

Sports Report

Welcome back to a new year, I trust everyone had a great festive season. This term starts off a little chaotic due to the test match to be held at Wanderers Stadium, therefore sport will start next week Tuesday.

Please note these dates:

Tuesday 19th January -Commonwealth Cricket trials (Grade 6 & 7)
13:45-15:30

Wednesday 20th January -Ter Horst Cricket trials (Grade 3, 4 and 5)
13:45-15:30

Thursday 21st January -Girls Cricket Trials (Grade 4 to 7)
13:45-15:30

Thursday 21st January -Mini Cricket will start on
13:15-14:00

All other sports are per the extra mural timetable.

Please take note of the **sports and cultural commitment form**. This form is compulsory and must be returned to the class teacher **A.S.A.P.**

Let's have a fantastic year of sport; I look forward to being a part of it again

Michael Halley
Sports Co-ordinator

CHESS NEWS

Chess training begins this year on Monday 18th January and Thursday 21 January. Monday's is mainly for Seniors and potential team players. Thursdays is mainly for Junior and beginners. Play takes place in the library. Congratulations to Jodie Sher on her fine performance at the Junior Nationals in Cape Town last month. She scored 60% in the team competition, playing for Gauteng South, and 50% in the individual. Eddie Price 011 782-7544

FAIRWAYS SMALLS

GOJU KAI KARATE CLASSES –Houghton, traditional Japanese karate, 2 classes per week. Contact Sensei Russell Sim on 083-601-3464.

SIZANOBUHLE CARPET CLEANERS – get your carpets cleaned at a reasonable price. We do steam cleaning. For further details contact Sifiso 083 588 3138.

GET IN SHAPE THIS SUMMER! Achieve your health goals and get the body you've always wanted! Contact Andrew Lowe, expert, personal trainer at Planet Platinum 083 546 1325.

NEED EXTRA MATHS?- for Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7. Qualified MathsTeacher one-on-one tuition. Call Linda (011) 788-9757 / (082) 353 7090 (*I'm just one block away from Fairways School*)

2010 SOCCER MANIA JERSEYS – Local and International soccer Jerseys available at a low price. Please call Mrs Mkansi (Fairways Primary School) 071 221 0972

UKUHLE SAZENZELA AFTER CARE! Pick and drop services after school. After care and assist with homework. For enquiries contact Nomonde 082 970 3885.



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Respect for self, respect for others, respect for environment

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Welcome back, I trust that a wonderful holiday period was enjoyed by all. It is good to see our children and teachers so rested and full of vitality and once again giving life to the classrooms and the playgrounds. There is nothing more forlorn than a school building without children.

I am sure that many of us have made many a new years' resolution and the following poem seemed suitable for the start of the New Year... A New Beginning...

*How often we wish for another **CHANCE**
to make a fresh beginning
A chance to blot out our **MISTAKES**
and change failure into winning-
And it does not take a **SPECIAL TIME**
to make a brand new start
It only takes a **DEEP DESIRE**
to try with all our heart.
To live a little **BETTER**
and always be forgiving
And to add a little **SUNSHINE**
to the world in which we living
So never give up in **DESPAIR**
and think that you are through
For there is always a **TOMORROW**
and a chance to start anew.*

WISHING YOU ALL AN OUTSTANDING 2010

T. RAE
PRINCIPAL

The year has got off to a very good start with a full complement of staff and 530 learners. These numbers may grow after the 10th school day...

THANK YOU'S

I would like to take this opportunity to express a sincere word of appreciation to Mrs Pam Silverman who assisted the School Management Team as acting Head of Department for the Intersen Phase. Her keen insight and understanding of "matters educational" and her willingness to take the lead ensured that we were able to continue growing. Thank you for having stepped into this post for such a considerable length of time and for the important contribution that you have made.

WELCOME

I extend a warm welcome to Ms Tasneem Ahmed who has been appointed as the Intersen Phase Head of Department. She brings to this position her own expertise and vision for the future. I look forward to a close working relationship with her as a member of our family.

A warm welcome also to all new learners and parents joining our Fairways family, may your stay with us be a happy one!

Being a New Year I have a number of goals that I hope we can achieve in 2010. These are:-

- To develop an ethos of "learning for life," improving individual attitudes to learning and completing work properly.
- To foster a greater awareness of safety and security of our learners, staff and visitors to the school.
- To encourage greater school participation by all stakeholders.
- To build on existing partnerships in education.

NB: CHANGES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME

- Assemblies will now take place on a Thursday morning from 07:50 – 08:20. Parents are welcome.
- Fridays will be a "Soccer Mania" casual day which will serve as a **FUNDRAISER** each Friday.

ACADEMIC DAY

Our school day starts promptly at 07:50 – please ensure that children are dropped off on time. From Thursday 14th January to Friday 22 January **Grade R will be closing at 12:00.** Please collect children from class.

Grades 1 & 2 will be closing at 13:00, collect children from class.

Grades 3 to 7 will be closing at 13:30. Please ensure that children are collected timeously. As of Monday 25 to the end of year

Grades R – 2 will be closing at 13:00.
Grades 3 – 7 will be closing at 13:30. } **All days of week**

EXTRA-MURAL

Extra-Mural Activities will start at **13:45 for Seniors and 13:15 for Juniors.** There will be no holding class, however, the cultural committee will be running an

optional shared reading programme for the grade 1 & 2 once they have finalized their programme. This is for those not involved in extra murals. Watch this space for dates. **Extra-Murals are scheduled to start next week after the International 5 day Cricket match at Wanderers...**

PARKING 5 DAY TEST 14-18 JANUARY

As Wanderers will be using our main field for parking, please follow all traffic directions to avoid congestion.

PARENT ORIENTATION EVENINGS

There will be a parent orientation evening for all parents in the school hall on the following evenings. Foundation Phase Grade R – 4 on 19th January at 18:00. Intersen Phase Grade 5 – 7 on 20th January at 18:00. We will have a guest speaker on both nights and urge all parents to attend these very important meetings.

NEWSLETTERS

The weekly newsletter will be sent home every Thursday from next week. Please ensure that it reaches home as this is an important communication tool to keep you informed of events at the school and the achievements of our learners.

UNIFORM

Learners are expected to wear the full school uniform to and from school. Children look most pleasing when properly attired and we expect them to be proud of their uniforms. If in doubt read the school code of conduct.

HOMEWORK DIARIES

All learners from Grade 3 – 7 are expected to use the Fairways Primary School Homework Diary. This is an official school document which can be purchased via the class teacher at a cost of R15.00.

VALUABLES

All valuables must be left at home. This includes items like **CELLPHONES, IPODS** etc. The school cannot be held liable for loss, theft of or damage to these items.

SCHOOL FEES

Parents are reminded that Fairways Primary School is a fee paying school which functions on the fees collected per child. Please ensure that school fees are paid as arranged on your contracts. The financial contracts will go out on Friday 15th January and must be returned to the class teacher by 30 January 2010.

DATES TO DIARISE

13 January 2010	Wednesday	:School Re-opens Gr 1-7
14 January 2010	Thursday	:School opens Gr R
19 January 2010	Tuesday	:Parents Orientation Evening Gr R – 4
20 January 2010	Thursday	:Parents Orientation Evening Gr 5 – 7
27 January 2010	Thursday	:Derek Jackson (Well known, entertaining & motivational speaker on sound parenting) (DON'T MISS OUT - TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE)