

The International School of Hout Bay Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

The highlight of the sports news this week is, without doubt, the U11 cricket team's victory against Kronendal Primary's U11A side. They showed flair, guts and grit and took the match to the opposition. Please have a look at the sports section for a more detailed report.

Despite the sweltering midsummer heat and howling south-easter gales, our school is a busy and lively place. There is an inspiring energy and quality of teaching and learning in all of our classrooms and our sport, cultural and community service programmes are in full swing and running well. Late last night a group of thirty High School students returned from the annual Shakespeare production at Maynardville, 'The Taming of the Shrew.'

There have been a number of important steps taken in the planning for the development of our new campus on the Kronendal land this month. For those parents who were unable to attend the meeting on Monday this week, here is a brief synopsis. Mr. Martinez, Vice-President of IES, gave an historical overview of the purchase of the site and the issues that delayed its registration. The school has engaged the services of a well regarded local firm of architects, StudioMAS. Luis Mira will still be involved in the project and liaison between IES's Architectural Department and the school and Municipality. The first step is to complete the Site Development Plan, together with the elevations and architectural language, and submit them to the Municipality. We have a number of consultants retained for the project: a town planner, environmental, geotechnical, landscaping and civil engineers. At the presentation a detailed report was presented on the progress: what has been completed and what lies ahead. It is the school's intention to complete the planning and secure all the approvals and go out to tender during the course of this year so that construction can begin in 2012, to be completed by the end of the year so that we can take occupation by 2013. Our architects are confident that this is a realistic time frame: and provided that something completely unexpected is not thrown in our

way, it should be an achievable target.

This week we have held a number of Class Reps Coffee Mornings. Previously we held a single event, which was called the Parent Indaba. This was not a particularly effective forum because the range of ages and issues was simply too wide: the High School parents have little interest in the debates about music in the Early Years. These meetings are an important channel of communication between parents and the school and enable me to hear the heartbeat of the parent population, and to explain why we do what we do. In addition, the class reps gather parent support for the school for events such as sports days, Book Week or field trips. I would like to thank those mums who are willing to get involved in the life of the school.

The High School Swimming Gala last week was a terrific mix of fun and competitiveness. House spirit ran high as the races followed one another, culminating in the relay events. The crowd gasped, literally, at the underwater swim race – most of the competitors managed a length or so, but Samantha Sadler and Sally Torr just kept going and going, defying belief, covering 50 metres. The cheers dimmed to silence as the swimming coach wondered just when he would have to dive in, but they just kept going and going. They are both synchronized swimmers who compete at Provincial and National level and who have trained underwater for many years. There were a number of swimmers who were the only person in their House in their age division who swam every race. Exhausted, there were times when they would finish one race and have to run to the start of the next. That's commitment. Records were set and broken, and Penzance House won the event for the second year running.

Andy Wood
Principal



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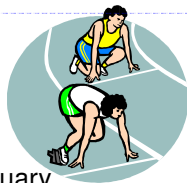
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Primary School News

Sports Day



Junior Primary

When:

Friday, 11 February

Where:

Swan Cottage – Field

Event starts:

08:30 (children come to school at the normal time and go to their classrooms)

Event ends:

approximately 10:00

Children should wear:

A PLAIN T shirt the colour of their House (**red = Chapmans**, **green = Valley** or **blue = Suikerbossie**) or their school PE kit with a ribbon or some indicator to show which House they belong to.

Parents:

Are welcome to come and support the event but are asked to remain in the spaces allocated for spectators to facilitate the smooth running of the event. You may however, take your child home with you after the event. The school day will continue for the children who do not go home with their parents and can be collected at the usual time. It has been requested that there be a fun parents' Race - this will be arranged on the morning.

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House Captain Elections

We are pleased to announce that the following children have been elected as House Captains for 2011.

Suikerbossie

Emma Davies and Emma Kramer

Chapmans

Sabrina Oschmann and Gabriel Sathamoorthy

Valley

Alex Petrie and Michel Thunert

House Captains' duties include good sportsmanship and leading by example, in addition to encouraging and leading their House team in developing and maintaining good team spirit throughout the year. They would also need to represent their House in meetings and prize giving.

Class Rep Meetings

Thank you to the Class Reps who were able to attend our Meetings on Wednesday and Thursday morning. Mr Wood and I really enjoyed meeting the Reps and share what is happening in the school. Your Class Reps will be contacting you regarding the arrangements for an informal class social, which is planned for this term. The aim of this social is to give you an opportunity to meet the parents and children in your child's class.

Gift of love – Valentine's Day



You will have received a letter from Miss Brayshaw explaining our charity initiative for this term. On Valentine's Day the children are encouraged to come to school dressed in red, white or pink and to bring either a book that is still in good condition (for children aged 4-12 years) or an item or items of non-perishable food. We will be collecting items during the course of the week and will be taking these to iKhaya le Themba on Friday afternoon. Miss Brayshaw also included a list of additional items iKhaya le Themba need. Should you have any of these you would like to donate, please do not hesitate the contact them via their web site www.ikhayaalthemba.com to make arrangements for delivery.

PYP Workshop

A reminder to please RSVP to the Primary School office if you are planning to attend the PYP workshop for parents 'What's it all about?', on **Wednesday, 16 February**, at the Primary School, starting at 19:00.

Senior Primary

When:

Saturday, 12 February

Where:

Swan Cottage – Field

Children to be at school and in position: 07:30 (seated in their Houses on the Netball Court)

Event starts:

07:45

Event ends:

approximately 12:00

Children should wear:

A PLAIN T shirt the colour of their House (**red = Chapmans**, **green = Valley** or **blue = Suikerbossie**) or their school PE kit with a ribbon or some indicator to show which House they belong to.

Bursary Programme AGM

You will have received notice of the Bursary Programme AGM to be held on **Thursday, 17 February**, at the Primary School, starting at 19:00. We look forward to seeing many of you there as this is a good opportunity to become involved in a really worthwhile programme that is working hard to make a difference.

Primary School News

The Sports Column

Cricket

On Wednesday, 2 February, the U/11 cricket team played their very first match against Kronendal Primary. Clashes against the local schools are always played with great anticipation and the ISHB boys did not disappoint on this occasion. ISHB was sent in to field first and our boys handled the bowling very well. Good spells from all the bowlers restricted the home side to 79/6 after their allotted 20 overs. Gregor Bell and Ebrahim Mota both took 2 wickets, while Tristan Fagg and Ben Cragg took 1 wicket each. Harrison Venter and Ayrton du Bois opened the batting for ISHB and the partnership survived the dreaded initial onslaught of the opening bowlers, with the first wicket falling in the 4th, and the second in the 6th over. Ebrahim Mota and Gregor Bell managed to bat through innings to see the ISHB side to the 80 runs needed for victory. Ebrahim managed a very good 30 not out and Gregor 16 not out when the ISHB side reached the target in the 14th over. This was a very good start for a strong and competitive team and we hope to see more good results from these boys in the future.



Monday's U/10 cricket match against Wynberg Boys has unfortunately been cancelled by them due to their Athletics meeting. This means that the U/10 cricket squad will be practicing at school on Monday and will not be playing a match, as is indicated on the school calendar.

Outdoor Education

Tomorrow will be the first adventure for children attending the Outdoor Education Club. We will be conquering the iconic Chapmans Peak on what looks to be a very nice, but slightly hot summer's day. This peak also forms part of our new challenge called the "Hout Bay High Five" or "HBH5", which will see children from the club conquering 5 of the peaks in the Hout Bay area throughout the year.



Parents, as always, are welcome to join us on our walk and we ask if they are also able to assist with lifting please. We will start walking by 15:00 and children have to be collected at the starting point of the hike on Chapmans Peak Drive by 18:15.

2010 Nativity DVD

Special Thanks

We would like to say a special thank you to Paul Herrmann and his family who have donated R2100 to the Bursary Fund from the takings of the Nativity Play DVD sales last year. Paul also kindly volunteered to step into the breach and video the production when our usual professional DVD-maker was unable to make the date, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Uniform Shop Hours

Louise Roberts-Baxter is in charge of the School Uniform Shop and is normally available during school terms every **Monday and Wednesday 14h00 to 16h00**. Louise has been away this week and will be back in the office on Monday - apologies for any inconvenience. Please email Louise on louise.roberts-baxter@iesmail.com for any uniform enquiries and queries.

