



## CIRCULAR 17

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016

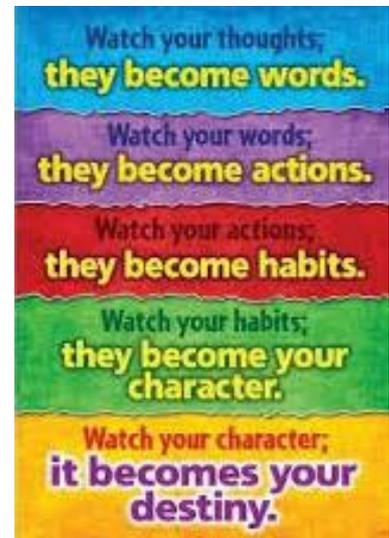
### Dear Parents & Guardians

Term 4 is in full swing with play practices, World Affairs, outings and outreaches making this term unforgettably good! Our spiritual focus is 'Thriving' and one area that many people battle with is bad habits. I was sent an excellent article about teaching children practical habits. The author spent five years studying the daily habits that separate the wealthy from the poor and has given some practical strategies for us to use:

### "...Habits Parents Teach Their Children"

Parents and our schools need to work together to instill good daily success habits. Here are some examples:

- Limit TV, social media, video games and cell phone use to no more than one hour a day.
- Require that children read one non-fiction book a week and write a one page summary of what they learned for their parents to review.
- Require children to aerobically exercise 20 – 30 minutes a day.
- Limit junk food to no more than 300 calories a day.
- Teach children to dream and to pursue their dreams
- Require that children set monthly, annual and long-term goals.
- Require that children save at least 25% of their earnings or the monetary gifts they receive.
- Teach children the importance of calling family, friends, teachers, coaches, etc. on their birthday
- Teach children the importance of calling family, friends, teachers, coaches, etc. when anything good or bad happens in their lives.
- Teach children to send thank you cards to individuals who helped them in any way.
- Reassure children that mistakes are good and not bad. Children need to understand that the very foundation of success is built upon the lessons we learn from our mistakes.
- Discipline children when they lose their temper so they understand the consequence of not controlling this very costly emotion.
- Children need to learn how to manage money. Open up a checking account or savings account for children and get them to use their savings to buy the things they want. This teaches children that they are not entitled to anything. It teaches them that they have to work for the things they want in life, like cell phones, computers, fashionable clothes, video games, etc.
- Require children to participate in at least one non-sports-related extracurricular group at school or outside of school.
- Parents and children need to set aside at least an hour a day to talk to one another. Not on Facebook, not on the cell phone, but face to face. The only quality time is quantity time.
- Teach children how to manage their time. Teach them how to create a daily "to do" list. They can put their "to-do" list on their bedroom door so parents can check it each day.



From my research, I learned that all it takes is one or two habits to completely transform a life. The reading habit can set your children up for career success. The savings habit can set your children up to be financially independent. The exercise habit can set your children up for a long, healthy life. The happy birthday or life event calls can set your children up to forge strong relationships. Pick just two habits to teach you kids and stay on top of them for six months. After six months the habits should stick."

Let's take up the challenge and skill our children in this area!

**Yours in Education,**  
MRS. S VAN NIEKERK  
ACADEMIC HEAD

## SCHOOL CALENDAR WEEK 33 & 34 (MON 31 OCTOBER – FRI 11 NOVEMBER 2016)

DATE:	WEEK THIRTY-THREE	DATE:	WEEK THIRTY-FOUR
<b>MON 31/10</b>	Big Book Baker Day	<b>MON 07/11</b>	Grade 2 Outreach
<b>TUES 01/11</b>	-	<b>TUES 08/11</b>	Mini Cricket Tournament
<b>WED 02/11</b>	-	<b>WED 09/11</b>	Squash Match
<b>THURS 03/11</b>	-	<b>THURS 10/11</b>	-
<b>FRI 04/11</b>	NCLA Tests Grade 3 Outreach Corporate Bowls Day	<b>FRI 11/11</b>	Grade 1 Outing Radiant Ladies Conference

### ADMINISTRATION

#### RAFFLE EXTENDED

We have decided to extend our annual raffle. Each student now has until the 04 November to sell as many books as possible. The person who sells the most books will receive a R500 mall voucher! All proceeds will go towards building classrooms for 2017. Please note: it is required that every family sell at least one book. Any lost, unsold or incomplete books will be charged to your account.

