



## Newsletter

March 2011

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of a long and busy first term, I wish to thank all of the parents, staff and children for all your hard work and support. You have all contributed towards Westcott in many different ways. "TEAM WORK MAKES A DREAM WORK".

We enjoyed a very successful Campout on 11 February. Thanks to everybody involved in this event and a special thanks to our Fundraising Team for planning and organising this function.

Thanks, too, for supporting the McLaren Circus, which we hosted on our school field.

We thank all those parents who attended our Governing Body by-election on 28 March and thanks to those parents willing to stand for election. We congratulate Mr Robert September on his election.

The first term saw the launch of the new Westcott tracksuit, which the children may wear on Phys Ed days and for sport. This is an important reminder to all of our parents that our clothing depot will only be open on Fridays from 13:00pm to 13:30pm. Tracksuits and all other items of uniform may only be purchased at this time. The second-hand clothing shop is open on Fridays from 12:30pm to 13:30pm. Please observed these times for the purchase of uniforms.

We thank you all for supporting our cake sales, civvies days, etc. It is much appreciated!

### New Scoreboard

We thank Mr and Mrs van der Spuy for organising and donating our new cricket scoreboard. We greatly appreciate their kindness and generosity.

### Emergency Numbers

We recommend that the following emergency numbers should be programmed onto speed dial on your cellphones:

- Cape Town City Emergency Number **107** (this includes medical, crime, fire and traffic)  
The call will be connected to the appropriate response service.
- Land-line users should call **021-480 7700**
- BKM Neighbourhood Watch **086 000 2669**  
(Bergvliet, Meadowridge, Diep River, Plumstead, Southfield, Constantia, Tokai)

### School Website

Mr Cuff, our computer teacher, has been working very hard on our school website. Please have a look at our website and visit the site regularly, as it is constantly updated. **Our newsletter will also be available on the website.** The website address is: [www.westcottprimary.co.za](http://www.westcottprimary.co.za)

### "My School"

The funds raised thus far for 2011 will be used to purchase 40 markers and 10 numbered cones for use during Phys Ed lessons. Please contribute by swiping your card when purchasing goods.

### Recycling Ink Cartridges

We would like to thank parents who are supporting the recycling of ink cartridges initiative. The money raised will be used to buy additional equipment for Phys Ed lessons.

### Extramurals

The second term extramural programme will commence on Monday, 18 April. The details will be sent to you during the first week of term.

### Winter Uniform

Please note that summer or winter uniform will be allowed at the beginning of the second term. The winter uniform will be compulsory from Monday, 9 May.

### BKM Vigil

The BKM Neighbourhood Watch will be co-ordinating their second annual Candle Light Peace Vigil on Wednesday, 13 April from 18:00 to 19:00. Local residents will be congregating on Firgrove and Ladies Mile Roads, with the central point being the Ladies Mile circle.

For all enquiries contact Jeanette Muller on 021- 715 5557 from 08:00am to noon daily or [office@bkmwatch.org.za](mailto:office@bkmwatch.org.za)

### Grade R and Grade 1 Applications for 2012

This is an important reminder to parents who have children eligible for Grade R or Grade 1 in 2012. Places are filling up fast, so it is vital that you complete an application form early in the second term to avoid disappointment.

### Westcott Achievements

- As we have mentioned in other letters, we are extremely happy with our school's excellent performance in the 2010 Grade 3 and 6 provincial numeracy and literacy assessments. Westcott enjoyed the exceptional honour of receiving a certificate and monetary award of R15 000 for excellence for numeracy from the M.E.C. for Education and the Head of the Western Cape Education Department at a ceremony held on 16 March. Well done to the staff, children and parents on this wonderful achievement. (Please last page for photo)

The monetary award will be put towards our computer whiteboard interactive technology project, for which we have been fundraising. The installation of this technology will commence early in the new term.

- Our inter-school athletes fared very well. Congratulations to the following children who went through to the next rounds: Nicolas Phillips, Tristan Kruger, Caleb van Schalkwyk, Joshua Africa and Stefan Hoffmeister. Well done to Stefan, who made it to the W.P. Athletics Championships.
- Well done to all of our Grade 7 Monitors on having been awarded their monitor badges.
- Congratulations to the library monitors, recorder ensemble and media crew on receiving their badges.
- Well done to Tiffany August and Riley Newman on having been placed first and second, respectively, in the local round of the Lions Peace Poster Competition.
- We congratulate the following children who made it through to the semi-finals of a cricketing skills competition held at Wynberg Boys' High: Jared Sansom, Nicolas Phillips, Liam Schrikker and Matthew Fortuin. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Sansom for accompanying the children.
- Congratulations to the Grade 4 boys who represented Westcott as mascots, at the soccer match between Ajax and Pirates at Newlands on 16 March. On 15 April it will be the turn of some Grade 4 girls to be mascots at Newlands!
- Well done to Jared Heydenrych on receiving a reading award from the Help 2 Read volunteers.
- Congratulations to our House Captains for 2011:
 

Venus:	Juan Daniels, Moesfeekha Abdurahman
Mars:	Jarid Du Plooy, Caitlin Davids
Jupiter:	Joshua Zeelie, Sian Whittern

- Well done to the following children who have been involved in the W.P. cricket nets: Dylan van der Spuy, Juan Davids, Astin van Schalkwyk and Dylan Manuel.
- Congratulations to Emma Swart on having been chosen for the W.P. Synchronized Skating Squad.
- Well done to the following boys who achieved high scores as batsmen during the cricket season: Astin van Schalkwyk (93), Dylan van der Spuy (51) and Liam Schrickker (49)
- We congratulate the following top 20 Grade 7 academic achievers for Term 1:
 

1. Emma Swart	90,3 %
2. Stephanie Booysen	90 %
3. Riley Newman	87 %
4. Jessica de Villiers	86 %
5. Dylan van der Spuy	82,3 %
6. Ross Merckel	80,3 %
7. Jarid du Plooy	79,3 %
8. Sian Whittern	77,7 %
9. Robyn Kruyer	77,1 %
10. April Yao	77 %
11. Moesfeekha Abdurahman	75,8 %
12. Tiffany August	75,6 %
13. Aidan Swartz	75,2 %
14. Caitlin Davids	74,5 %
15. Rayarn Barnes	74 %
Carla Nicholson	74 %
Scott Fortune	74 %
18. Antonio Druchen	72,4 %
19. Taryn Davids	71 %
20. Kearan Monk	70,8 %

#### Staff News

- Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Keet on the birth of their baby girl. Thanks to Mrs Marqua for substituting for Mrs Keet.
- We wish Mr and Mrs Odell a very happy overseas trip and look forward to welcoming them back in May. Mrs Odell's place will be taken by Mrs Bedford.
- We thank Mrs Lewis for acting as Senior Supervisor of the Westcott Aftercare centre since the departure of Mrs Williams.
- We welcome our new Security Guard, Mr Patrick Mhlanga. We wish him a happy association with our school.

#### Important Events during the Second Term

##### APRIL

- 11 - Start of Term 2
- 15 - Founder's Day Assembly
- 21 - Grade 7 Market Day
- 22 - Good Friday
- 25 - Family Day
- 26 - School Holiday
- 27 - Freedom Day

MAY

- 2 - Public Holiday
- 18 - Municipal Elections (Public Holiday)
- 23 - Grade 4-7 mid year tests start (until 3 June)
- 26 - Grade 5 Market Day  
Civvies Day

JUNE

- 4 - Westcott Fun Run
- 9 - Music Concert
- 16 - Youth Day
- 17 - School Holiday
- 20-23 Early closing (Grade 3-7)
- 24 - Second Term Ends (11:00am)

- Please note that there will be school as usual on 28 and 29 April.
- We shall not be closing on Ascension Day this year.

