

HATFIELD

Christian School

NEWSLETTER #4
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Dear Parents

This week, we are excited to have a special opportunity to appreciate those staff who were here at the inception of the school. Pioneer school staff have been invited as honoured guests on Friday. Their foresight, faith and sacrifice form the foundation of what we enjoy today and what has become our inheritance. I feel the gift and responsibility described by Joshua; *“So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and now you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant. Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness.”* (Josh 24 vs 13 & 14) And of course, there are those who did toil, build and plant – and we value them.

UPCOMING MEETING

Following the overwhelming success of a meeting that a number of our staff had with Dr Graham Catto on the *Origins of Man* – and how to teach with Biblical and scientific integrity, we have set another meeting – to which we would like to invite all interested parents. This is an unscheduled meeting and older parents will know that we don't do this readily. We do feel that it is important that parents know how we address this topic. (Any interested pupil is welcome to attend; the level is such that it will be difficult for those below the FET phase) In particular, we request that parents of Gr 10 pupils attend. This is because we are taking all Gr 10s to The Cradle of Humankind (Sterkfontein Caves and Maropeng) a few days later. Please diarize the meeting:

- Thurs 8 March
- 19h00 – 21h00
- Minor Auditorium

CAREER EXPO

We are hosting a large career expo at the YPF on Wednesday 8 February during the school day. Gr 9 – 12 will have an opportunity during lessons (or long break) to attend. This is a good opportunity to get application forms, talk to representatives from tertiary institutions, obtain bursary information etc. It might be worth noting that not all tertiary institutions participate but the variety is sufficient to help pupils make an informed choice. Any parents are welcome to pop in at the expo.

INTER-HIGH GALA

The high School is in a collective state of excitement over our upcoming big inter-high gala; and it's A league, once again! Our inclusion into this league is remarkable when one considers the size of Hatfield in comparison to those that we are competing against. Swimmers and cheerleaders are in their final preparation stages and we thank both groups for their great efforts! Herewith the details as best as we have them at this stage. Should something change, we will send out another letter.

- The date of the gala is on Tuesday 14 February.
- Swimmers will leave between close to 11h00; spectators leave at 12h00 and the gala starts at 14h00.
- Spectators are to be immaculately attired in their summer uniforms (no pullovers or jerseys.) We are determined to look as good as we did last year!
- It will be a long day and as we will be avoiding the tuck shop, we request that students bring a packed, disposable lunch with plenty of drinks. I stress this point; it is important!
- Please bring sun cream (just in case they have positioned us in the sun)

- We anticipate that the gala will end at 17h00 but owing to the severe congestion on that day we expect to be back slightly after 18h00 (last year it was 18h15.)

We love having all our pupils there, making a proud Hatfield splash and supporting the efforts of their peers. However, on a rare occasion, there may be a very legitimate reason that your child cannot attend. In this case, they may remain at school where they will be supervised until 13h45. They will do homework during this time and may not leave early. Should this be the case, please send Mr Pienaar a letter / e-mail to this effect, to reach him no later than Thursday 9th February.

We have had a number of cheerleading practices and the final practices are as follows:

- Thurs 9 Feb - 14h00 - 15h00
- Mon 13 Feb - 14h00 - 15h00 (this is a crucial practice as we rehearse our entrance; please can this take priority over any other extra-mural activity)

FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friendships, at this age, are really to be prized above the complications of premature romantic relationships. At Hatfield, instead of Valentine's, we celebrate Friendship Day. Historically we have had lots of fun with acts of kindness abounding. We encourage pupils to reach out to many friends and not be exclusive in their attentions. Pupils may elect to wear civvies and an amount of R5 will be debited to your account. (Proceeds go to offsetting the cost of the matric farewell.) This will take place on Wednesday 15 February and is applicable to all pupils from Gr 0 – 12.

Our Gr 11s may sell 'goodies' during 2nd break on Wednesday but will sell to the High School only. They will ensure that the school has the relevant information about that.

FRIENDSHIP FUNCTION

And in the same spirit that we celebrate Friendship day, our Student Leaders (with staff support) are hosting our second 'Friendship Function.'

