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**CIRCULAR 2**

**Dear Parents and Guardians**

**Welcome back to another exciting year at Oasis Prep School. We are so delighted that you have partnered with us in developing your child to their full potential. As we gear up to celebrate our 9<sup>th</sup> birthday as the Oasis family this week, I would like to honour the incredible people that have shaped our history. To every staff member, parent, student, extended family, Oasis Church family, and citizens of Howick – we thank you for your contribution to making Oasis great. Your dedication, love, service, affirming words, investment and passion for education has seen our fledgling school grow wings and begin to fly. As we look to our future we are excited, and share this article that appeared in our local newspaper as a reminder of why we believe Oasis Prep is making its mark in the education landscape. May 2017 be our best year yet! - Matt Hogarty**

*'Oasis Preparatory School continues to make its mark in the education world by providing affordable, values-based, private school education for Grade 1-7. Oasis Prep School began in 2008 as Oasis Christian Academy but after undergoing a series of changes, re-opened in 2016 under its new name and has seen considerable development in the last 13 months. With caring staff, excellent facilities and an ethos that fosters uniqueness and creativity, the school has a proven track record of quality education and is fast becoming the hidden gem of the Midlands. 'The journey to get to this point has been a remarkable one,' says School Principal Matt Hogarty, 'and we are confident that what Oasis offers every student is a well-balanced, dynamic learning environment that will set them up for success in local High Schools. Offering small class sizes, a focus on developing individual learning styles, tuition in international programmes like Singapore Maths, English & Science, a diverse extra-curricular offering, mentorship classes aimed at fostering emotional growth, aftercare option and a team of qualified & experienced teachers all make for a GREAT school. At Oasis Prep School we don't want to see students just surviving their school days, but rather thriving in an environment that nurtures their individual talents and gives them the necessary life skills to succeed. We believe in each child's potential and look forward to providing the Midlands community with an accredited & affordable option for private school education.'* (Village Talk Newspaper)



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR: FEBRUARY DATES TO DIARIZE

Date	Category	Event	Age Group	Opponent	Venue	Time	Teacher i/c
03 Feb	Fun Day	'Presence Day'	Grade 1 – 7	-	Oasis Prep	12:30 – 13:30	Mrs. Van Niekerk
07 Feb	Sport	Mini Cricket	Selected Team	St Charles	St Charles	13:00 – 14:00	Ms. Hearthstones
10 Feb	Outing	Groundcover	Grade 4 – 5	-	Groundcover	10:30 – 12:00	Mrs. Hammond
14 Feb	Sport	Mini Cricket	Selected Team	Howick Prep	Howick Prep	13:00 – 14:00	Ms. Hearthstones
17 Feb	Sport	Tennis	Selected Team	Home Schools	Howick Sport Club	15:30 – 16:30	Ms. Hearthstones
17 Feb	Outing	Candle Dipping	Grade 3	-	Piggly Wiggly	10:30 – 12:00	Mrs. Hurd
21 Feb	Sport	Mini Cricket	Selected Team	St Charles	St Charles	13:00 – 14:00	Ms. Hearthstones
22 Feb	Fun Day	Back to Front	Grade 1 – 3	-	Oasis Prep	All Day	Mrs. Van Niekerk
24 Feb	Outing	Umgeni Valley	Grade 2	-	Umgeni Valley	08:30 - 13:00	Mrs. Mellett
28 Feb	Sport	Mini Cricket	Selected Team	Laddsworth	Laddsworth	13:00 – 14:00	Ms. Hearthstones

## ADMINISTRATION

### DREAM BUILDERS PROJECT

As a school we embark on a thrilling journey every year to rediscover the excitement of seeing dreams, hopes, and aspirations unlocked in others: our Dream Builders Project. This year, we have decided to 'adopt' an organisation as a school and fulfil some of their dreams and wish lists.

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! *More information will be sent home at a later date.*



### THRIVE

Part of our Student Development Programme is our THRIVE programme. This forms the basis for our spiritual development. This term, we are focussing on 'The 4 Most Important Things':

#### 1. God Is In A Good Mood

Did you know that God is in a good mood? From the very beginning of time, God saw all He had created and it was GOOD! If we can align our beliefs with the knowledge that God is a good God, then we can start to shift the way we see situations.

#### 2. Jesus' Blood Paid For Everything

There is NOTHING that can separate us from the love of God! His desire is for us to spend time with Him, abiding in His presence. In order to achieve this, God sent His only Son - Jesus - who died. Now that is LOVE!

#### 3. I am Important And So Are You

You have value - you matter - you are important. So often we forget that we are children of the King! God has placed immeasurable value on each of our lives - shouldn't we do the same?

