



CIRCULAR 10

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2016

Dear Parents & Guardians

I hope you are enjoying the current cold weather as much as I am. I absolutely love the idea of sipping on hot chocolate, dressing up in warm coats and scarves, and waiting eagerly for the first signs of snow so I can rush my kids off to build a snow man. While it may be cold, there are so many positive memories that come from times like these and I hope that you can find ways to make this winter season an unforgettable one for your kids.

I am wanting to use the next few circulars to revisit the FOUR KEY OBJECTIVES presented at last year's VISION NIGHT that outline where we are going as a school in the next 1-3 years. Hopefully this will bring clarity to some of the questions you may have as lots in Oasis Prep School is in a state of transition.

OBJECTIVE 1: RESTRUCTURING OF LEARNING

Our commitment to provide a top quality, values based, creative, individualized education that contributes to prospering souls and a transformed world is still our top priority. After much prayerful consideration we decided to move towards an integrated curriculum that:

- ▶ Integrates individual learning styles in learning process & curriculum
- ▶ Develops creativity & innovation
- ▶ Focuses on students spiritual formation & emotional growth
- ▶ Meets international norms & standards
- ▶ Develops critical thinking skills that prepares students for current world climate

WHY THE NEED TO CHANGE?

Quality vs Quantity/Time – the current PACE system is content heavy, thus giving us very little time to have quality learning experiences.

Biblical vs Worldly – the current PACE system was excellent at setting Biblical knowledge and our new learning approach aims to grow this to create ways for students to develop Biblical revelation with more freedom to experience God and not merely learn about Him. We remain firmly committed to modelling Christian values in all we do.

Creativity vs Conformity – the current PACE system did not sufficiently develop creative thinking skills and provide learners with sufficient opportunities for integrating all learning styles (especially kinesthetic) into the learning process. We aim to open up integrated, cross curricular

Prosperous Souls vs Prosperous Programmes – we see the need to not merely finish a curriculum but create prosperous souls – where students are thriving and not merely surviving. With a more flexible approach we can adjust progression, teaching methods etc. to individual learners needs so that we start to see more excitement for learning

Self vs Others – one of the big moves of the world now and into the future is collaboration, the art of working together towards a common goal. One of the key parts of our new curriculum is developing team work and generosity in students.

We are seeing great developments in the Junior Primary as the new curriculum has been introduced over the last six months. We look forward to extending this further in the Senior Primary in 2017 as student numbers allow. Please join us in praying for a fruitful transition period.

Yours in Education,

Mr. M Hogarty
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL CALENDAR WEEK 20 & 21 (MON 20 JUNE – FRI 1 JULY 2016)

DATE:	WEEK TWENTY	DATE:	WEEK TWENTY-ONE
MON 20/06	JP SNAG Tournament SP Project: Howick	MON 27/06	HOLIDAYS
TUES 21/06	Grade 1 Dream Builders Grade 2 Dream Builders Grade 4-12 Dream Builders	TUES 28/06	
WED 22/06	Grade 3 Dream Builders	WED 29/06	
THURS 23/06	Art & Music Exhibition Evening	THURS 30/06	
FRI 24/06	Grandparents Day Break Up Day	FRI 01/07	

ADMINISTRATION

ART AND MUSIC EXHIBITION EVENING

Attention all parents, friends, family and community members! You are invited to Oasis Prep's annual Art and Music Exhibition Evening! This event takes place on Thursday, 23 June from 17:30. We encourage you to bring a picnic dinner and join us for a musical and dramatic extravaganza. Entry is by donation. Please note: all students are required to be at this event. RSVP to Sam at 033 330 3456 or admin@oasisprep.co.za today!



RECYCLE MANIA

Wildlands have challenged us to collect double the recycling we collected over the 2015/2016 year this year which follows, and in kicking this challenge off - the 1st competition we are running - the OPS child to bring in the most recycling will get a prize!! We will be weighing in the recycling which each child brings and the winner will be announced on the 20th June.



CLOTHES FOR LIFE

Each child has been asked to bring in old clothes, shoes, et cetera from home to donate to needy people. Children have each been handed a green bag (made out of recycled plastic) as well as a form to be filled in by parents - to make sure that items which are donated have been approved by parents, and they have been asked to donate any old clothing items which are no longer being used to give to those more needy than ourselves. There are great prizes for both competitions - so make sure not to miss out.



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CONSERVATION TRUST

For more info, contact Sam on 033 330 34356 / admin@oasisprep.co.za

GRANDPARENTS DAY

To book for this, please contact Sam on 033 330 34356 / admin@oasisprep.co.za by Wednesday 15th June.



LEGOCY PROJECT CHALLENGE

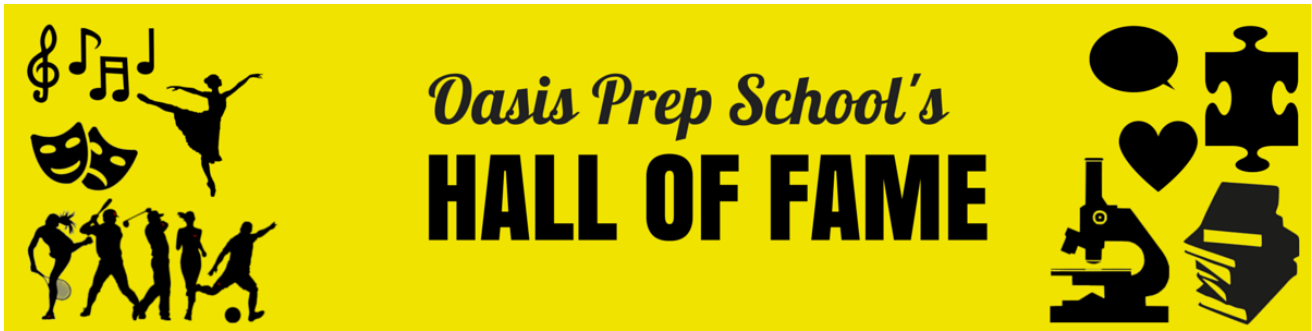
Oasis, together with the Parents in Partnership team, are challenging each family find sponsors for at least 5 bricks at R200/brick. Due to our growing numbers, we need to complete the classrooms downstairs. These building projects will result in quality education for all students. All those who donate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



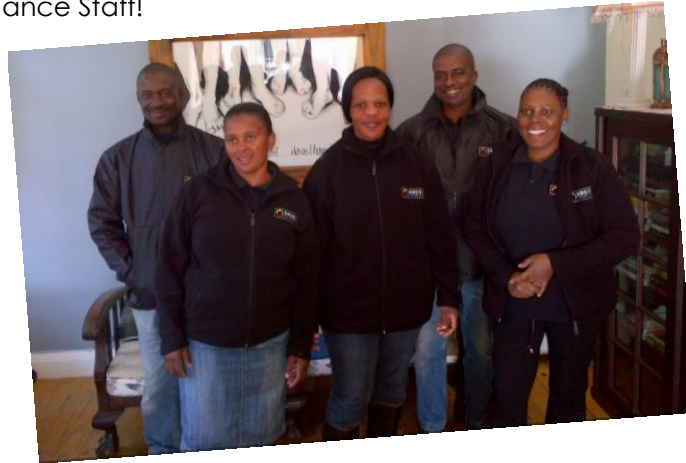
For all those who are interested in donating to this cause, please see the banking details below:

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

'What we learn becomes a part of who we are.'



We would like to SHINE some LIGHT onto a vital, yet often-overlooked section of our school: Our Grounds and Maintenance Staff!



Names: Collen and Makhosi Ntshangase, Mahbi Mchunu, Hlengiwe Zondi and Phindile Sikhosana

We are so incredibly blessed to have this amazing group of individuals and part of the OPS team. These men and women faithfully serve our school every day, by ensuring that our grounds are looking beautiful and that everything from classrooms to the hall to the offices are spotlessly clean.

We want to honour them for all the hard work, dedication and time that they sow into the life of OPS. It is such a privilege for people to come into our school and marvel at how beautiful and peaceful the environment is.

Another vital member of this team is our Operations Manager: Mr. Ray Gumbo.



Ray has been such a blessing to this school. As you may be aware, we have done a lot of building over the last few years and Ray has been instrumental in seeing the visions and plans become a reality. We want to honour him for all his hard work, not only at our school, but also with his work into our community.

So next time you are on the school grounds and you happen to see one of these incredible people, say a big THANK YOU for all that they do!

'What we learn with pleasure, we never forget!'

ACADEMICS

Each term, we have a general emphasis that we focus on. This focus cumulates in an entire week at the end of term dedicated to this theme. These weeks are known as ENRICHMENT WEEK time! The aim of Enrichment Week is to broaden and expand learners' horizons. This time provides exciting opportunities for discovery, application of concepts learned in real-life environments, cross-curricular integration and lots of fun! Part of our aim as a school is to ensure that our learners are well-rounded individuals and Enrichment Week is one tool we use, ensuring that learning is not merely taught but caught through real-life experiences.



This term our focus has been: **CREATIVITY!** Everything from our creative writing to school of music to speech and drama and devotions has been focused on unleashing creativity in our students.

Below is a general timetable for next week. Teachers will send through class-specific timetables as well as any items students need to bring.

	MON 20/06	TUES 21/06	WED 22/06	THURS 23/06	FRI 24/06
08:00 – 08:30	Devotions				
08:30 – 09:00	SNAG	3D Art and Construction	3D Art and Construction	Rehearsal	GRANDPARENTS DAY
09:00 – 09:30	Tournament / PROJECT: HOWICK				
09:30 – 10:00					
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK TIME				
10:30 – 11:00	Rehearsal	Rehearsal	Rehearsal	Assembly	BREAK UP TIME
11:00 – 11:30				Set Up	
11:30 – 12:00				Classes	
12:00 – 12:30					N/A
12:30	HOME TIME				

Please note:

1. There is aftercare on Monday – Thursday until 16:30, however we do NOT offer aftercare on Break Up Day.
2. Reports can be signed for and collected from the front office on Friday, 24th June. Grandparents may sign for reports and take students home at 11:00am /after Grandparents Day is complete.

Term 3 our focus is Science, Technology and Innovation. We have so many exciting lessons and events planned around this theme so WATCH THIS SPACE!



'The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.'