Dates to diarise

Friday, 4 February

- Outdoor Education
Years 5&6
Chapmans Peak Hike

Monday, 7 February

- U10 Cricket Match
POSTPONED!
New date to be confirmed

Friday, 11 February

- EY & JP Sports Day
08h30 @ SC

Saturday, 12 February

- SP Sports Day
08h30 @ SC

Monday, 14 February

- Valentines Day
Wear Red, White and Pink!

Wednesday, 16 February

- "PYP - What's it all about"
19h00 @ SC
- U11 Cricket Match
vs Fish Hoek @ Home

Thursday, 17 February

- Bursary Programme AGM
19h00 @ SC

Friday, 18 February

- Outdoor Education
Years 5&6

High School News

Inter-House Gala

Last Thursday saw our first inter-house event of the year - the INTER-HOUSE GALA. The students displayed a tremendous spirit and energy. So much fun was had by all. Each House put their best foot forward and how exciting it was to see the depth of swimming talent that our school has. Congratulations must go to the winning house of the day – PENZANCE - with the house captain Michelle Bridgens collecting the trophy from Mr. Wood. The final results were as follows: 1st Penzance 101pts, 2nd Rhodes 98pts, 3rd Hillcrest 84pts, and in 4th place Taragona 81pts. Thank you to all our students for participating, the staff for the smooth coordination and of course to our parents for their wonderful support. See you all at next year's gala.



Inter-School Galas

The swimming team will be participating in the inter-schools gala league on Tuesdays, which includes AISCT, St Georges, Cedar House and Cannons Creek. The venues and dates are as follows:

8 Feb - AISCT
15 Feb - St Georges Grammar
22 Feb - Cedar House
1 Mar - Cannons Creek
8 Mar - Hout Bay (DGS)
15 Mar - St Georges Grammar

History Tour

All parents and students of the IGCSE and IB classes who are interested in attending an information evening regarding the Educational Tour to the Middle East in June/July 2011 are invited to a meeting on **Wednesday, 9 February, commencing at 6:00pm** in the High School hall. Information regarding costs, the itinerary and the possibility of switching to Eastern Europe (in light of the conflict in Egypt) will be discussed and addressed. A more detailed letter will follow.

Valentine's Day

The IB 1 class will be organising a wonderful treat for our Valentines Day celebration, which is scheduled for Friday, 11 February. Watch this space.



Plastic Bread Tags

Please continue to collect your plastic bread tags and drop them off at school. You can make a difference! Many wheelchairs have been distributed to disabled children and adults around the country and as far afield as Zimbabwe.

Please feel free to contact Mary for further information on 021 789 1831 – BREADTAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS FOUNDATION.

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ISHB Bursary Fund Greeting Cards

All art works sold at the Bursary Fundraiser Dinner event last year were beautifully 'immortalised' and printed on card. There are still a few packs left and are on sale from the office at R50 per pack of 14, including envelopes. They are beautiful cards and are not inscribed and can be used for **any occasion**. The proceeds of the sale of the greeting card packs will go to the Bursary Fund. We look forward to your continued support.

Business Breakfast

"Last Friday morning, 28 January, the business students of ISHB were privileged to listen to a presentation about the stock market. The guest speaker was Mark Seymour who is a partner in Alphen Asset Management. Before the talk we were able to indulge in delicious croissants and fruit juices, kindly provided by the Business and Management Department. The hall was very well organised and enough tables and chairs were provided for the students to have a seat while listening to the presentation.

Mr Seymour gave the students insight into how the stock market works and the stresses and rewards that come with working in the stock market. His presentation was very thorough and was explained very well with real life situations and movie clips. Some students were so intrigued by Mr Seymour's business that they had an extra 30-minute one-on-one conversation about his business after the presentation had ended. All in all, we had a interesting morning full of learning".

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