receive more information from the PA Committee.

Drive-In Derby

Make an apple box car (or similar) with your child. Then send them to School on **THURS 9 MAY** to go to the Drive-In! (A movie in the Orange Room!)



We will look after the children, and share a macaroni cheese supper, whilst you and your spouse have a break!

Parent POWER!

On **THURS 23 MAY**, come and hear Lynn Ducasse give a talk on *Are you a Lawnmower Parent? Growing resilience and self-control in children*. More to follow.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please note, the following days in Term 2 are Public/School Holidays (the After-Care will be closed on these days):

FRI 19 APRIL	Good Friday	
MON 22 APRIL	Freedom Day	
WED 1 MAY	Workers' Day	
	WED 8 MAY	Election Day
	THURS 30 MAY	Ascension Day

Barbie

Here's to a great term
Regards

B J DANIEL
Principal

- Share your compliments, concerns or constructive criticisms via admin@stmartinspreprimary.co.za or place an anonymous note in the Communication Box under the Patio Noticeboard.
- Prayer requests may be submitted in the Prayers' Box in the Office.
- Visit our webpage at: www.stmartinspreprimary.co.za.
- GB & PA Committee Minutes are available for perusal on the Noticeboard in the Big/Blue Room.
- Find us on Facebook.
- Member of ISASA:
 - We support MySchool:

