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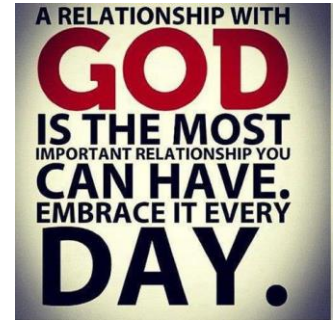
THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016

Dear Parents & Guardians

I hope you thoroughly enjoyed the June/July holidays and that you and your children are ready for this new and exciting term. Our aim is to continually improve ourselves and I am very excited about our inquiry-based learning days, the events that we have in store for this term and the building project we are currently embarked on.

As we begin the second half of 2016, I encourage all of us to take a moment to relook at our relationship with God. Are we simply 'going through the motions' or is our relationship with Him flourishing and alive?

Gen 2:7 'And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath** of life, and then man became a living being (soul).



As humans we are created by God and **come alive when we live under the influence of the breath of God** – His tangible Presence. It's not what we do at a Sunday gathering but rather a lifestyle of maintaining a constant connection with God. This **interaction between us and God is seen worked out in a GARDEN**, giving us an indication of what the 'living conditions' look like for those who choose to pursue connection with God constantly. What does your garden look like? Beauty, rest, variety, appetites satisfied, refreshing, relationship, partnership, space, vulnerability and NO SHAME. The garden was also called EDEN which means 'pleasure'. Living in constant connection with God's Presence is where we find pleasure – go on make space in your life and ASK God to breathe a fresh on you with His Presence!

Relationship and connection with God is part of our focus for this term. Our THRIVE program is starting a '#I AM' series, where students will be exploring the topics of #IAmForgiven, #IAmLoved, #IAmASon/Daughter, #IAmSupernatural and #IAmPurposed.



We encourage you to ask your children what they are learning about in devotions and assembly, discuss the importance of relationship and connection with God and encourage them to dig deeper into the things of God.

Yours in Education,
Mr. M Hogarty
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL CALENDAR WEEK 20 & 21 (MON 25 JULY – FRI 05 AUGUST 2016)

| DATE: | WEEK TWENTY | DATE: | WEEK TWENTY-ONE |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| MON 25/07 | - | MON 01/08 | - |
| TUES 26/07 | - | TUES 02/08 | - |
| WED 27/07 | - | WED 03/08 | PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| THURS 28/07 | - | THURS 04/08 | - |
| FRI 29/07 | Grade 2 Outing | FRI 05/08 | Movie Night |

LIVING – LOVING – LEARNING – LEADING

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are so excited about our new school uniforms! During 2015, we undertook a survey regarding our uniforms and the general response was in favour of a more formal uniform. Hence, as of 2017, we are moving to a more formal uniform. We are also competing in more formal environments, such as eisteddfods, music examinations and festivals, and we feel our new uniform will be a more accurate representation of who we are.

For those who were unable to join us at our Parent Evening at the beginning of the year, our new uniform is as follows:

Junior Primary – *Girls*: Navy skorts, white school shirt with gingham trim, closed black shoes and white socks

Boys: Camel shorts (summer)/pants (winter), white school shirt with gingham trim, closed black shoes and white socks

Senior Primary – *Girls*: Navy skirts, white school shirt with gingham trim, navy blazer, closed black shoes and white socks

Boys: Camel shorts (summer)/pants (winter), white school shirt with gingham trim, navy blazer, closed black shoes and white socks

Our current Oasis Golf T-shirts will be used for sport.

While the uniform will only be in effect from 2017, we encourage parents to start ordering now. We do apologize to those parents who have wanted to purchase the new uniform. Our supplier is currently backlogged and is in the progress of processing our orders. We will let you know as soon as our uniforms arrive.

LEGOCY PROJECT

Oasis, together with the Parents in Partnership team, are excited to announce our first 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'! Each donation will be in denominations of R200/brick. Businesses 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

ADVERTISE WITH OPS

We are starting an 'Advertise with OPS' initiative. We are offering parents/businesses the opportunity to advertise their business and/or events in our circulars. Our circulars are sent out every two weeks and are emailed to our mailing list as well as posted on our social media outlets. All proceeds go towards the Building Fund and Bursaries. If you would like more information about this, please contact the office.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

We are currently transitioning into a new administration system and are needing updated details for all parents, students and taxi drivers/lifts. Please fill in the 'Update Your Details' form and send it to the office by Monday, 01 August 2016.

