

# WESTCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope that your children are settling down happily into the school routine.

Welcome back to you all, staff, children and parents, at the start of this school year, and a special welcome to all of our new children, staff and parents. We wish you all a long and happy association with Westcott Primary.

We were all shocked and saddened at the news of the tragic passing of Riyaath Reynolds, one of our Grade 6 pupils, during the holiday. We, the Westcott Primary community, assure Mr and Mrs Reynolds and their family of our prayers and support at this time.

### Staff

- We welcome our new staff members and we trust that they will be very happy at Westcott.
- Mrs Paulsen has joined us in Grade R, while Ms Malagas has joined our staff as our new counsellor. Our two new teacher assistants/student teachers are Ms Taylor and Mr Byrne.
- Mrs Keet (Grade 3) will be going on maternity leave from 28 February to the end of the second term. Her place will be taken by Mrs Marqua. We wish Mrs. Keet and her husband all the very best as they await the arrival of their first child.

### Extra-murals

Our inter-schools athletes are currently training hard, under the guidance of our staff, for the Inter-Schools Athletics Meeting, which will be held at Zwaanswyk High on Saturday, 5 February. We wish all our athletes all the very best for the inter-schools.

Our full first term extra mural programme will commence after the Inter-Schools, on Monday, 7 February. Further details will follow. Cricket practices and matches have already begun. This year we are separating our under 11 cricket group into two, namely, U10 and U11. They will have separate matches and practices.

### Westcott news

- Thank you to Mr Sansom, one of our parents and a member of our Governing Body, for running a cricket coaching clinic for our children during the holiday.
- Thanks for supporting our cricket civvies on Fridays, as the Cricket World Cup approaches.
- As announced last year, we shall be starting the installation of computer whiteboard interactive technology in some of our classrooms as soon as possible.
- At the end of last year, new soccer goal posts were built and erected on our field. We thank Mr and Mrs Mia, Mr Vermaak and our support staff in this regard. This project was funded from the money raised last year from the World Cup soccer civvies days. Thanks to all the parents, staff and children for supporting the soccer civvies.

### Westcott Achievements

Congratulations to the following children on their fine achievements:

- Emma Swart, who has been included in the Western Province Junior Ice Skating squad. Well done Emma, on this outstanding achievement.
- Dylan van der Spuy, Astin van Schalkwyk, Dylan Manuel and Juan Daniels, who have been invited to attend Western Province under 13 cricket trials. Well done boys, and the best of luck to you all!

### 2011 Westcott Calendar

Accompanying this newsletter you will find our calendar of events for 2011. Please keep it as a reference during the year.

**NB: Please note that the following days have been declared School Holidays this year to create long weekends: 26 April, 17 June, 8 August**

Yours sincerely

**John Robertson  
Principal**

### **Westcott Primary School 2011 Calendar**

(NB: The Pirates Evenings, Car Raffle, and some other dates still need to be finalised and are therefore not included below at this stage)

#### January

17	Staff return
19	Pupils return
26	“Meet the Teachers”” Book Sale: “The Book People”

#### February

1	“Music Meet the Teachers”
5	Inter-schools Athletics
5-6	Westcott used for Voting Registration
8	Annual National Assessment (Numeracy) (Grade 2-7)
10	Annual National Assessment (Literacy) (Grade 2-7)
11	Camp Out
14	Valentine’s Day Civvies (Grade 1-5)
14,15,16	Grade 6 and 7 Camp (Villiersdorp)
16	Inter-school Athletics (second round)
24	Grade R Sports Day 09:30
25	Grade 3 cake sale

#### March

3	Individual Photographs
5-6	Westcott used for Voting Registration
10	Civvies Day (to raise money for Seniors’ Tea)
18,19,20	McLaren Circus at Westcott (to be confirmed)
21	Human Rights Day
24	Grade 2 Cake Sale
26	Prefects’ Course
28-31	Early closing (13:00)

#### April

1	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Ends (11:00)
11	Second Term starts Easter raffle starts
15	Founder’s Day Assembly
21	Easter raffle draw Grade 7 Market Day
22	Good Friday
25	Family Day
26	School Holiday

27 Freedom Day

May

2 Public Holiday (for Workers' Day 1 May)  
23 Grade 4-7 mid year tests start (until 3 June)  
26 Grade 5 Market Day  
Civvies Day (for Seniors' Tea)

June

4 Westcott Fun Run  
9 Music Concert  
16 Youth Day  
17 School Holiday  
20-23 Early Closing (13:00)  
24 Second Term ends (11:00)

July

18 Third Term starts  
28 Grade 4 Market Day

August

1 Spellathon words out  
8 School Holiday  
9 Women's Day  
11 S.A. National Theatre for Youth visits Westcott (Grade R-7)  
19 Spellathon tests  
25 Grade 1 cake sale

September

2 Spellathon money due in  
Community Outreach assembly  
8 Grade 6 Market Day  
15 "Hooked on Books" visits Westcott (Grade 1-7)  
17 Grade 6 Leadership Course  
22 Class Photos  
23 Children's Art Sale/Exhibition  
26-29 Early closing (13:00)  
26-28 Inter-house Netball/Soccer/Volleyball  
30 Third term ends (11:00)

October

10 Fourth term starts  
12 Athletics Practices start  
20 School Staff Evaluation  
31 Field events start

November

1,2,3 Field events continue  
4 Inter-house Athletics Meeting (morning)  
10 Grade R (2012) Party  
14-25 Grade 4-7 Exams/Tests  
15 Grade 1 (2012) Party  
25 Seniors' Tea  
26 Westcott Barn Dance  
28 Food collection for Support Staff starts  
30 Senior Awards Evening (Grade 4-7)

December

1	Food collection civvies
2	Junior Awards Ceremony (morning) (Grade 1-3)
6	Grade 7 Farewell
8	Carols Service
9	End of Fourth Term (children)
13	Staff leave

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**SCHOOL SONG**

Where vineyards stood ringed by mountains around  
In the shade of pine trees cool.  
A valley green, where beauty abounds  
Is the setting for our school  
We'll do our best so that her fame  
Increases year by year.  
And may we always make our aim  
Work hard and persevere.

Through years of learning and fun you'll find  
Loyal to our school are we.  
See us growing now in spirit and mind  
Standing proudly for all to see.  
Our steps they will not falter now  
Of that we have no fear.  
Our pathway will not alter now  
Work hard and persevere.

## Where Do The Children Grow?

When you see a smiling face  
Their happiness all over the place  
Singing, laughing, cries of glee,  
Come they say, Play with me  
The slide, the swing, the monkey bars.  
Look at them close to see who they are.  
Lots of races, Ready, Set, Go.  
This is how the children grow.

If you watch them everyday  
You'll see they learn as they play  
They'll do what they see, and say what they hear.  
You're their teacher through out the years.  
Their ideas and thoughts in their eyes shine.  
Imagination is a glimpse of their mind  
When you're not looking, don't you know  
This is when the children grow.

Watch them as they learn to walk  
Listen to them when they talk  
Keep them safe, away from harm  
Wrap them gently within your arms  
Teach them to share and how to take turns.  
Set good examples from which they will learn.  
At home, at school, wherever they go  
This is where the children grow.