- Date: Thurs 16 February
- Time: 18:30 for 19:00 until 22:00
- Place: YPF
- Dress: Semi-formal (sorry boys, this means no jeans) and an appropriate modesty. The theme is 'masked ball' and pupils are to wear the masks which will be provided with the tickets.
- Who: Gr10-12 only! This event is open to Hatfield students only. (This is not a bring-your-date or other friends event.)
- We are proud to have two of our very own school bands providing the music.
- Snacks will be provided but there will be a tuck-shop selling soft drinks etc.
- Tickets will be sold this week as well as next week in break times from reception at a cost of R60.

SAVE A LIFE

Our Student Leaders (and staff) will be having a time of ministry and showing the very poignant movie 'Save a Life' to our Gr 8 pupils. This movie deals very sensitively with the real life issues faced by teenagers. We request that all Gr 8 pupils attend.

- Friday 17 Feb
- 18h00
- School staffroom

ACADEMIC CONCESSIONS

In very rare circumstances, it is necessary for a pupil to request a concession of sorts in writing exams. The onus is on the parents to initiate this process and this can be done by speaking to Mr Julian Hitchcock. If concessions are required in matric, we need to start the process in Gr 10.

A NOTE TO GR 6 PARENTS

For many years we have run an Entrepreneur's programme at Gr 6 level. Most pupils elect to raise their money within the school environment and this is our suggestion. There are times, when pupils find the competition tough and choose to market their product elsewhere. Please understand that the school takes no responsibility for any consequences of activities out of the school and should a child elect to make their money off the property, the full onus is on the parents to ensure their child's safety.

SPORT RESULTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOUCH RUGBY

On Friday we entered an open side at the Southdowns College Touch Rugby Tournament. We did exceptionally well and lost 1 game in the pool stage. Our boys managed to get to the final where they narrowly lost by 3 tries to 2.

TENNIS

| TEAM | OPPONENT | SCORE |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| u/11 | Garsfontein | Lost 14 - 41 |
| u/13 Girls | Die Poort | Won 44 - 11 |
| u/13 Boys | Doxa Deo | Lost 7 - 48 |
| Senior Girls | Overkruin | Lost 31 - 36 |

CRICKET

| TEAM | OPPONENT | SCORE | MAN OF THE MATCH |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| u/9 | Woodhill College | Lost by 4 runs | Luke Simon |
| u/10 | Woodhill College | Lost by 18 runs | Jaedon Terlouw for his all-round performance |
| u/11 | Woodhill College | Won by 1 wicket | Whole team was awarded man of the match! |
| 2 nd Juniors | Woodhill College | Lost | |
| 1 st Juniors | Woodhill College | Won by 8 wickets | Bryce van Noorden took 5 wickets for 5 runs |
| u/15 | Waterkloof | Lost | |
| 1 st Seniors | Waterkloof | Lost | Chris Baker made 46 runs |

- Our mini cricket players will be playing their first match of the season which will be held at St Paulus. Do your best and most of all have fun.
- Our 1st junior cricket boys competed in the annual 6 a side cricket tournament held at CBC last Saturday. Hatfield has always had success at this tournament. The boys won 4 out of the 6 pool games. Both games were lost on the last ball of the match. We done 1st juniors; a great season lies ahead.

SWIMMING

- Last week we hosted a high school gala, with 7 competing. Our swimmers once again did us very proud, achieving a 3rd place:
1st DSG/St Albans 257
2nd Affies girls/boys A 199
3rd Hatfield 180
4th Pretoria girls C 154
5th Pretoria Boys/girls 138
6th Affies girls/boys B 95
7th DSG/St Albans B 50
- On Friday our primary school hosted St Paulus and Crawford. Our swimmers participated very well and achieved second place:
1st St Paulus 541
2nd Hatfield 497
3rd Crawford 425

Well done to all our swimmers.

It's been a great start to the year and we are enjoying ourselves immensely! We hope that you are too!

Kind regards

Graeme Holloway
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL