

## **HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

**BRESCIA HOUSE**- Grade 8 entrance and scholarship exams on Saturday 20 February 2010. For further details call 011 706 7404

**ST STITHIANS GIRLS COLLEGE** – open day 20 February from 10:00 – 12:00. The scholarship tests on 6 March. For further details call 011 577 6364.

**HYDE PARK HIGH** – Open day on Tuesday 16 March at 17:00. For further details call 011 447 2281.

### ***CHESS NEWS***

*Monday's class was shown the moves of the notorious "scholar's mate". They were given a note sheet on the topic. Parents please assist in reading through the notes - the language may be a bit difficult for primary school children!*

### **Sports Report**

This week the **cricket boys** had a difficult time against very strong opposition, losing all their matches. However I am not discouraged as I feel losing only makes the players work harder and get better.

The **swimmers** swam at Reddam House on Friday, coming in second. Well done to all our swimmers, the next gala is tomorrow at Bedfordview primary. We wish you the best of luck!

The **tennis boys/girls** played against Bryanston last Thursday, unfortunately losing their game, however the squad is very new and I feel with some more practice they can be very competitive. This week they play against Brynneven. Good Luck guys!

**Michael Halley**

**Sports Co-Ordinator**

### **FAIRWAYS SMALLS**

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

**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*)

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**MUSIC** – For private piano, keyboard and recorder lessons. Please contact Mrs van Eeden 072 655 3046.

**TRANSPORT SERVICE**- Fetching children to and from school. Collections and deliveries. Please contact Mr Lantam on 071 845 7512.

**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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**PLAYSCHOOL** – playschool in the Orchards/Norwood area, safe and secure environment. Small classes, age appropriate activities. Contact Jackie on 084 622 6070.

**DEBBIE'S EXTRA LESSONS**- Debbie is a qualified nursery and primary school teacher offering extra lessons, tutoring and homework supervision ages 3 – 16yrs. For further details call Debbie 011 640 3013/ 082 923 5795 mon – sun.

**1/2 DAY JOB WANTED!** Looking for any administration work to do from home eg filing, filling envelopes etc. Mornings only. Please contact Mrs Heyns 011 882 0334/ 082 867 7704

**SONRISE HOLIDAY CAMPS** – Come join in the amazing opportunity of games, volleyball, pony rides, gladiator, off road bicycle etc bring your own bicycle and have fun! For more info go to [www.africaablaze.org/mwablaze@mweb.co.za](http://www.africaablaze.org/mwablaze@mweb.co.za) Contact Cheryl or Natalie - – 083 410 3959/ / 083 455 3720



**FAIRWAYS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

[www.fairwaysprimary.co.za](http://www.fairwaysprimary.co.za)

**"FAIRWAYS FOCUS"**

*Respect for self, respect for others, respect for environment*

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### ***Why School Education is growth.***

Parents and children take heed; you may well have wondered why it is that you and millions of children are at school at any one given moment.

Why should you endure twelve years of 'hard labour'. What is the point of it all? Is it really necessary? Why not let each boy or girl educate themselves.

The word "school" has its origin in the Greek word 'schola' which literally means leisure. Hence the implication is one of learning as a pleasurable experience. Learning can be fun.

In the distant past when life seemed to be less sophisticated, parents were able to teach their children the basics of earning a living – hunting, farming and domestic crafts and skills. Thus formal schooling was unnecessary. However, as the world became more complex owing to industrial revolution, increased technology and specialized procedures, parents could no longer equip them with the more sophisticated skills needed for a technological world to perform a job and earn a living.

#### **As a result:**

Schools were started on a formal basis to provide children with specialized knowledge, skills and attitudes in order to make a meaningful personal and collective contribution to the society. Thus the aim of a school is –

-To develop each and every boy and girl in such a way that each potential is maximized.

-To structure situations and create opportunities for you.

-To nourish your talents and strive to enable you to become a well adjusted and well balanced person.

Plunge heart and soul into your remaining days in the primary school. Use the facilities available to you, commit yourself and you will enjoy your education. If you are unhappy with or disillusioned with yourself then you have yourself to blame. The opportunities are there, seize them with both hands and above all be thankful that you have the privilege of attending a school like Fairways.

