



SMS NEWSDESK

The weekly newsletter of St Michaels School for Girls Bloemfontein

SMS – TOP ENGLISH SCHOOL

It's official – St Michael's was the top English Home Language school in the Free State in 2009. The Pan South African Language Board (PANSALB) named Mrs Imelita van der Berg the Best English Home Language Educator in the province, based on the 2009 Matric results. Our Matrics achieved an average of 67,5%, which was 3,5% higher than the school ranking second. Congratulations to Amy Scott, who obtained a distinction for English after applying for re-marking.

Congratulations, Mrs van der Berg. You have made us all walk tall.

THE HARMONY SAMF MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

All participants are congratulated on taking on the challenge regardless of the outcome, but particular congratulations go to the following learners who progress to the next round:

Ayanda Gans (Gr 8), Deborah Mao, Thandi Tsoeu (Gr 10), Amalsha Galhenage, Kholu Masupha (Gr 11) and Tshegofatso Malatji (Gr 12).

The questions were highly challenging, and special credit is given to Deborah Mao who achieved an impressive 70%.

The next Mathematics Olympiad will be AMESA, which takes place later in the year and we look forward to celebrating more success then.

CAPE ARGUS CYCLE RACE- THEY MADE IT!

Well done, to Mr and Mrs van Wyk who took on the Cape south-easter and the steep uphill on their tandem last Sunday and completed the race. Mr van Wyk says that, once again, he has learnt the age-old truth that the more you do for others, the more you get in return and your life is enormously enriched.

Well done, too, to Advocate Carel van der Merwe and Cherise Strydom (Gr 9) and any other member of the SMS family who also completed the race. We are glad to have you all back safe and sound.

WEDDING BELLS THIS SATURDAY

Our new Grade 0 teacher, Annelize Oosthuizen, is marrying Jacques Marais tomorrow. We wish them every happiness and pray for God's richest blessings on their life as a married couple.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL....?

It was Keandré van der Merwe who stole the judges' hearts last Friday evening and carried off the Miss St Michael's title. Congratulations to Keandré and to Keke Mokete (First Princess) and Bhelo Makhubalo (Second Princess). These young women impressed all with their sparkly personalities, lovely faces and special talents.

HORSE RIDING - SHOW JUMPING

Carha Bosman (Gr 5) and her pony, Waterside Laceway, did very well at the March Madness Show in Kimberley last weekend. She came second in the Children's CE Speed Class, second in the Children's CE Championship Class. Well done, Carha!

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Both Mrs Trixie Eagar and Mrs Meryl Pienaar have elderly parents who are going through a rough patch at the moment. Mrs Eagar's mum suffered a broken hip after a fall and Mrs Pienaar's dad is having to cope with a series of ups and downs after surgery he had done in January.

At St Andrew's, Mrs Shirley Stanley, legendary Gr 3 teacher, is very ill with pneumonia and a Grade 5 young man, Lethan, is fighting a fierce battle against cancer.

We pray that God will rest His healing hand on them and ease their discomfort.

LAST MEETING FOR TERM FOR "ALL WHO CARE" PRAYER GROUP

13h00 this Friday, in the St Michael's Chapel.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 21 March: 19:00 Chapel Service

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Monday 22 March: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 23 March: Grades 1-6 Start of Lateral Learning Week.

Grades 7-9 Camps. (Enjoy!)

Grade 10 Work experience . Grade 11 Community Service

Grade 12 To follow a specially-arranged subject timetable.

Friday 26 March: 10:00 Learners dismissed for the March/April holidays.

6-10 April: SMS 1stX1 Hockey to Pretoria University

TUCK SHOP HOURS NEXT WEEK

10:00-13:30

There will be no food on sale next week, only sweets, chips and cooldrink, so bring your own sarmies!!