#### The raffle prizes are as follows:

- **1st Prize: 2 nights' stay for 4 people (2 adults and 2 children) at Tala Private Game Reserve inclusive of breakfast valued at R6,480.00**
- **2nd Prize: 2 nights' accommodation at Dunning Country House for 2 people sharing – (bed and breakfast)**
- **3rd Prize: Meat Hamper (A whole sheep)**



#### 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.

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: 220725  
 Registered NPO: 115-247  
 PBO: 930036997



#### CORPORATE BAREFOOT BOWLS

We are excited to invite all businesses to join us for our Corporate Barefoot Bowls event. This is one of our major fundraisers and all proceeds will go towards student bursaries and building additional classrooms. The event will take place at Howick Bowls Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> November at 12:00pm. The cost is R800.00 per team of 4.

Please can we ask that you 'spread the news' about this event. For more information and/or sponsorship options, please contact [admin@oasisprep.co.za](mailto:admin@oasisprep.co.za) or 033 330 3456.



#### A LITTLE PRINCESS

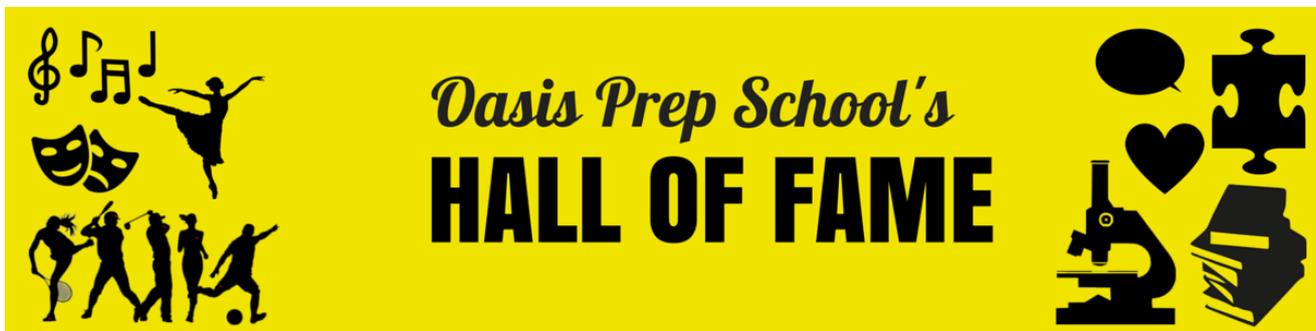
We are excited to invite all parents to our school production entitled 'A Little Princess.' The play will be performed on 23- 25 November. Tickets will be available from 01 November. The cost is: R20/adult, R10/child. (Children under 5 are free.) Please note: OPS students are not required to pay as they are performing in the play. It is compulsory for ALL students to attend these performances. We look forward to seeing you there!



#### BIG BOOK BAKER DAY

We are so excited to invite all students to our book drive: The Big Book Baker Day! On Monday, 31 October the Junior Primary will be selling all sorts of delicious goodies! All proceeds from this drive will go towards buying more readers in the Junior Primary. Please can we ask that you support this initiative!





Our 'Hall of Fame' spotlight falls on three amazing women. These ladies are tirelessly working to see each child in their class reach their full potential. They not only teach with their whole hearts, but they continuously add wisdom, passion and zeal to our staff team and our OPS family. We want to honour our JP teachers: Mrs. Charle Hurd, Mrs. Jane Hills and Mrs. Lorraine Hattingh!

### Question 1

Where did you study?

*(Charle) I studied at the University of Port Elizabeth.*

*(Jane) I studied at Natal Training College in PMB.*

*(Lorraine) I studied at Edgewood College of Education.*



### Question 2

What made you go into what you're doing now?

*(Charle) I have a passion for children!*

*(Jane) I was inspired by my dad's qualities as a teacher, so I developed a passion for teaching from a young age – teaching my dolls, pets and friends.*

*(Lorraine) My love for children! I started working in a bank and realized it wasn't for me. So I pursued teaching and have loved it ever since!*



### Question 3

What do you love most about your job?

*(Charle) The fact that every day is different because every single child is unique.*

*(Jane) I love virtually everything about teaching. It is my life! Watching children blossom and grow and seeing how they turn out in life is the best.*

*(Lorraine) I love the inhibition of children!*



### Question 4

What are your hobbies?

*(Charle) Music, playing piano and guitar. Baking, cooking and painting. I enjoy making things – being creative.*

*(Jane) Reading, writing, knitting and scrap booking. I also love playing guitar and singing.*

*(Lorraine) Birding, hiking and camping. I also enjoy being in the kitchen, cooking or jam-making.*

### Question 5

Sum up yourself in 20 words.

*(Charle) I love life; I love colour. I adore my family! I live one day at a time trying to be the person that God wants me to be for His glory.*

*(Jane) Understanding, caring, open, generous, loving, affectionate, untidy but organized. Friendly, emotional but wise. A good listener, passionate about God and children.*

*(Lorraine) Passionate about teaching. Love my family and my precious 5 grandchildren. I strive to get to know God better – to know His heart for me. I'm always grateful for the good health God has given me.*

We want to thank these ladies for all their hard work and dedication. We are so privileged to be mentored and taught by such incredible people!

**Learning is a treasure which accompanies its owner everywhere.**

## ACADEMICS

As we near the end of the year, it is important now, possibly more than ever before, that our students persevere and finish the year strong. It is easy to get tired and overwhelmed, but the exciting news is that the year's hard work will start to pay off. With finishing strong in mind, I found an article about **5 Things Really Successful Learners Do** – this can be applied to our children as well as ourselves!

"Many people claim to be a "lifetime learners," and with good reason...These smart people often show creativity and innovation, and quickly pick up new skills on their own time...Really successful learners know the trick is to make the process itself as energizing and efficient as possible. Here's how they do it.

**1. Imagine the outcome.** Learning for learning sake is fine for academics or people with lots of time on their hands, but as a busy achiever your learning needs to have purpose...When you start out to learn a new skill set or master new knowledge, envision what you will do with it. Get a very clear mental picture of how it will change the way you work and live...Successful learners identify the objective at the start, and create a strong, emotionally compelling vision of what will happen when they reach that objective.

**2. Think of text as a starting point.** Most people remember highlighting dozens of textbooks in high school and college. And how the words started to blur as the brain was swimming in so much stuff. If the material you're learning has a text component, think of it as just one of many places to store that information. The best learners start with the text, and then move on. They create additional opportunities for experiential learning...The more they see those ideas or skills at work in the outside world, the more exciting the material becomes.

**3. Learn in your language.** Every brain has a preferred method for receiving information...Figure out what method engages your mind, and translate the material to that...Successful learners are very self-aware about their own learning needs and actively communicate them to others so they get exactly what is necessary to achieve.

**4. Make failure fun.** There is only so much you can learn from being successful at a task from the beginning. The real learning comes from testing and pushing the boundaries. Successful learners stretch the limits and often fail willingly to understand how things work, and of course how they don't...if you look for the humor in each letdown, share funny stories with friends and family, and laugh it off, you will be much more willing to keep trying. Ultimately it's the act of overcoming those failures that will instill greater learning for the long haul.

**5. Make accountability exhilarating.** People work harder when they are accountable to others for their performance...Successful learners make themselves accountable for learning through deadlines and measurement..."

## ADVERTISING

**OASIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
EST. 2008  
**GRADE 1 - 7**  
**CO-ED SCHOOL**

REGISTERED NPO: 115-247 PBO: 930036997

Oasis Preparatory School proudly presents

**A Little Princess**  
An Adapted Musical

Where: Oasis Preparatory School, 72 Main Street, Howick  
When: 23-25 November  
Time: 18:00  
Cost: R20/Adult - R10/Child - Children under 5 free  
Booking: admin@oasisprep.co.za or (033) 330 3456  
*Refreshments will be on sale*

**CORPORATE bareFOOT BOWLS**

DATE: 04TH NOVEMBER 2016  
VENUE: HOWICK BOWLS CLUB  
TIME: 12:00PM  
BOOKINGS: ADMIN@OASISPREP.CO.ZA  
COST: R 800 / TEAM OF 4

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS STUDENT BURSARIES AND BUILDING ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS FOR SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS, PLEASE CALL 033 330 3456

**LEGOCY**

**LEGOCY CONCEPT**  
"Today I will believe all I find in the day, I will be remembered" (St. Francis)  
At Oasis Prep this is something we teach every day and today we are extending that capability to you. Our LEGOCY building project allows you to be remembered by contributing to the future of education one brick at a time. Go on...leave a LEGOCY!

**HOW CAN YOU LEAVE A LEGOCY?**  
We are using bricks at Oasis to allow the community of Howick and the surrounds to invest in the legacy with us and be a part of building a brighter future. All proceeds from the project will go into developing the facilities to prepare for our exciting new mission. Be a part of the future of education, built with us.

**BANKING DETAILS**  
Account Name: Oasis Christian Academy Development Fund  
Account Number: 025 61115519 00  
Bank: FNB Howick  
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**CURRENT**

**FUTURE**

**WHY WE ARE BUILDING**  
At Oasis Prep we are committed to providing the best education for our students. This means providing facilities which enhance their education experience. We believe that building into our children's education is building into the future of our nation. Nelson Mandela said that education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. We are not just building bricks and mortar, we are building into weapons of change.

**WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY**  
"Oasis Prep has built a legacy in my mind by instilling Godly principles that are a good foundation for the future"  
Parent of Local Business  
"Oasis Prep has left a legacy of our Lord Jesus Christ in my children, they love it and live it every day"  
Parent of Local Business  
"What legacy has Oasis Prep built in me? Friendship, fun and memories"  
Class Student

Every student can learn. Just not on the same day or in the same way.