#### 4. Nothing Is Impossible

With God, nothing is impossible. We live in a time where miracles are often ignored or passed over. However, we should be celebrating these incredible moments more. If we truly believe that we can do ANYTHING, then guess what? We will!



# Oasis Prep School's HALL OF FAME



Welcome to our 'Hall of Fame'. This is where we shine the spotlight on some of the exciting areas, events or members of Oasis Prep. Today, we introduce you to two incredible teachers, who have joined us in 2017. These wonderful women have such a beautiful heart for your children and desire to see them grow this year. Welcome to the family: Mrs. Heather Hammond and Mrs. Kerry Mellett!



Mrs. Heather Hammond has taught at a variety of primary schools over the years and has more than 25 years' experience. Heather loves watching students grow and mature, taking care to develop the whole child. Heather joined us from a school in Botswana, where she was Head of Department and is delighted to be the Grade 4 & 5 Educator.



Mrs. Kerry Mellett has previously taught at Oasis from 2008 – 2010, leaving to complete her studies and have her two children. Kerry loves children and aims to see her students develop in all five school pillars. She is excited to be back at Oasis, adding her flavour, creativity and her love for her students to our OPS family. She is teaching Grade 2.

## EXTRACURRICULARS

Some feedback about SPORT at OPS:

- Our Grade 3 students played in their first matches on Tuesday, 31 January. They did exceptionally well, winning one match, drawing one and losing one. Well done to all our cricketers!
- The Grade 2 students will be going on Tuesday, 07 February to a mini cricket tournament at St. Charles. We are looking forward to hearing some excellent results.
- Sports Kit - Please note that the sport kit for BOTH practices and matches are as follows: *(The Junior Primary students may come to school in sports kit on swimming days.)*



SPORT KIT:	SWIMMING KIT:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Red Oasis Golf T-Shirt</li> <li>➤ Navy blue shorts / skorts</li> <li>➤ White socks</li> <li>➤ White takkies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Navy blue costume / speedo</li> <li>➤ Red caps</li> <li>➤ Towels</li> </ul>

Some feedback about SCHOOL OF THE ARTS at OPS:

- We have started our Violin programme. During the course of this year, our Grade 3 pupils will have the opportunity to learn the Suzuki Violin method. This is an internationally recognized method and we are excited to see how they progress!
- There are still some spaces available, especially in drums and vocal. If you would like to sign up for music or dance classes, please let the office know by Wednesday, **08 February**.



## ACADEMICS

Our aim with our academic programme is to ensure that we **balance QUALITY and QUANTITY**. Although students spend the majority of their time at school, we need to ensure that learning is taking place every day in all subjects. Our core curriculum – Maths and Literacy – is an international one, ensuring that we provide a top, world-class education. Although the core subjects will be internationally recognized curriculums, all Department of Education requirements will be met and students will be able to transition smoothly to High Schools.

### Olympiads and External Assessments

Oasis Prep School participates in the annual Conquesta Olympiads and the NCLA tests. All students, regardless of their academic capabilities, are given the opportunity to participate. The layout of the papers is set so as to encourage rather than disenchant, and they are aimed at student participation and enjoyment. These are external assessments that we participate in to ensure that our learners are fully equipped, well rounded students. These tests are good indicators of our progress in comparison to other schools and, more importantly, they extend and broaden our students' horizons and knowledge base.



### Enrichment Weeks


At the end of each term, we host Enrichment Weeks. The aim of Enrichment Week is to broaden and expand learners' horizons. These are important times because they involve teaching life skills that are vital to learner development.

### Inquiry Based Learning

We also focus on 'Inquiry Based Learning' every term. This is where our students' questions and curiosity form the basis for lessons. These are fun, out-of-the-box approaches that are loved by all students!

## EVENTS

Oasis Prep Turns 9!  
And it's TIME to Celebrate!



Presence Day 2017  
Friday, 03 Feb 12:30 - 13:30



**WATER**  
baptism  
**Coming Soon...**



5 - 7PM FAMILY EXERCISE TIME (BALLET RIP & BOOTCAMP MIXED)  
ENTRY: R20/KID R30/ADULT

6 - 8PM CAFÉ CHAZONE & LIVE MUSIC  
(BURGER BAR & CAPPUCHINO'S ON SALE)  
ALL WELCOME EVEN IF YOU DON'T EXERCISE!

**FRIDAY  
3RD FEB**

72 Main Street Howick

Event hosted by Adventure Fitness.  
Contact [kirsten@adventurefitness.co.za](mailto:kirsten@adventurefitness.co.za)  
Payment at the door. This event will be hosted on  
the first Friday of every month.



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