



Auckland Park Preparatory School

SPECIAL DAYS: FIRST TERM

PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

Parents are invited to school for a welcome to the year and to meet the teachers who will be teaching their daughter/s. Mrs Jarvis addresses all parents in the hall before parents break away to their daughter's classroom to be addressed by the class teacher. Teachers deal with the expectations for the year and answer general questions. Parents are free to chat to teachers after the address, but sensitive issues that need to be addressed with the class teacher are best handled by making a private appointment.



GRADE 0 EDUCATIONAL GAMES EVENING

This evening gives parents a glimpse into a school day in Grade 0. Parents meet in the Art Room to collect name tags and to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. Each parent is then allocated to a group to be taken through various activities, rotating and giving opportunity to meet other Foundation Phase Teachers. A fun-filled evening which affords parents the opportunity of meeting others from their grade group, and to experience the learning that takes place in this year.

WALKATHON and SWIMATHON

This is a sponsored walk and swim, organized by the PA, that takes place during the course of the morning on the Friday before the KwaZulu-Natal Midmar Mile Swim. Grade 0 to Grade 2 girls walk around a marked course from 09:00, and Grade 3 to Grade 7 girls swim laps in the pool in allocated time slots throughout the morning.

Parents, siblings and friends may join in the fun, choosing to either walk or swim for a grade, for as long as they are able to stay at school. This timeslot is from 06:15 to 09:00. All laps are counted at the end of the day, and the PA Chairlady is invited to an assembly to announce all winners and to give the final results for both walking and swimming. The winning grade is treated to a pizza morning, and close contenders may even qualify for an ice-cream!



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CHATTERBOX

The Chatterbox Public Speaking Festival is a platform for public speaking held once a term at a neighbouring school. Intermediate Phase girls participate in this festival. Girls prepare speeches on given topics and present firstly to their own class at school during English and isiZulu lessons. Selected girls are then asked to present to the grade and teachers decide on three girls to represent the grade at this interschool event. A wonderful evening open to all girls to support their peers, and to interested parents. Be prepared to be blown away by the skills of these young orators!



VALENTINE'S CIVVIES DAY and CAKE SALE

Girls are asked to support the Grade 6 girls who coordinate this day with the help of their teachers. Girls will be asked to donate a set amount for the privilege of wearing civvies, predominantly red, white or pink, on the 14 February, and to support the cake sale at break. All funds collected go towards the Grade 7 Leavers' Fund to be used for the penultimate function for our Grade 7 girls at the end of the year.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

This is part of the APPS Outreach Project. Grade 6 and 7 pupils from Salvazione School come to APPS for lessons to support their learning and are taught by our teachers. Our Grade 7 girls are expected to volunteer their time, on a particular day, to work in partnership with teachers to broaden understanding.





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JEFA at APPS

Once a year, usually in the First Term prior to our Half Term, a team of young scientists from JEFA Education 'invades' each grade with exciting, challenging and interactive workshops. They cover a range of topics in programmes that are interdisciplinary, but mostly focused on STEAM subjects, and robotics and coding. These experiential learning invasions are anticipated by both pupils and their teachers!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The school Executive Committee and Parents' Association Annual General Meeting is held during the First Term. It is a very informative evening and gives parents insight into the running of the school. The meeting is followed by a cocktail party in the Art Room.

SINGING SISTAS

This is a choir festival held at St Mary's School in Waverley. Our Senior Choir (Grade 5 to Grade 7) are invited to participate in this concert, and parents are invited to attend. The girls are transported by bus to the school for a practice in the afternoon prior to the concert beginning at 18:00. Girls will need to be fetched from St Mary's School should parents decide not to attend the concert.





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INTERHOUSE SWIMMING GALA

The annual Interhouse Swimming Gala is both highly competitive and spirited. It is a compulsory school day for pupils in Grade 3 to Grade 7, and is an occasion well attended by parents, siblings, friends and former pupils. Most spectators join in the fun and dress in 'their' house colour in support of a chosen house, St Andrew, St George or St Patrick. The PA sells breakfast rolls prior to the event and tea is served after final announcements. The PA also organizes various vendors, and lunch can be bought and enjoyed in our beautiful gardens or taken home.



GIRLS AND GUESTS CHESS EVENING

A wonderful evening of chess with the girls from the Chess Team playing either a parent or guest who they have invited. This event is held in the school hall and the evening is a highlight for our chess girls. A light snack is served at the end of play.

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTS

These concerts are held in the morning. Grades showcase their skills in playing the instrument that they have been learning to play during the term. Parents are encouraged to attend their daughter's/daughters' grade concert/s.

Whilst there are varying levels of skill amongst the girls, you will be impressed by the overall level achieved by each class as a whole. Music is definitely alive at APPS!





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A wonderful time when grandparents, or significant others, are invited to school to see how much learning is taking place at school. The visit starts in the hall for a welcome and some poetry and musical presentations, before moving outside for a gym display. After this, guests get to see classrooms and go through the books, and meet the teacher. Tea is served and girls are free to leave with grandparents. A photographer is available to take that special photograph, should you wish to have a professional photograph as a keepsake.



EASTER SERVICE

The Grade 7 girls present an Easter Play for the school. It is a moving performance, preparing our girls for this special day on the Christian Calendar. Grade 7 parents are free to attend this presentation, a highlight for the term.



HOUSE DAY

Each term, a school house gets to host House Day. The day kicks off with an assembly run by our Grade 7 girls. Much laughter can be heard coming from the hall as the girls respond to an appropriate presentation, getting all in the mood for a fun-filled day. Girls come to school in civvies to enjoy a lovely day mingling across grades and taking part in the planned activities. Whilst the house will give each pupil a small treat, girls do still need to provide their own lunch and drink on the day.