

The International School of Hout Bay Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

History has been a vibrant and topical subject in our curriculum recently. We live in interesting times. I enjoyed watching the royal wedding, which was a celebration of the legacy of the British monarchy. Westminster Cathedral has been the place of royal weddings, funerals and coronations for more than a millennium. The event was marked by the symbols of royal power from the landau carriages to the military processions. It was watched by billions of viewers worldwide and was, yet, a very private moment in the lives of William and Kate.

Our M3 students have been studying terrorism as their topic in history this term. The American operation against Al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden this weekend gave them opportunity to debate the topics of a just war, when are reprisals justified, does violence beget or quash violence, amongst others. For that class in particular, history is the stuff of daily news and unfolds on our screen or in the press.

If we are to learn History and learn from history, it is important that our children are taught to think for themselves, to think critically, to assess, evaluate, question and debate. If their education is to have any lasting value, it must teach them to be critical of what and how the media seeks to shape our opinion. It was Churchill who said that history is always written by the victors, and that few, if any, politicians, writers or historians are impartial. It is a subject that encourages active questioning, balance and perspective, things which are in short supply in our modern world.

One of the quotes that has inspired, challenged and stayed with me is that of Edmund Burke: 'All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing.' Harold Macmillan referred to this when commenting on the rise of Nazi power in Germany in the 1930s. It is my fervent hope that our children will not simply be the recipients of a good education, but will seek to be people of principle. Our local and world community needs young people who are determined to be agents of change, who are intolerant of those who seek to perpetuate violence, corruption and exploitation. As parents and a school, it is our deepest responsibility to raise young people who will have strong ethics, be outspoken when it comes to matters of principle, courageous in the face of bullies and exploiters, peacemakers in a violent world.

If we can teach them to sort out bullies in the playground, they may well be able to sort out bullies in the boardroom or parliament.



InterSEK

Our school is one of a worldwide educational community that falls under the banner of IES and SEK. Every year the schools get together to celebrate the internationalism that is a cornerstone of our philosophy. They alternate between sporting and cultural festivals. Last year the event was held at Guadalajara in Mexico; this year the sporting festival is being held in Guayaquil in Ecuador.

A group of our High School students, led by Ms. Michele Marnitz and Ms. Mari Snyman, set off on Tuesday evening to Ecuador. They will be hosted by Ecuadorian families during their stay and, in so doing, have an opportunity to experience the local culture in a way that few tourists are able to do. In past years our students have formed good friendships and kept in contact long after returning home. The team has been training hard for the last weeks and months and will be participating in soccer, volleyball and table tennis, amongst other events. They fly via Amsterdam and will have the opportunity to visit the city as well as some of the famous Ecuadorian volcanoes. It promises to be a rich and inspiring experience.

During the June/July school holidays, Mr. Ruskovich will be leading a History tour to Eastern and Central Europe.

Staff news

Congratulations to Dan and Julie Landi on the birth of their daughter Lucy. Mother and daughter, together with their two year old son are in London at present and will arrive in Hout Bay on the 18th May.

Miss Catherine Beneke will be married on Saturday, 7th May. We wish her everything of the best. She will be away for a week on honeymoon.

Andy Wood
Principal



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Primary School News

Curriculum Corner

Welcome back to part 2 of Term 2!! I suspect the rest of the term is going to fly past as there is lots happening.

We have Maths and Literacy information evenings for the Early Years and Junior Primary parents on Thursday, 19 May, and a Senior Primary version on Thursday, 26 May. Please diarise. We have run similar evenings in the past which parents have found to be informative and enjoyable, giving them insight into their child's school experience as well as some tips on how to support their child.

Watch this space for further details in the near future.

My recent trip to Turkey to lead a School Evaluation was a stimulating, learning experience and a wonderful opportunity to see another PYP school in action. Needless to say I have returned with loads of ideas based on what I saw and experienced and will be sharing these with the staff and will be celebrating just how much we get right in our delivery of the PYP.

On the whole, the trip was a success on all levels, except perhaps the fact that I had to explain to my husband how a beautiful carpet landed up in my luggage ... what can one say....when in Turkey!!!!

Denise Michel

St Luke's Hospice Clothing Drive

We will be holding a clothing drive for two weeks, beginning on Monday 9 May, and ending on Friday 20 May, in support of St Luke's Hospice, our chosen charity for the second term.

We are asking for donations of second-hand clothing, which will be sold in St Luke's Charity shops in order to raise funds for patient care. Please visit their website www.stlukes.co.za for further information about this worthy cause.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

From the Sports Desk

Netball

The u/10 and u/12 netball girls played their respective first matches for the season on Wednesday, 4 May, against Ukhanyo School in Kommetjie.

It was a great learning opportunity for the girls and they enjoyed the game.

Goals were scored by Emma Davies in the u/12 team.

The final scores were:

u/10 0 Hout Bay 10 Ukhanyo

u/12 3 Hout Bay 10 Ukhanyo

Outdoor Education

Friday will be the first adventure for the Outdoor Ed group when we tackle Klein Leeukoppie, number three of the HBH5 Challenge.

Children doing this walk must please be collected by 17:30 in Valley View Drive off Mount Rhodes Drive. As always, parents are encouraged to come and join us on our walk to enjoy nature, the company of their children and the splendid views of Hout Bay.

Soccer

The U11s were supposed to play in their first match against Camps Bay Primary on Tuesday, 3 May, but sadly the game was cancelled by the opposing school. Next week the boys will take on Kronendal in an away game just across the road.

The U12s play in their first match against Ambleside this afternoon – we wish them the best of luck!

Next week they will be taking on Herzlia Highlands, always a tough team to oppose. The U9 teams are still matchless due to Camps Bay Football Club refusing the league access to their fields for the season.

We have started work on attempting to form our own league as the usual league organisers seem to have given up. Hopefully the situation will change real soon and some matches can be played by this very keen group of children.

Rugby

Just a note that there will be no rugby practice tomorrow, Friday 6 May, as Mr Stofberg will be busy with Outdoor Education. Next week Friday, 13 May, there will be a practice after school.

MAY		WEEK 5	
9	Mon	U11,12 Soccer Practice @DGS Netball U9,10 Practice @SC U9 Soccer Practice @ SC Hockey for BOYS @ SC Chess	15:45 - 16:45 14:30 - 15:30 14:30 - 15:30 15:30 - 16:30 14:30 - 15:30
10	Tue	Rugby @ SC U11 Soccer vs Kronendal (A)	14:30 - 15:30 14:30 - 15:45
11	Wed	Netball MATCHES vs Muizenberg (A) Hockey for GIRLS U9 Soccer Practice	14:30 - 16:00 14:30 - 15:30 15:30 - 16:30
12	Thur	U11,12 Netball Practice @ SC U12 Soccer MATCH vs Herzlia Highlands (A)	14:30 - 15:30 14:30 - 15:45
13	Fri	Rugby Practice @ SC Cross Country @ Zandvlei	14:30 - 15:30 14:30 - 15:45
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18	Wed	NO SCHOOL	
19	Thur	U11,12 Netball Practice @SC U12 Soccer MATCH vs Camps Bay (A) GIRLS Hockey Matches vs Springfield (TBC)	14:30 - 15:30 14:30 - 15:30 14:30 - 15:45
20	Fri	Cross Country @ Bishops Outdoor Education	14:30 - 15:45 14:30 - 17:00

High School News

Community Service

Project

Connor Thompson (IG1) is going to Sweden for 3 weeks in July/Aug this year and will be joining 38 000 Scouts from 160 countries to attend the 22nd World Scout Jamboree. In order to qualify to attend this event, he needs to complete a number of challenges, one being 10 hours of Community Service. Pictured here is Connor (ISHB) and Matthew Boynton (Bishops) with their team. They built a concrete staircase and wooden bridge for the Good Hope Seminary Primary School. Connor says he has so much more respect for builders as mixing the cement for the steps was back breaking work!



A job well done!
Connor Thompson pictured top left

Examination Timetable

All students and parents should have received a copy of the **June Mid-Year Examinations** via email on Tuesday. A copy has also been posted on the notice boards at school so students should be very aware of what they are writing and when.

Students will also be informed of what topics need to be covered by next **Wednesday, 11 May 2011**.

European Trip

The European History Tour will take place during the June/July school holidays this year.

Mr Ruskovich will accompany the group and the itinerary promises to be very exciting and informative. Students will be flying into Berlin and will visit a number of historical places like Dresden, Prague and Munich.

Galia Kioufi is still determined to assist in making this trip a reality for the bursary students. She is willing to shave her head and 'go almost bald' and is looking for sponsorship or any monetary donation to help raise the required funds.

Please email Galia on silverbirch1@mweb.co.za

Detentions

Students doing a Detention (DT) should have received an email that was sent to the student, their parents and the class tutor. We have also handed out a hard copy at the morning tutor period. Friday DTs will commence this week and run from 2:45pm - 3:45pm.

Saturday DTs run from 8:00am - 10:00am. In both cases no student may be excused **UNLESS** a valid request has been granted by Mr. Ruskovich. Should a student fail to attend a Friday DT then an automatic Saturday DT will be issued. Parents are kindly requested to discuss the importance of the discipline process with their child and to ensure that they understand the consequences of any unacceptable behaviour.

Cell Phones

It seems that some students are taking the liberty of using their cell phones in class.

CELL PHONES ARE FORBIDDEN during any academic times and the staff will be having a blitz on this in the next two weeks.

The cell phone policy will be emailed to all parents/students as a reminder and tutors will discuss it in tutor Period. After that students who continue to use their cell phones during

lessons will have them confiscated. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU READ THE POLICY CAREFULLY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY STUDENT WHO CHOOSES TO DISOBEY THE RULE.**

Hair and Dress

Inspection

There will be a hair and dress inspection on **Monday, 9 May**, straight after the morning assembly. IB students are reminded to wear their Number 1 Uniforms.

Great Mothers' Day Gift - Splash!



Remember Mothers' Day on Sunday, the 8th May!

This is the perfect opportunity to acknowledge all the great women in our lives and to purchase the delightful book that Bridget Sharples wrote about her life with nine children and a husband, in her charming exposé "*Splash – A Slice of Life*". Bridget intended this book as a bit of fun, a 'CELEBRATION of Motherhood', as she puts it, and the ISHB Fundraising Committee worked really hard at making this e-book a handy published booklet that would make a terrific gift for all occasions. Funds raised through the sale of these booklets will go to the Sharples family and if there is sufficient demand, we certainly look forward to an ongoing process of publishing with continued income for the family. This booklet is attractively bound and of good quality and includes Bridget's poignant last poem to her family.

You can order this booklet (at R150ea) directly through Galia Kioufi on email silverbirch1@mweb.co.za. Copies are also available from the High School or Primary School offices.