An advertisement for Oasis Prep School. It features the school's logo at the top, which is a red circle with a white 'C' and 'O' inside. Below the logo, the text reads: "ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS THROUGH OASIS PREP SCHOOL". Underneath, it says "PRICES RANGE FROM R100 – R500 DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE ADVERT." and "YOUR ADVERT WILL BE PRINTED ONTO 2 EDITIONS OF OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, POSTED ONTO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, FORWARDED TO OUR EMAIL LIST AS WELL AS ADVERTISED THROUGH OUR D6 COMMUNICATOR." At the bottom, it provides contact information: "For more info contact us on (033) 330 3456/admin@oasisprep.co.za" and "All proceeds to go towards building new classrooms For 2017".

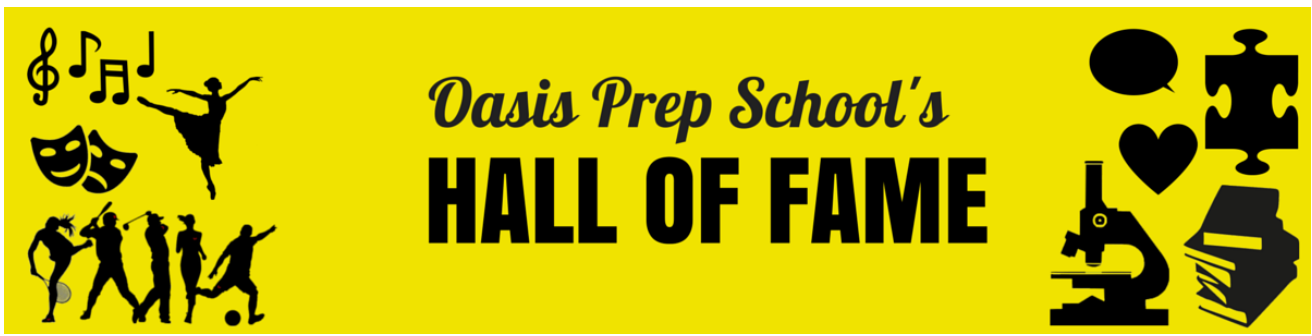
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The happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.



Oasis Prep School's HALL OF FAME

We had such an incredible Art and Music Exhibition and Grandparents' Day during the last week of term 2. We would like to take this moment to introduce and honour the incredible men and women behind the success of these events. Our School of the Arts teachers are as follows:

Ms. Annari van Jaarsveld

Annari has been singing since before prep school but officially started her vocal training at 14 years old. She has studied and performed in Norway and around South Africa. She loves singing because it is communicating in a beautiful, creative way. She feels music is expressive, emotional and therapeutic because you put your complete soul into the music.



Ms. Jo-Anne Fisher

Jo-Anne has joined our School of Arts as our Ballet teacher. Althea's Dance Academy teaches the DASA syllabus. Jo-Anne has danced from a very young age and is a member of DASA herself. She has done exams and has been fortunate enough to participate in shows and competitions.



Mr. Curt Lawrence

Curt joined us as a part-time music teacher specializing in drum kit and bass guitar, as well as assisting with the school worship band. He is currently also teaching music at Hilton College, is a part-time draftsman and Youth Leader at Temple of Glory in Pietermaritzburg. He enjoys taking students to new heights in music.



Ms. Kate Thornton-Dibb

Kate loves all things creative and she loves stimulating people of all ages to harness their God-given creative ability and reach for their dreams. Kate believes that Art is a tool to reach people.



All our teachers have worked so hard to ensure that each student that they teach grow and improve in their God-given talents, while still making this learning process fun and exciting. We are so privileged to have these teachers in our School of Arts and we look forward to seeing continued growth in this area.

ACADEMICS

This term started off with an INSPIRING and INQUIRING first day back! The Grade 1's had the opportunity to explore their lives and homes in relation to the world. They dived into Mapwork, locating Africa, then South Africa and finally KZN. They also spent some time using Google Earth, discovering the world around them. The Grade 2's looked into all types of families, from their homes to animals to plants. The Grade 3's took a creative journey through the body, touching on food groups, digestion, respiratory system and table manners. The Grade 4-5's dove into the past, focusing on inventions that changed the world. They are becoming inventors this term and are working on their own inventions. The Grade 6-12's had an 'Amazing Maths race' where they were required to solve clues to progress. Maths concepts have never been so much fun!



The aim of this style of teaching is to promote learner curiosity and to encourage a love of learning. These inquiry days will continue, so watch this space for more exciting moments!



The art of teaching is awakening the natural curiosity of young minds



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