As you can see we have had a very full term. Our Grade 6 and 7 children enjoyed their 3 day camp at School in the Wilds in February and our prefects benefited greatly from the course which they attended on 26 March. The Westcott children were also involved in the Annual National Assessments.

We thank Jordon Arendse for representing Westcott at the Back to School Service at St. Cyprian's Church in Retreat earlier this year.

We extend our sincere condolences to those members of the Westcott community who have been bereaved. We assure you of our prayers at this time.

Please note that we shall still be collecting Easter eggs for underprivileged children in the first week of the new term. Thanks for all the Easter eggs received thus far.

We are also still collecting the bar-codes for Albany Bread wrappers as a fundraiser – please send them to school next term.

We hope and trust that you will enjoy the short break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 11 April.

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The “Love Your Body” Workout for Everyone!

Reawaken the Joy of Moving in your Body

Nia classes now in Bergvliet!

Shelley 082 781 6089 or Dee 073 185 6230

***LITTLE ANGELZ PLAYSCHOOL & AFTERCARE CENTRE***

3 Fleming Way, Meadowridge

We offer a loving, secure, safe, fun homely environment where your precious angels can enjoy learning through play to become confident individuals.

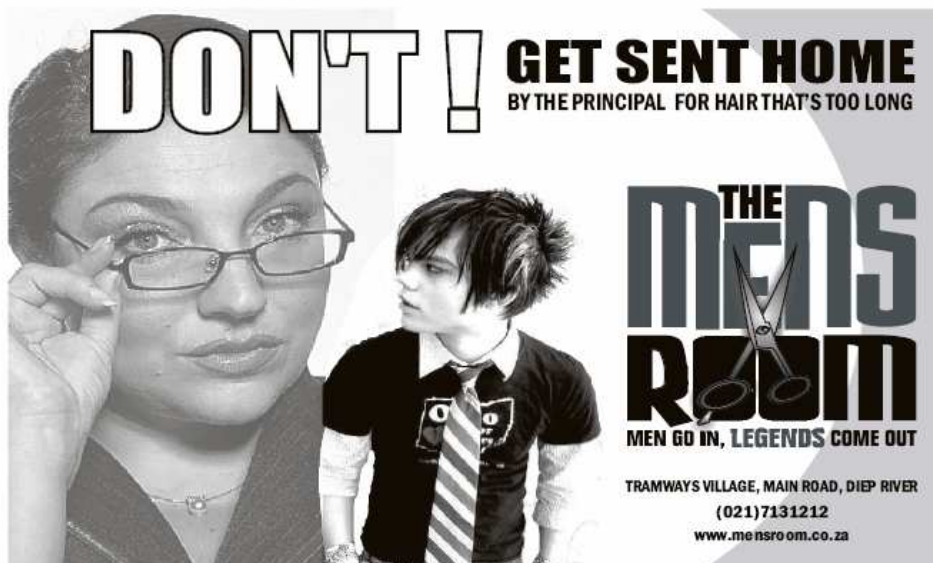
Ages 2 – 5 years

Aftercare and Holiday care: Grade R – 7

Supervised homework, pick up from school and extra-mural activities catered for.

A cooked lunch is provided.

Contact RONALDA on 084 839 4759 or 021- 712 0162 for more information.



Westcott Primary School in Diep River received an award from the MEC for Education, Mr. Donald Grant for excellence in numeracy on Wednesday March 16. This is based on the 2010 Grade 3 and 6 provincial assessments. Seen here, from left, MEC for Education in Western Cape Mr. Donald Grant, Head of Department at Westcott Mrs. Susan Groenewald, Principal of Westcott Mr. John Robertson, Chairperson of the School Governing Body Mr. Werner Lotter, and Head of the Western Cape Education Department Ms. Penny Vinjevold."