



SMS NEWSDESK

The weekly newsletter of St Michaels School for Girls Bloemfontein

LOUIS ADRIAN MALAN HAS ARRIVED, SAFE AND SOUND

Congratulations to Mrs Tharien Malan and her husband, Hanno, on the birth of their son, Louis Adrian. Baby and parents doing very well!

WELCOME

We wish Mrs Ronelle van Zyl a very warm welcome to SMS. She has come to take over Mrs Malan's classes while she is on maternity leave.

SOUTH AFRICAN GIRLS SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

Mr van Wyk and Mr van Heerden have been attending the SAGSA conference which is being hosted by Eunice, in Bloemfontein, this year. We hope that they find the presentations both interesting and informative and that they forge new friendships and contacts.

INTER-DISTRICT NETBALL

Congratulations to the St Michael's 1st netball team players. They represented the Motheo District as its B team in an Inter-District tournament held in Bethlehem last weekend and finished in second place

INTER-HOUSE NETBALL

Well done, to Connaught who sorted out all the opposition!
2nd: Buxton, 3rd: Athlone and 4th Clarendon.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last Friday, the Free State Dept. of Social Welfare / One Stop Crime Unit Public Speaking Competition was held at St Michael's and our girls did very well indeed. They were placed as follows:

Grade 8	Pulane Lenyehelo	1st
Grade 9	Jiwarya Nkopane	3rd
Grade 10	Irene Chikobvu	1st
Grade 12	Khumo Theko	3 rd

All four girls have been selected for the Bloemfontein team which will take part in the Southern Free State finals in August. Congratulations, and good luck for the finals.

TIME TO HANG UP HER BUCKET AND BROOM!

Dorcas Nogabe has worked at St Michael's for the past 38 years and it is now time for her to sit in the sun, with her feet up, and enjoy her years of retirement.

We shall certainly miss her friendly greetings and smiling face on campus but we thank Dorcas for the years of faithful service to the school and wish her good health and God's richest blessings in the years ahead.

MEMBERS OF THE SAINTS FAMILY NEED OUR HELP

Michael Deutschmann (St Andrew's Old Boy) and his wife, Debbie (St Michael's Old Girl) have a very precious, little 2-year old daughter, Gemma, who suffers from a very rare disease called hyper-insulinism. Her blood sugar levels drop if she is not fed four hourly. If she is not closely monitored, the low blood sugar levels can cause her to fall into a coma or have a seizure.

Gemma is fed through a mic-key which is a tube inserted directly into her stomach. She now needs to be weaned off this tube and learn to eat normally so that she can lead a normal life and go to school like any other child. Her parents' efforts to do this have failed but they have done research and discovered a hospital in Austria which has had success in weaning numerous children like Gemma. This will cost R200 000 and her family has already had to shoulder the burden of hospital and medication costs that are more than three times as much.

If you would like to make a donation to help this special, little girl, please send it in an envelope to school. Every rand will help!

Senior girls can hand their donations in to Ms Groenewald (Carers Club) and juniors can hand their donations to their class teachers by next Friday. Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 31 July:	08:00	Eunice Winter Sports Day
Sunday 01 Aug.:	19:00	Chapel service
Tuesday 03 Aug.:	17:30	Board Exec Meeting
Thursday 05 Aug.:	18:00	Cultural Evening
Friday 06 Aug.:	12:00	START OF EXEAT WEEKEND
Monday 09 Aug.:		WOMEN'S DAY

PRIMARY HOCKEY AT THE EUNICE WINTER SPORTS DAY

The following Primary hockey teams will be playing on Saturday 31 August:

Grade 1	1 team on Field 19
Grade 2	2 teams on Fields 21 & 21
U/10	3 teams on Fields 14, 15 & 16
U/12	2 teams on Fields 8 & 9
U/13	2 teams on Astro fields 3 & 4

NB

- ◆ Please meet your teachers/coaches at 08:00 next to your fields.
 - ◆ Please make sure that you pay your R10 entry fee (to play.) to your coaches if you have not already done so.
 - ◆ Make sure that you are correctly dressed in your St Michael's hockey uniform
 - ◆ Matches will be completed by 14:15
- GOOD LUCK, ENJOY YOURSELVES AND BE GOOD AMBASSADORS FOR SMS.**

TENNIS - 3rd TERM

Junior League

26 July- SMS vs Sand du Plessis

The Juniors started on a high note, as they won. Well done, girls.

2 August - SMS vs Staatpresident Swart

16 August - PBS vs SMS

23 August - SMS (bye)

30 August - SMS vs Dr Viljoen

Senior League (2nd Team)

28 July- Sand du Plessis A vs SMS B

The team played well, but lost this time around.

04 August - SMS B vs HTS A

Good luck to all the teams and enjoy your matches.

**St Michael's School for Girls
has a vacancy for a
HOUSE MISTRESS in Community House**

Community House provides hostel accommodation to approximately 40 girls in Grades 11 and 12. The ideal applicant will be:

Fluent in English

Responsible and organised

Able to work well in a team

Someone with a passion for working with teenage girls.

Please send your CV to:

The Principal

P.O.Box 12110

Brandhof

9324

OR Fax: 051-4015703

OR e-mail: sms@stms.co.za

Contact Cindy 051-4015701 for more information.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 30 July 2010

FLYING FINGERS

JOHAN CROMHOUT & BRIGITTE BOTHA

CHARITY CONCERT FOR THE BEDS OF HOPE PROJECT
HEADED BY PROF ANDRÉ VENTER, HEAD OF PAEDIATRICS
on **Thursday 17 August in the Odeion** (on the University campus) **at 19h30.**

FLYING FINGERS-JOHAN CROMHOUT & BRIGITTE BOTHA will give a piano duo concert in aid of this charity. Their performance was a huge success at the Volksblad Kunstefees, where they were nominated for prizes in two categories. People left the auditorium totally exhilarated by their outstanding performance. Now is your chance to hear them again and support this very worthy cause at the same time.

Tickets will be available at the door.

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Amkhaile Driving School

Any SMS girl who has a valid learner's licence is welcome to write down her name and contact number on a piece of paper and "post" it in a box in Miss Meyer's classroom. This will be your entry in a lucky draw for one free driving lesson with Mrs Somaya Marais of the amkhaile Driving School.

Entries close next Friday, 6 August 2010.

Contact Somaya Marais at 072 796 4531 R150,00 per lesson.