



"I stand before God"

SMS NEWSDESK

The weekly newsletter of St Michaels School for Girls, Bloemfontein
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Welcome back to school, everyone. There is a wonderful air of excitement around campus. Is it because the year, 2010, has finally arrived, or is it the usual high that comes with the start of a brand new academic year that holds out the promise of fresh opportunities and renewed hope? HOPE. "And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace by your faith in Him, until, by the Holy Spirit, you overflow with hope." These were the words, taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Ch 15 vs 13, given to us in Chapel on the first morning

It is inevitable that there will be times when we feel troubled, weary and over-burdened but as Mr van Wyk assured us, through the words of a Josh Groban song, if we are still and wait on God in the silence, we will be able to sing:

"You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.

You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.

I am strong when I am on Your shoulders.

You raise me up to more than I can be."

We wish every member of the St Michael's community a year filled with hope for 2010.

WELCOME

There are new staff members that have been appointed:

Mrs Annelize Oosthuyzen-the new Grade 0 class

Mrs Noeline Stumpfe-Grade 6

Ms Mignon du Toit-Technology

Mr Rufus Botha-Sport and Marketing Manager

We welcome them to St Michael's and hope that their stay will be a long and happy one.

2009 MATRIC RESULTS

St Michael's School for Girls has now had a 100% pass rate for 30 consecutive years. 94% of the 47 candidates qualified for university entrance. Well done, to all the Matrics of 2009, but special congratulations go to Amy Scott (7 Distinctions) and Nicole Toy (5 Distinctions). There were 61 Distinctions in total.

More staff news:

Congratulations to Mr Jeff Hughes on his marriage to Dr Jolanna van der Westhuizen
We wish them every happiness.

Mrs Imelita van der Berg graduated with an MA in Linguistics from Stellenbosch University at the end of last year. Well done!

We welcome Mrs Hende-Mari Strydom back to the Consumer Studies “kitchen”. It must have been quite a wrench to leave little Mika-Leigh behind, at home.

Prayers are needed for Mrs Pam Morgan as she goes into hospital on Sunday and has an operation, on Monday, to remove a malignant growth from the corner of her mouth. The surgery will be pretty extensive and there will be plastic surgery done, too. Pam, is as positive as always, and we pray that her recovery will be both speedy and complete.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday 15 January: 17:00 Grade 8 sleepover at school
18:00 Board / Staff Bring ‘n Braai
Sunday 17 January: 19:00 Chapel Service
Monday 18 January: 14:00 Remainder of Junior & Senior swimming heats
Friday 22 January: 16:00 SMS / SAS Grade 8 Get Together
18:00 Foundation Phase Braai
Saturday 23 January: 19:00 Senior Social
Sunday 24 January: 19:00 Grade 8 Chapel Service
(Compulsory for Gr 8 - Gr 12)

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS MEET

Please note, that due to unforeseen circumstances, this has had to be moved from Wednesday 20 January to **MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2010**.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR SCHOOL NIGHTINGALES.....

Mrs Elize Swart will be holding auditions for the two Junior Choirs next week. All girls who would like to sing in these choirs should meet in the Chapel on the following days:

GRADE 4 TO 7 CHOIR
Monday 18 January at 14:00-15:00

GRADE 1 TO 3 CHOIR
Wednesday 20 January at 13:15-14:00

A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR ALL TO FOLLOW....

Ciara-Clare Rafferty (Gr 7) collected loose change and saved it in a bottle throughout last year. By the end of the year, she had the princely sum of R210,00 and donated it to folk who care for stray animals. Our furry friends were given some meaty treats for Christmas. Well done, Ciara. Thank you for caring.

TRADING TIMES: UNIFORM SHOP -JANUARY 2010

18-22 January : 07h15 - 08h00
13h00 - 14h00

From 25 January : Normal Trading Hours

Mondays : 13h00 - 14h00
Tuesdays : 07h15 - 08h15
Wednesdays : 13h00 - 14h00
Thursdays : 16h00 - 17h00
Fridays : 07h15 - 08h15



**St Michael's School for Girls
Bloemfontein**

Applications are invited for the following SGB paid post
which will be vacant from 1 April 2010.

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