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Japari Newsletter

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Dear Parents

SATS

SATS stands for The Standardised Assessment Tasks which are assessments developed by a group of teachers and written annually by Grade 7 pupils. These assessments are available in Mathematics, English, Afrikaans and Zulu. The results are collated centrally and are available to heads of participating schools to determine their school improvement strategy.

Japari has participated in SATS for a number of years. We take part in the English and Mathematics SATS. In 2018, 49 schools, (2486) students wrote the English assessment and 43 schools, (2155) students wrote the Mathematics assessment.

This Prep School Curriculum initiative encompasses the development and review of a relevant curriculum for preparatory schools in ISASA Central Region, co-ordinated by teachers and heads of schools.

Inter-House Swimming Gala

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, our annual Inter-House Swimming Gala has had to be postponed. On a positive note, this gives our Houses and their Captains, more time to practice their war cries and build their spirit!! Excitement has been growing, but we are sure with a little bit of extra time our choice of which House is going to win the Spirit Cup, is going to be even more difficult!!

Our Inter-House Swimming Gala will be held on Friday 01 March at 09:30.

Mid-Term Break

Our Mid-Term break is fast approaching. School will close on Thursday 21 February at 11:00 and re-open on Tuesday 26 February. For those traveling, please do so safely.

Regards

Steve Rees

Headmaster

REQUEST FROM THE ART TEACHER

If you have any of the following items for re-cycling, please send to the Art Room

Corks (urgent)

Plastic cutlery

Straws

Polystyrene used for packaging

PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE
NO AFTERCARE
FACILITIES ON
THURSDAY 21
FEBRUARY

DATES TO DIARISE

FEBRUARY

21 School closes for mid-term break

26 School re-opens

MARCH

01 Inter-House Swimming Gala

14 Grade 7 Mentor & Monitors Assembly

21 Human Rights Day

APRIL

03 Parent Support Group

06 BIG Walk – this is a compulsory school event

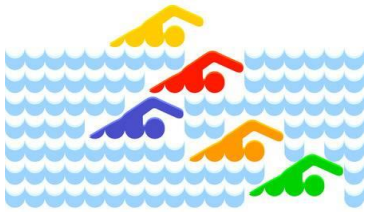
12 School closes for the end of Term I

WHAT IS A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST?

A professional trained in assessment, treatment, teaching methods and management of communication, language, speech, and auditory processing. They have a minimum of a four-year degree and must be accredited by a professional body in order to practice. They work in a number of settings from hospitals/clinics, primary care centres and schools.

HOW DO I KNOW WHETHER MY CHILD HAS A PROBLEM OR NOT?

- Your child's teacher may have expressed some concern
- Perhaps you have noticed a problem
- Your child demonstrates below average performance academically
- S/he has a history of hearing loss/ear infections
- S/he has difficulty following instructions
- S/he does not learn well through the auditory channel
- S/he is forgetful and inattentive
- S/he is easily distracted by background noise
- S/he does not comprehend many words and struggles to grasp verbal concepts appropriate for age/grade level
- S/he has difficulty expressing him/herself orally and in the written modality
- S/he has a fluency problem
- S/he has articulation/phonology errors in speech



WEEKLY PROGRAMME

WEEK ENDING 21 FEBRUARY 2019

Mon 18 Feb	Grade R-3	Cricket Practice	13:10 – 14:10	Zoo Lake
	Grade 4-7	Cricket Practice	14:10 – 15:30	Zoo Lake
	Grade R-3	Swimming Practice	13:10 – 14:00	Zoo Lake
	Grade 4-7	Swimming Practice	14:00 – 15:15	Zoo Lake
	Grade 4-7	Chess	14:00 – 15:00	
Tues 19 Feb	Grade R-3	Cricket Practice	13:10 – 14:10	Zoo Lake
	Grade 4-7	Cricket Practice	14:10 – 15:30	Zoo Lake
	Grade R-3	Swimming Practice	13:10 – 14:10	Zoo Lake
	Grade 4-7	Swimming Practice	14:10 – 15:15	Zoo Lake
	Grade R-3	Tennis Practice	13:10 – 14:00	Zoo Lake
Weds 20 Feb	Cricket Matches vs Saxonwold Primary (selected boys only)			
	Commonwealth	home	17:00	back at school
	Ter Horst	away	16:30	back at school
	Cultural Activities			
	Grade R-3	Crafts	13:15 – 13:45	
	Grade 4-7	Marimbas Session 1	13:15 – 13:45	
	Grade 4-7	Marimbas Session 2	13:45 – 14:15	
Grade 4-7	Choir	14:15 – 14:45		
Thurs 21 Feb	Break up for Mid-Term 11:00			
Fri 22 Feb	Mid-Term Break			

TENNIS CHILDREN PLEASE BRING THEIR OWN TENNIS RACKET

From the Sports Desk

On Friday 07 February we participated in our first gala of the season at St Martin's Preparatory. A lovely afternoon was had by all. Thank you so much for the parents who came out to join us and encourage our swimmers. Well done to Lwazi Mokhine, Khensani Shiluvane, Maria Lucia Potjes and Mikele Ferreira for getting swimmer of the week. Places were as follows:

Mikele Ferreira 1st Individual Medley, Freestyle and Butterfly, 2nd Breaststroke

Maria Lucia Potjes 1st Breaststroke

Khensani Shiluvane 1st Backstroke, 2nd Freestyle

Amilee Holborow Browne 2nd Backstroke, 3rd Breaststroke

Batya Levin 1st Backstroke, 3rd Butterfly

Giorgio Klein 3rd Backstroke and Freestyle

Lara Botes 2nd Butterfly

Lwazi Mokhine 1st Freestyle

Eva Van Onna 3rd Freestyle

Kristin Basson 2nd Freestyle

Some wonderful results Japari – so proud of you all especially as we took such a small team. I do hope that next week we have a full side.

On Wednesday the boys played against Yeshiva. Unfortunately, the games had to be stopped due to the rain. The Commonwealth side got to bat and made 50 in the 9 overs we played. Beautiful batting once again by Zach Carpel who made 27 of which he got 5 4s and a wonderful 6. Keep it up Zach. The Ter Horst side only got to bowl 1 over before rain stopped play.

Due to the bad weather we had to postpone our Inter-house gala to Friday 01 March.



Regards
Mandy Wheeler
Head of Sport

SWIMMING GALA AT ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

TERMS - 2019

Term 1 : **Wednesday 16 January – Friday 12 April**
Half-term break - close 21 February – return 26 February
Public Holidays: Thursday 21 March – Human Rights Day

Term 2 : **Tuesday 07 May – Thursday 08 August**
Half-term break - close 28 June – return 08 July
Public Holiday: Sunday 16 June – Youth Day
Monday 17 June - Holiday

Term 3 : **Tuesday 10 September – Friday 06 December** (subject to change)
Half-term break - close 24 October – return 29 October
Public Holiday: Tuesday 24 September – Heritage Day

AFTERCARE

Aftercare facilities are available Monday to Thursday until 17:00. This includes lunch and supervision of homework and play.

Casual as well as fulltime attendance is catered for and parents are billed accordingly.