



CIRCULAR 8

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

Oasis Preparatory School strives to implement curriculum, methods and initiatives that benefit the students and create an environment that children and staff can thrive in, rather than just survive in. This means extra effort on our part to plan creative lessons and interaction times. It requires preparation and thought to ensure that children engage with the materials that they are exposed to. It requires us to continually ask ourselves the questions "are the children getting it?" and "how can we do better?" as well as "who else is succeeding at this and how can we make their success part of our success?"

In keeping with this vision we have adopted top curriculum in Singapore Maths / Science and Keys to Reading Success, leading global materials. We also supply access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs programs which allow students to extend themselves and hone their skills. Furthermore we work with experienced and innovative consultants to monitor our progress, provide new ideas and assist in progressive methodologies. We do all of these things and more to provide the very best education for your child which reaches beyond just what they learn and touches who they are destined to be and are becoming. We do this because we believe in your children.

This belief has lead us to the next step in our development which is to provide the space for the entire school to run in a format of 20 students to class (maximum) grouped in grades. To facilitate this we are building additional classrooms to afford the creative space necessary for our qualified and experienced staff to enact our vision for your children. We know that making the space for our children and staff will unlock more potential for all to thrive in the already established environment.

To this end we are fundraising to complete our building extensions this year. One of our key events is the Legacy Run, a community family initiative. The Legacy Run will take place at Piggly Wiggly on the 4th of June from 10:00am. The family run allows for participants to run, walk, jog or stroll the 5km course in the available 2 hours. Cost is R25/person or R60/family, there is also a business challenge at R100/Team (Max 5) where businesses can challenge each other. As an added bonus Chloe Clark, finalist from the Voice SA, will be performing from 13:00. All proceeds from the run will go towards building.



As this is one of our major events for the year's fundraising and we require all parents to be involved in the event. You have already received a reply slip in the last circular regarding the options for participation. Unfortunately response to these reply slips was very poor, some parents acknowledging having read the requirements and leaving the reply slips blank. This disappoints me as I see the potential and worth in your children and know that this must have come from yourselves as parents and guardians. I would like to thank the handful of parents and guardians who did reply.

There are several opportunities to get involved which are listed on the reply slips. If a blank reply is received a task will be allocated to you. If you are unable to attend on the 4th of June there is the option to arrange sponsorship for 5 or 10 Legacy bricks at R200/brick, this sponsorship could come from yourself, your family or other persons / businesses you approach. Flyers were sent out with the last circular and more can be collected from the Secretary. This option is encouraged for those you have another commitment for the day.

It was JFK who famously said "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". I would suggest that you ask what Oasis has done for your children and then ask yourself what legacy you would like to leave for future children that will attend, just as those who went before you have done for yours. Pay it forward, someone did for you.

Yours in Education,
Mr. A van Niekerk
VICE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL CALENDAR WEEK 16 & 17 (MON 23 MAY – FRI 03 JUNE 2016)

DATE:	WEEK SIXTEEN	DATE:	WEEK SEVENTEEN
MON 23/05	-	MON 30/05	-
TUES 24/05	-	TUES 31/05	-
WED 25/05	Hockey/Soccer Tournament @ Mt Carmel	WED 01/06	-
THURS 26/05		THURS 02/06	-
FRI 27/05	Grade 2 Outing	FRI 03/06	JP Speech and Drama Festival

ADMINISTRATION

SPORT:

Well done to our girls who did so well at their mini hockey festival on Tuesday - you did us proud. Thank you also to all the parents who came out to support, as well as to our amazing hockey coach - Miss. Hearthstones!! GO OPS!!

Wins

3-0 vs Mt Carmel (Grade 1)
 1-0 vs Laddsworth (Grade 2)
 2-0 vs Mt Carmel (Grade 2)

Draws

0-0 vs Laddsworth (Grade 1)
 0-0 vs Laddsworth (Grade 2)

Losses

1-0 vs Howick Prep (Grade 1)



SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL:

We are so excited about our 'Speech and Drama Festival' which will be held on 03 June for the Junior Primary and 10 June for the Senior Primary. This year, ALL Grade 1 – 12 learners will be performing individual poems. Students will be judged on expression, presentation and creativity. We have been practicing these poems during our drama times, however, we ask that you please encourage your child to practice their poem at home.



Speech and Drama Association
of South Africa

CHOIR FESTIVAL

We are excited to be hosting an interschool Choir Festival. On Friday, 20th May from 09:00 – 11:00, parents are welcome to attend this event and we are trusting that it will be a wonderful morning of fun!



LEGACY FAMILY FUN RUN

Calling all families! We are hosting a 'Legacy Run' in aid of our building projects. We ask that every family come and support this day – by running, jogging, skipping or walking! This event will take place on Saturday, 4 June at 10am at Piggly Wiggly. The cost is R25 per person or R60 per family. Our musical guest for this event is Chloe' Clark, one of The Voice SA finalists!



We are also hosting a 'Business Challenge' where local businesses can challenge each other, with the entry fee being R100/5 people.

The first 50 people to register for the 5km Legacy Run will be entered into a draw to win GREAT prizes. So book your spot TODAY!

