



St Dominic's Junior School Newsletter

March 2018



A Note from Mrs Van Dyk's Desk

As we approach our mid term break we realise how quickly the term is going by. We have, however, achieved so much in the first 6 weeks of this year. A lot of work has been covered in each grade, with many of our pupils are feeling anxious and overwhelmed by the amount of work which has to be covered. Fortunately we know that our girls will adjust to their new grade and will soon feel more at ease in their new grade. Our sports and cultural activities have also been keeping our staff members and our girls very busy. Reports of our achievements are in this newsletter. We congratulate all our girls and we thank all our parents for their support.

Amidst all the activity which has been going on we were able to enjoy a quiet time of reflection and time with God during our Ash Wednesday Mass. This was a very special Mass. We thank our Ethos Team for ensuring that we keep our focus on God's Presence. We pray that God will bless each member of our St Dominic's Family during this period of Lent.

Safety-"Keeping God's Children Safe" (CSO Theme for 2018)

The girls may not wait outside the gate in Kruger Street. This is not allowed and it is not safe for our girls to wait on the pavement unattended. Please collect your daughter in the St Dominic's Carpark or Commissioner Street Carpark.

We would also like to remind all our parents that they may not be in the classrooms, unless they have been invited in by the teacher. We also ask you to report any concerns to the class teacher and not to address your concerns with another child in the class.

Parents please co-operate with us in the above matters.



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Achievements

Rebecca Nunes recently participated in the Lois Bassett Memorial Gala with her swim school, Swim Quest. She competed in the 6 year old category and achieved the following:

Kickerboard - 6th

Freestyle - 4th

Backstroke - 8th

Breastroke - 5th

Well done Rebecca we are very proud of you!



SANESA Q1 was held at Eaton Farm in Kyalami on 10 & 11 February 2018. There were a record number of entries for the Ekurhuleni region at 1062 entries and the St Dominic's girls certainly did us proud.

Taryn Barrett (Gr 3W) passed both of her dressage tests in her first SANESA show.

Camryn Mey (Gr 4D) received a 2nd place in Level 1 Working Riding.

Kayleigh Grange (Gr 6L) placed 3rd in her 60cm Equitation class, also her first SANESA show.

Gwen Crompton (Gr 6L) placed 3rd in her 70cm Equitation class and 1st in her Novice Dressage.



Well done to Marie-Louise Rose (Gr 6V) on her 1st Dam Swim- Ebotse Mile on 14 January 2018 she placed 7th in a time of 31.45. Her 2nd Dam Swim-Homestead Dam was on the 28 January 2018 .

Marie Belongs to the Eastern Gauteng Aquatics Club.

Well Done on your achievements!



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Achievements

Well done to the St Dominic's U13 Water Polo team who competed in and won the inaugural St Mary's U13 Water Polo Championship on Saturday 17th January 2018.

The team played like champions winning all matches

St Dominic's Vs Roedean 9 - 0
St Dominic's Vs Water Warriors 15 - 3
St Dominic's Vs St Mary's B 19 - 0
Semi Final St Dominic's Vs St Mary's A 5 - 4
Final St Dominic's Vs Kingsmead 8 - 3



Hockey News



Eastern Gauteng Quaggas would like to congratulate Lenita Silva 7 D who participated and played in the PSI Nationals U 16 Indoor Hockey Tournament, which was held in Cape Town from the 7 December to the 11 December 2017



Swimming Captains 2018

A Team Captain-Shannon Massolini
Vice Captain-Natasha Brown

B Team Captain-Olivia Ostermeyer
Vice Captain-Taylor Stanton

C Team Captain-Ashley Richardson
Vice Captain- Anebel Kruger



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Ethos

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 13 February ushered in the great tradition of pancake making at St Dominic's, before Ash Wednesday .

Indeed, on "Shrove Tuesday" over 230 hungry and excited little girls from the Foundation Phase eagerly waited to taste and eat pancakes while learning about the tradition. In the past, any eggs, flour and milk left over in the home had to be used up before beginning the serious business of fasting during Lent.

The Grade One girls heard about the history of Shrove Tuesday and received first hand knowledge of the sequencing of pancake making.

The Grade Twos experienced this tradition while being treated to delicious pancakes from the lunchshop
The Grade Three girls even had the opportunity to flip their own pancakes before enjoying eating them.

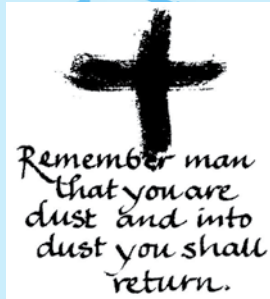


Shrove Tuesday

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated by the whole school on 14 February. The Junior school made many of the decorations of hearts and crosses, using God is Love as a theme. This provided a beautiful backdrop for this Mass in the Jubilee. The Junior school choir joined the High school choir in leading the singing. Fr Martin Badenhorst celebrated the Mass and told the girls that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday complement each other beautifully, with the theme of loving God and one's neighbour as our primary mission in life.

Earlier on Ash Wednesday, the Preschool, Grade 1 and 2 held an Ash Wednesday liturgy in the hall where everyone received ashes on their foreheads. This was put together beautifully and meaningfully by Mrs Dolman, with prayers, songs, psalms and a powerpoint presentation.



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Headmaster's Breakfast

The Grade 7 girls enjoyed the morning with Mr. Loring, Mrs. Van Dyk, Mrs. Kerr and the Grade 7 teachers on the 7th February. After a scrumptious breakfast, Mr Loring spoke to the Grade 7s about their new role as leaders in the Junior School. The girls were very inspired and promised to lead by example, by participating in sports and cultural activities; as well as showing the younger grades how to be a true St. Dominic's girl.