Benjamin Franklin once said "If you pour your purse into your head, you can never be bankrupt".

**T. RAE  
PRINCIPAL**

### ***THANK YOU***

Thank you to Mrs L Kruger and Mrs L Shapiro who have come to our assistance during the course of the week to ensure that there has been no disruption in our teaching and learning at Fairways in the absence of those staffmembers who have succumbed to unseasonal illness.

### ***CONGRATULATIONS***

Congratulations to Marcello Araujo who participated in the Midmar Mile on Sunday and completed the event in 37 minutes. This is a great achievement and we are proud of you, young man!

### ***WELL DONE***

I was privileged to be part of a Grade 2 lesson this week and marvel at the content taught and learnt to date. These youngsters have settled down and while they have a long way to travel, are making progress. Thank you to all my teaching staff who are working so hard to develop our children.

### ***SCHOLAR PATROL***

Our new Scholar Patrol under the leadership of Mrs Loots have made a pleasing start to the year and are performing their duties in a very responsible manner. Thank you to all the parents who are abiding by the road rules and in so doing assisting our youngsters with this onerous task.

### ***REQUEST***

Parents please understand that the staff at Fairways have your interests at heart and do, despite parent opinion, try to give of their best in regards to service delivery.

It has become alarming that more and more of our parents have no regard for others feelings and see fit to belittle and scream at staff and then worse still discuss it with other parents creating unnecessary conflict.

I have encouraged the staff to walk away from an argument when tempers flare and to deal with the problems once everyone has calmed down.

### ***SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS***

Parents are reminded that the photographs will be taken on the 25 February 2010 during the school day. Please ensure that monies are paid by 24<sup>th</sup> February as we will not be allowing children who have not paid to sit for their individual pictures. The package costs R40.00 for an individual with a class photograph and an additional R15.00 will cover a sibling photograph.

### ***FULL PAYMENT 10% DISCOUNT***

Parents are reminded that should they want to benefit from our 10% discount, payment should be made on or before 1 March 2010 as the 28<sup>th</sup> February falls on a Sunday.

Furthermore your 2009 outstanding fees are also to be settled. Any queries please contact Mrs Carol Jacobson on 011 788-4670

### ***JEWISH FESTIVAL OF PURIM***

The Jewish festival of Purim is approaching. Purim is all about celebrating life and helping the less fortunate around us. As Fairways is a school that embraces all cultures and shows tolerance to all, the whole school will be involved in this festival by dressing in fancy dress eg clowns, fairies etc. The event will take place on Friday 26 February and please remember to bring non-perishable foods like canned food, mielie meal etc which will be donated to charity.

### ***INTER-HOUSE GALA***

Our Inter-house gala will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March during the school day. Please diarise this date as we would love to have you share in the life of your child and join us on the day.

Trials will be organized during the school day and children will be notified of their involvement via a letter. Please watch this space for further details.

### ***SWIMMING***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Grant van der Merwe and Mr Russell Sim for their input into the swimming team at Fairways. Their presence at training has gone a long way ensuring the many successes we have achieved to date.

Fairways were moved up to the "A league" this year and have been able to hold their heads up high. They have come in consistently second against extremely strong competition. Keep up the training we are proud of the squad.

### ***LOST PROPERTY***

Please ensure that all labelled lost property is collected from the **Clothes Cupboard** on Monday's 13:00 – 14:00 and Thursday's 13:00 – 14:00. We also have a number of brand new blazers without names that cannot be returned to the rightful owners – **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING!**

### ***QUIZ QUESTION FOR THE WEEK***

A weekly quiz question and internet challenge will appear in our weekly newsletter. All children are encouraged to participate.

- **Grade 1-3** -Which body part pumps our blood around the body?
- **Grade 4-5** -Where is the femur found?
- **Grade 6-7** -Which word comes from combining the first two letters of the Greek alphabet?

### ***Internet Challenge for all***

- Find a drawing of the human skeleton
- Find out which is the largest bone in the human body
- Write the names of at least six bones in the adult skeleton
- Find some examples of bones that fuse together during childhood.