'Education is the best legacy for inheritance.'

ADMINISTRATION

LEGOCY PROJECT CHALLENGE

Oasis, together with the Parents in Partnership team, are excited about our fundraising drive for 2016: the "LEGOCY project". With a vision to fund the completion of the Junior Primary classrooms, we will be offering the opportunity for interested parties to 'buy a brick'!



CHALLENGE: We challenge each family find sponsors for at least 5 bricks at R200/brick. Due to our growing numbers, we need to complete the classrooms downstairs. These building projects will result in quality education for all students. All those who donate will be celebrated on our social media platforms and a plaque will also be mounted to commemorate their generosity.

For all those who are interested in donating to this cause, please see the banking details below:

Account Name: Oasis Christian Academy Development fund
Account Number: 62361056990
Bank: FNB
Branch: 22075
Registered NPO: 115-247
PBO: 930036997

If you have any queries, please contact Mr. Angus van Niekerk on 033 330 3456 or angus@oasisprep.co.za.

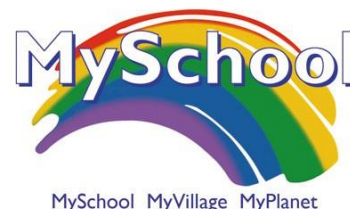
RECYCLE MANIA

The challenge is ON in June! We will be hosting a 'recycling drive' from 08 June – 15 June. Each morning, there will be recycling monitors at the bins to calculate the numbers of bags brought in by each student. (Normal plastic shopping bags will count as one, full black bags will count as three.) There is an AWESOME prize to be won, so watch this space for more details and start collecting recycling TODAY!



MYSCHOOL/WOOLIES COMPETITION

MySchool, in collaboration with Woolworths, are running a competition over the next few weeks giving schools, parents as well as students all a chance to win great prizes. Oasis Prep School have a chance of winning R100 000, and parents stand a chance to win R50 000 worth of school bursaries.



We, as a school, have a few tasks to complete in order to enter this competition to win R100 000. These tasks include the video which we made and uploaded to Facebook about how parents can enter (<https://www.facebook.com/616462491701450/videos/1298270586853967/>), and we are now waiting to hear from MySchool what the next task for us is.

YOU CAN ENTER simply by getting a MySchool card if you do not already have one (you can collect the application for this from Sam at reception), and then swiping this card whenever you shop at participating stores such as Woolworths. It really is as easy as that. Oasis Prep School earn points each time that you swipe your card, which in turns helps us as a school, so please make sure to get your MySchool card and to swipe this whenever you can!!

DREAM BUILDERS PROJECTS

As a school we have embarked on a thrilling journey to rediscover the excitement of seeing dreams, hopes, and aspirations unlocked in others. Teachers will be communicating the family/families and the dreams that we are aiming to fulfil by the end of the week.

We are calling on individuals, families, businesses and the community at large to get behind this amazing project and make a meaningful contribution to someone's life. Each student will have a part to fulfil in this project and we ask that you, as parents, assist your child in completing their role. GENEROSITY is a part of who we are at Oasis Prep, so join us on this adventure!



ACADEMICS

ISASA

We are so excited to announce that Oasis Prep School has officially been accepted into ISASA. ISASA - The Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa - is the oldest, largest and most inclusive independent (private) schools association in the Southern African region. ISASA represents its members and provides them with services to protect their interests, promote best practice and support quality education.



As part of our transition year, we wanted to join ISASA, to ensure that we remain a quality assured school. We had an inspection with the KZN Regional Director as well as the Headmaster of Treverton. Both gentlemen were so excited and encouraged by what they saw, they submitted our application at the Executive Council meeting, held a few days after our inspection. We were delighted to receive the following email from the KZN Regional Director:

“Good news! ISASA Executive Council met this week and approved the application for Oasis Prep to become members of ISASA! I was able to get my recommendation in soon enough for the application to be approved. So congratulations! I am delighted that Oasis will now be part of the ISASA family.”

This news is particularly thrilling as we were told we would only hear whether we were accepted or not after the July Executive Council Meeting. We are very excited about this affiliation and look forward to many years of quality education.

SUPERSTARS

We would like to take a moment to celebrate some of our SUPERSTARS for their hard work so far this term. Our Junior Primary have been hard at work, learning Maths drills, phonics tests and reading. Here are some of our SUPERSTARS who achieved 100%:



Our Senior Primary has also been working well, with the following students having received more than the 10 x 100% so far this year:

- Dakotynn Dawson
- Minenhle Dlomo
- Zanezinhle Hlongwane
- Snalo Ngubane
- Rebecca Clements
- Amkelwa Gumbi
- Donae' Mouton
- Gabriella Coetzee
- Dineo Ngema



And a special congratulations to Eyethu Gwacela for achieving 20 x 100% this year.

Well done to all our students for giving on their best. I encourage you, as parents, to get involved in your child's school work. Quiz them for their tests; allow them to read aloud to you; go through Math drills together. I look forward to even more outstanding results as the term progresses! Well done, SUPERSTARS!

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.'