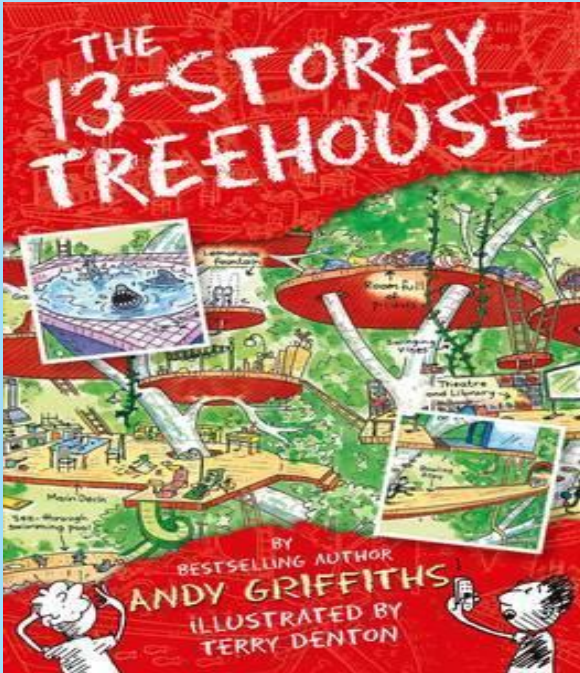


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Media Committee

Junior School

Grade 4-7



A book written by Andy Griffiths and illustrated by Terry Denton

Andy and Terry live in a 13 - storey treehouse where they

write funny books and draw pictures for their publisher Mr Big Nose.

Do you want to see Mr Big Nose? Come to the media centre! He will be right there waiting for you!

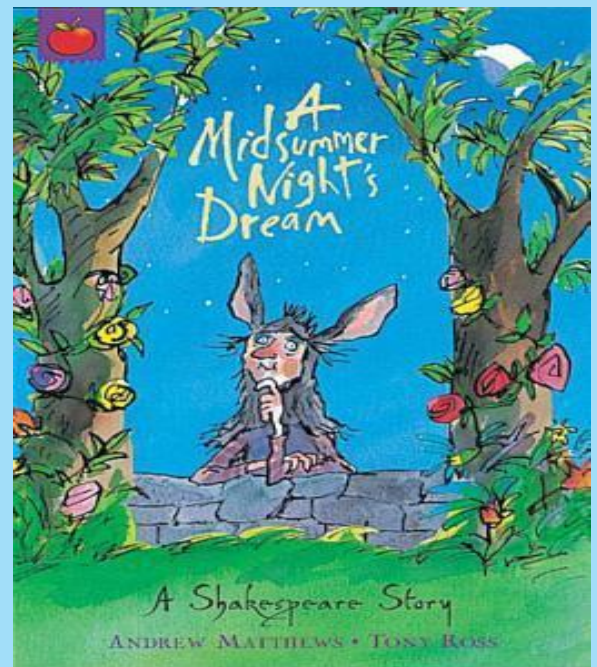
Grade 1-3

An excellent introduction to Shakespeare for the junior readers

all these books are available at your media centre

done by media committee

Reading is the **KEY** to learning



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ST DOMINICS DRUMMIES

GIVING
BACK



On Saturday, 24 February – The Junior Drummies had a very special afternoon planned with the Miss Commonwealth South Africa Team.

Miss Van Niekerk (Miss Commonwealth SA) had involved her Drummie team in a project, which involved orphanages from the Ekurhuleni area.

The day consisted of the Jnr Drummies teaching their guests Drummie skills, performing their small drill display and socializing over some ice cream.

Andricia_Miss Commonwealth 1st Princess had engaged with boys and girls from the ages 14 to 18 years old:

“My message was titled its ok not to be ok, measure your success using your own ruler and be your OWN ambassador. There is nothing more important than working at your own pace. We live in a day and age where we are constantly pressurised by other people's expectations of our lives instead of taking ownership of our own dreams, our own circumstances and our own expectations.”

Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success.



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UPcoming EVENTS

Thursday 1 March	Close at 12:00 for Mid-term
Tuesday 6 March	Return after mid-term
Wednesday 7 March	Inter-Primary B Gala at Boksburg North at 17:30
Thursday 8 March	Individual & Class photos
Friday 9 March	Inter-Primary A Gala at Boksburg North At 17:30
Monday 12 March	Mix and Mingle
Friday 16 March	Soiree
Saturday 17 March	Junior School Inter-House Gala
Wednesday 21 March	Opening of Astro
Thursday 22 March	Human Rights Day
Friday 23 March	Paschal Meal
Thursday 29 March	Wheels' Night
Friday 30 March	School closes at 12:00 for the Easter weekend
Monday 2 April	Good Friday
Wednesday 4 April	Easter Monday
4,5,6 April	Grade 1 to 7 Reports go out
Monday 9 April	Senior School Production
Tuesday 10 April	Grade 1 to 7 Parents' Evening 16:00 to 19:00
Wednesday 11 April	Grade 3 to 7 Awards' Assembly at 7:45
Saturday 21 April	Grade 2 Violin Concert 18:00
Wednesday 2 May	Junior School Inter-House Sports' Day
	School closes at 12:00 for the end of term
	Knight of Champs Drummie Competition at St Dominic's
	School opens for the second term (Day 1)



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