



8th January 2010

BAJS Notice #1/Hilary'10

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Bishop Anstey Junior School! We wish you a Happy New Year and all the best for 2010.

Here are the highlights for **Hilary Term 2010** and also a few general notices.

JANUARY

Saturday 9th

FORM 5 PARENT MEETING from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Re: The S.E.A. format and other relevant information.

Tuesday 19th

COMMUNION SERVICE – 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at School in the A.V. Room

All interested students, parents and staff are invited to participate. Our Anglican population is especially invited to make an extra effort to attend.

Thursday 28th

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING – Queen's Hall at 3:00 p.m.

Students who are receiving prizes or participating in the programme are to attend rehearsals from 7:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Queen's Hall. There will be no school for the other students on Thursday 28th January 2010.

Prizewinners from the Lower School (Prep 2 to Form 1) and **ALL** students of Forms 2 to 5 are expected to attend the evening's proceedings in **full school uniform**. They should be seated by 2:30 p.m. sharp and will be supervised by teachers.

Kindly note that any other lower school students who might be attending the Prize Giving must sit with and be supervised by their parents. They are not required to wear their school uniform.

We apologise for the uncharacteristically early start this year but it was the result of a mix-up with our Queen's Hall reservation.

Friday 29th

OPEN DAY as this is a school holiday for the students. However, parents are expected to come to school to discuss their children's progress with Class Teachers between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The Form 5 students have regular classes during the morning session until 12:00 noon.

Friday 29th

Deadline for submission of application forms for **2010** registration for entry into Prep 1 classes in September 2010.
(Children born between 1st May 2005 and 30th April 2006)

Saturday 30th

SIX TRAITS CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP - This is for parents of Forms 1 to 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Registration forms and information available from Mrs. Lisa Allum or Ms. Tina Schuler. Come and learn more about how to help your child with Creative Writing.

Saturday 30th

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

A series of 3 workshops on emotionally intelligent parenting starting on Saturday 30th January and continuing on Saturday 20th February and Saturday 20th March 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

These workshops will be conducted by Dr. Marilyn Robb at Bishop Anstey Junior School. The total cost is \$150.00 for all 3 sessions and registration forms are available in the school office from Monday 11th January 2010.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2nd

CANDLEMAS SERVICE - Christ Church, Cascade. Begins at 8:00 a.m. sharp! This service is usually conducted only for children from Form 2 to Form 5.

Parents are invited to attend and must bring their children to the church for 8:00 a.m. A normal school day follows. Any assistance which can be given with transportation back to school after the service would be greatly appreciated.

Prep 1, Prep 2 and Form 1 students have school as usual.

Tuesday 9th

COMMUNION SERVICE ó 7:15 a.m. ó 8:00 a.m. at School in the A.V. Room

Thursday 11th

SCHOOL CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS

The theme for our carnival celebrations this year is 'Musical Adventure'. Further information on this event will be sent in a subsequent circular.

Please liaise with your class representatives or your class teacher for information about costumes.

Friday 12th

CARNIVAL FRIDAY ó no school

Monday 15th

Tuesday 16th

NATIONAL CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS (No School)

Wednesday 17th

ASH WEDNESDAY ó Full day school with assembly as an introduction to the Lenten season.

MARCH

Tuesday 2nd

COMMUNION SERVICE - 7:15 a.m. ó 8:00 a.m. at School in the A.V. Room

Saturday 13th

WALKATHON - Children should assemble opposite White Hall at 6:00 a.m. dressed in their P.E. uniform. All students are expected to participate.

Thursday 18th

SECONDARY ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT EXAMINATION -
Form 5 students only

Friday 19th

'GOOD OLD GAMES' PLAY DATE. What do our children know about these games? Pitch, footsie, hopscotch, moral, elastic, rounders, small goal .. Further details to follow.

Thursday 25th

SCHOOL CLOSES at 11:15 a.m. Prep 1 and Prep 2 reports will be distributed to students.

Monday 29th

NB: Form 1 to Form 5 reports will be distributed between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. as Tuesday 30th March is a Public Holiday.

APRIL

Monday 12th

SCHOOL REOPENS. Full day school.

These dates are available in calendar format on the school website, www.bishopansteyjunior.edu.tt under the parent information tab.

Mrs. Deborah de la Rosa was involved in a vehicular accident on 18th December. We at Bishop Anstey Junior School thank God for her survival and we continue to pray for her total recovery. On behalf of Mrs. de la Rosa and her family, we would also like to thank all the parents who called enquiring about her well-being and offering prayers and best wishes. May God Bless You All.

WORD OF THE MONTH - OPTIMISM

The character word for the month of January is **Optimism**. *I have a positive attitude. I am confident. I see challenges as opportunities. I think, speak and act to make my country a better place. I have hope for the future.* The competition for the month is to create your own slogan on Optimism! The deadline date for the competition is 27th January.

SENIOR PREFECTS

Congratulations to our Senior Prefects of the Month for Michaelmas Term 2009:

September - Nicholai Culpepper
October - Liam Smith
November - Jeremy Macintyre

Keep up the hard work!

RAFFLE

Thank you to all the parents who supported us with our Christmas Concert.

We congratulate all the winners of our fundraising Raffle which was drawn at the school concert on Tuesday 8th December 2009. The results are as follows:

Prize	Winner
1 st ó Hamper donated by 3M Interamerica Inc.	Desmond Prime
2 nd ó Hamper donated by Bryden P.I.	Lincoln Jitman
3 rd ó Hamper donated by Dasaco Enterprises	Juliet Lewis
4 th -- Hamper donated by I.A.M. & Company Ltd.	Terry Ali

Prep 2D was the first class where each child returned his/her raffle sheets.

Form 2F was the class that returned the most raffle sheets.

Seller's Prize - Zoe Montrose ó Form 4D

At the conclusion of the raffle, the total funds realised from our annual bazaar are \$67,497.83.

REMINDERS

Parents, please be reminded that we depend on fundraising to assist the school to meet its financial needs. Additionally, the school needs to account for ALL raffle sheets, which **must** be returned even if they are blank, preferably with a small donation.

There are still Bishop Anstey Junior School pencils on sale in the school office. The cost is \$5.00 for ten pencils. Please support this ongoing drive.

We have been fortunate to order some Mathematics and Grammar workbooks through Mr. Brett Cassim, parent, at Metropolitan Book Suppliers. The books will be used by the students in the classroom during the next two terms. They are available at a cost of \$35.00 per pair (for Forms 1 ó 3) from Ms. Stephani Da Costa in the school office. (Please note that Form 4 students are using Books 4 and 5; Mathematics and Language - \$70.00.)

School Fees

SCHOOL FEES OF \$2,900.00 AND \$100.00 H.S.S.E. FEE FOR EACH CHILD ARE PAYABLE WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF EACH TERM. FOR SECURITY REASONS, PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY LINX OR CHEQUE, NOT BY CASH. We urge you to make your payments promptly. Please pay all school fees directly to the Bursar's office.

'The children speak, we listen.....'

We will be starting a major project to renovate our students' bathrooms. If you have ideas, skills or resources that may be useful in this regard, please feel free to contact Ms. Jacqueline Hyacenth, administrator.

We value your feedback and support. We look forward to a successful and growing partnership throughout 2010.

Sincerely,

Tina Schuler (Ms.)
Principal