



“Life is no straight and easy corridor along which we travel free and unhampered , but a maze of passages , through which we must seek our way ,lost and confused ,now and again checked in a blind alley.

But always , if we have faith , God will open a door for us , not perhaps one that we ourselves would have thought of ,but one that will ultimately prove good for us “

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Greetings from a hot and dusty Mt Abu.Though not as hot as the plains it is still hot enough.The school shifted to the summer timings from 30th April onwards.School starts at 8:10 AM and finishes at 1:45 PM.The boys get a bit of a rest in the afternoon before the boarding schedule of study and games starts.

ANNUAL FETE: We had the annual fete on the 28th of April.As in previous years there were plenty of food stalls and games stalls.The disco got the vote again for being the most popular stall.Part of the proceeds of the fete are going to be utilised towards the reconstruction of a government school building near the old toll barrier.The school had been damaged in a cyclone 3 years ago.Its reconstruction will benefit the children from the village near St Marys .For all this time they have been walking to another government school further away as their own school was damaged.

Another use of funds collected from the fete was the setting up of a scholarship for deserving students of the government school in town. It was decided that an annual cash award would be given to the boy and girl who came first in the Rajasthan Board Class Ten Exam .The winners for the year 1999 – 2000 collected their awards at school assembly on Monday 7/5/2001.

SWIMMING POOL: With the onset of the hot season the swimming pool was the centre of distraction for all. Mr Dragwidge [our official swimming coach] had plenty of enthusiastic new learners to teach.However towards the beginning of the swimming season a mini epidemic of viral fever played spoilsport.Around 60 boarders went down with bad throats and low fever . Dr Sharma promptly banned all swimming till the sick boys got well.

You will be glad to know that “swims” have started again all are eagerly making up for lost time.In fact one of the most effective ways I have found to curb mischief among the boys these days is to threaten to ban the perpetrators from “swims”.Angelic behaviour is almost immediately assured!!!

MUSICAL NIGHT: The annual open musical competition was held on the 14th of May.The categories included solo singing,duet singing and group singing in either English or Hindi.The winners in these categories were as follows.Shervyn Godinho got first place in the solo category – he sang an old Elvis Presley song called “Blue Suede Shoes”. Nalin D’souza and Sneedeen Vincent got first place in duets for their rendition of a song called “Long Way Around.” In the group competition a group that called themselves the “The Original Pranksters” proved to be the best.Accompanied by Rhythm guitar,Bass guitar,Keyboard and Drums they got the first place for singing a Savage Garden song called “The Best Thing” .Lionel Pinto and Garreth Dmello got first place for a dynamic instrumental rendition of “Apache” on their guitars.

FOOTBALL COACHING CAMP:The annual football coaching camp is also underway these days. The coach - Mr Bernard Pereira - is teaching the finer points of the game to those selected for the camp.The team played the staff a few days ago and won.The next match is due on Sunday the 27th .The staff team, reinforced by the presence of Br Arthur [here on holiday],hopes to do better this time.

NEW ARRIVALS AND GUESTS.

Brothers Jerome and David arrived have arrived in St Mary’s and have taken over their respective portfolios .Br David took over the singing department and will carry on from where Br Sunil left off.Br Jerome took over as class teacher of 10 A.Apart from Br Arthur the other guest here is Br Steinmayer.He

is here on a holiday cum business trip.He will be conducting a seminar for the teaching staff at the end of May.

PICNICS GALORE: The month of May is the month of class picnics.Most classes this year have chosen Mini Nakki lake or Trevor's Tank as their picnic spot .Most other places are too hot and dry to go to.The class tens as usual have the privilege of an overnight picnic at a tourist bungalow near Oriya.

ICSE RESULTS: You will be happy to know that after a gap of many years we have achieved a cent percent result in the ICSE exams .93 candidates were presented and all 93 cleared the exam.The highest percentage went to a dayscholar – Shobik Jain.He got 90.5%.The second highest scorer was a boarder - Rohan Madtha with 89.17%. Thirty six boys scored over 70% .It is a result that all here are happy and proud of.We hope and pray that the batches that follow will keep up to the good example of dedication and hard work shown by the batch of ICSE 2001.We pray that God will bless and guide them through the crucial college years that now lie ahead of them.

PARENT TEACHER MEETING IN JULY: The parent teacher meeting slated for the 2nd of July in the School Calendar will only be for parents who happen to be coming to Abu to leave their sons back in school after the Mid Term Holidays. Parents who can make it for the meeting will be able to collect the results of the Mid Term Exams and also meet the teachers with regard to the progress of their sons in school.If you cannot make it for the meeting the results will be posted to you as usual and you can meet the teachers during Parent's Week.There is absolutely no need to come all the way to Abu purely for the sake of the meeting.

I end by giving you the sad news of the untimely death of Srijay Menon's 22 year old elder brother.He died of a heart attack about two weeks ago.You are requested to keep Srijay and his family in your prayers as they struggle to cope with this tragedy.

Sincerely,

Br Anish