

# HATFIELD

## Christian School

NEWSLETTER #3  
31 JANUARY 2012

Dear Parents

It's been a full and happy week. Thank you for the exceptional cooperation that we received from you with regard to our school programme. And, in particular, thank you to those who attended the child Development Seminar on Saturday; we trust that it was a day well spent. Our appreciation also goes to Mr Pienaar, staff and student leaders for a very happy Gr 7 camp.

### TRAINING LEADERS: It's this Friday and we have a great speaker!

At Hatfield, we are committed to leadership training and felt that we should become even more intentional. Hence our rather unusual plan of four very early mornings during the year. We aim to have speakers of a great calibre with some uncommon leadership nuggets. The sessions will be such that they will be of great value to high school pupils (who are leaning forward in this regard) and parents alike. We urge you to come with your son or daughter and enrich yourself on your way to work. Parents are welcome on their own (primary school parents as well) or pupils on their own (high school only)

- We won't have more than 4 this year (that's so manageable :))
- We'll start at 06h30 and be done by 07h15 sharp.
- You can pick up a take away coffee and muffin that we will have available for you on your way to work / school
- The first one is this Friday 3 Feb
- The venue is the Minor Auditorium (HCC)
- Our Guest Speaker is Phillip Dickerson – facilitator and trainer in leadership and communication throughout South Africa and Africa
- Please direct any queries to Debbie Holloway (082 558 4136)

### INTER-HOUSE GALAS

We are grateful that the weather complied and that we were able to host both our inter-house galas. A special commendation is due to our sports department for running two very efficient galas. We trust that your children enjoyed them. Congratulations to the following houses and individuals who excelled:

SENIOR GALA		
	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
WINNING HOUSE	Eagles (790 points)	Buffaloes (769 points)
SPIRIT TROPHY (hotly contested this year!)	Eagles	Buffaloes
JNR VICTRIX LUDORUM	Savanah Da Camara	Talisa van der Merwe
JNR VICTOR LUDORUM	Matthew Askew	Chris Lange
SNR VICTRIX LUDORUM	Kyla Ferreira	Camilla Snyman
SNR VICTOR LUDORUM	Carl-Heinrich Gropp	Tim Verhaeghe
JUNIOR GALA		
	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
WINNING HOUSE	Eagles (905 points)	Buffalos (899 points)
SPIRIT TROPHY	Buffalos	Eagles
JNR VICTRIX LUDORUM	Stephanie Houtman	Chloe van Niekerk
JNR VICTOR LUDORUM	Ivan Horak	Aiden Paveley and Jaedon Terlouw
SNR VICTRIX LUDORUM	Chante Cornelius and Daniele Marggraff	Megan Foster
SNR VICTOR LUDORUM	Ross Marshall	Joshua Coetzee (Gr 6)

## **A SWIMMING REQUEST**

There is a heartfelt request from swimming coaches that we do not have any parents on the pool deck (this obviously does not pertain to galas.) Our intention is not to shut parents out but the focus of staff needs to be entirely on the pupils in their care. Coaches need to be vigilant and cannot be distracted by parents. In addition, pupils cannot be looking to parents when a coach gives an instruction. I trust that you accurately read our intentions in this regard; our primary concern is for the wellbeing of the children.

## **A NOTE TO GR 7 PARENTS AND PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMERS**

We request that all Gr 7 pupils attend the gala that is hosted at Hatfield after school on Thurs 2 Feb. They are to wear their uniform, support the school team and assist with the clean up afterwards.

Owing to the fact that we are hosting a gala on this day (Thurs 2 Feb); there will be on Primary School swimming practice.

## **CHEERLEADING (HIGH SCHOOL)**

Our cheerleaders are all on track to support our swimmers at the inter-high gala. We are going to need to continue with our focused and compulsory practices if we are to hold our own in the midst of the other A league schools that are so much bigger than us. Our cheering will be ably and enthusiastically led by the following pupils:

Michael Mills (head cheerleader)  
Klaudia Weichelt (head cheerleader)  
Marcell Adams  
Chris Baker  
Ashley Böse  
Monique Bromfield  
Zizi Msiza  
Quintus Potgieter  
Puno Selesho  
Bongani Zim

Please diarize the remainder of the compulsory high school cheerleading practices which all take place from 14h00 – 15h00:

Wed 1 Feb  
Mon 6 Feb  
Thurs 9 Feb  
Mon 13 Feb

And then the actual gala (for which we are doing all this prep) is at Hillcrest on Tuesday 14 February.

## **MIKKI MATHS**

For a number of years Mikki Maths has been hosted at our school for the convenience of some families. We are quite happy with the content and approach of the program, which follows its own plan at its own pace. It is not “extra lessons” for remediating or explaining class work to the child who is struggling. It is great extra exercise for building confidence, skills and concepts, but is not necessary for every child. Our mathematics curriculum is sound and complete and our teachers are highly competent and motivated. Mikki Maths was accommodated purely for the convenience of families who want extra reinforcement for their children. There are many different extra mathematics programs out there, each with its own flavour and approach. Should you feel that your child needs extra classes please discuss this with their class teacher or Mrs Bleeker.

## **LIBRARY ASSISTANCE**

We would be grateful for assistance with labelling and covering of library books. If you are able to help on either a regular or a once off basis, please come to the library on Wednesday mornings from 7h30 – 9h00. Thank you!

## SPORT RESULTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CRICKET

Team	Opponent	Score	Man of the Match
u/15	Affies	Lost	Jarred Somiah took 3 wickets

- Our mini cricket players will be playing their first match of the season which will be held at St Paulus on Sat 4th. We know that they will do their best and most of all we hope that they have lots of fun and learn to love cricket!
- Our 1st junior cricket boys will be competing in a 6 a side cricket tournament at CBC this Saturday. Do your best boys and make Hatfield proud.

### SWIMMING

- Our high school swimmers competed in the first gala of the year. We are very proud of our swimmers as they obtained a 4th place against very tough competition. The results were as follows:
  - 1st Place Pretoria Boys High/Girls High B 492 points
  - 2nd Place Garsfontein 476 points
  - 3rd Place Willowridge 457 points
  - 4th Place Hatfield 425 points
  - 5th Place Woodhill College 421 points
  - 6th Place Oost Moot 308 points
  - 7th Place Pretoria Boys High/Girls High C 294 Points
  - 8th Place Sutherland 277 points
- Hatfield will be hosting both our high school and primary school gala this week (High School on Thursday and Primary School on Friday.) We wish all our swimmers the best!
- All primary school galas for the term will be hosted at HCS (the exception is that there will now be a gala on 2 March at Tygervalley.) Please note that we will not be participating in the day/night gala at Woodhill on 28 Feb.
- The High School Swimming Social takes place this Friday evening and swimmers have the details.

### CHESS

Chess practices take place in the junior art room from 13h30 – 14h45 every Thursday and interested pupils are welcome to join. Match dates, times and teams will be given as soon as we have the relevant information.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR

By now, primary school choristers would have received their letters giving all the information of the choir day taking place at HCS this Saturday. We do hope that they have a really happy and profitable day!

I deeply appreciate our dedicated staff who are involved in the planning and execution of all school activities and who are constantly involved in training and upgrading their skills. Over the next two weekends we have all our matric staff attending IEB regional and national conferences in Johannesburg and we thank them for their selfless commitment to our vision.

May God bless you all!

Kind regards

Graeme Holloway  
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL