

*And it will be the undertaking of someone who has had the great joy of believing in the Father, knowing His Son Jesus, and hearing the voice of the Spirit that comes like the wind pounding on the doors of Jerusalem and of your soul, crying with boundless gladness "I am here." "I am here..... to be with you.... to walk with you.... I am here to love you.*

*Be still ...and listen"*



HAPPY EASTER

### NEWSLETTER APRIL /MAY 2003

Dear Parents,

It has been a long time since the last newsletter . The year began with more than its fair share of urgent schedules to be kept and deadlines to be met . I have been unable to find the time to put my thoughts together into any coherent form. The rush of days have passed by very quickly and the mid term holiday is almost upon us. And so I have had to finally force myself to sit down and write this haphazard summary of the news and events of the year so far. Here it is.....

#### **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

There was a mistake in the last note sent to you regarding the Bombay party leaving from Abu Road on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. . The note is corrected to read as follows.

**The Bombay party will leave by the Ranakpur Express on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and will arrive in Bandra on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.**

**BOOKS AND MOVIES:** When the boys return to school in July you are requested to send with them any movies that you may have – either on video or VCD. Please ensure that the movies sent are appropriate for youngsters. The movies will be returned at the end of the year or you could take them back at parent's week.

There is also a request for donating to the school library any old books or comics that you may have at home which are appropriate for children.

#### **EASTER CELEBRATIONS:**

There was a large turnout of parents for the holy week liturgies this years. It was almost like parents week with so many parents here . The liturgies were prayerful and meaningful. Special thanks to Fr William for allowing the organizers to mould the liturgies so that the masses were relevant and appropriate for the children

**CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS:** The captains and vice captains for the new academic session were elected in early march. The names of the boys doing the honours this year are mentioned below.

**CAPTAINS:** Abhimanyu Chouhan , Joshua Britto, Rahul Rodrigues and Clyde Fernandes

**VICE CAPTAINS:** Dhananjay Shaktawat, Balajied Synrem, Sherwyn Godinho and Maldev Sonigra

#### **WELCOMES /FAREWELLS:**

Br Maurice is the new member into our staff this year. He was transferred here from our school in Arunachal Pradesh and was put in as class teacher to class 7B. We said farewell to Br Judge on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. After five years of dedicated service he is now transferred to Delhi. His teaching, presence and good example will be sorely missed by both staff and students.

Other departures this year include Ms Maninder who has gone on long leave for personal reasons and brothers Maurice and Jerome who have gone on a three month training program – beginning in May.

**ACCIDENTS:** We have had an unusually large number of accidents this year. Many kids have had broken bones through falls or collisions . Mr Shankar Choudhary had the worst accident of the year sometime in March. An old silver oak tree at the far end of the

property near Tiger Path went on fire. Some staff members and some ICSE boys attempted to put out the fire. The top half of the tree abruptly broke in half and Mr Shankar ran into the path of the falling trunk in order to try and get the boys out of harm's way. The boys got away in time but Mr Shankar himself got hit by a large branch of the tree. He ended up with three broken ribs and a broken leg. It could have been worse. He was completely immobilized by the accident. However you will be glad to know that he is now well on the way to recovery and has started moving around slowly.

**WALKS AND HIKES :** After a gap of about 3 years the boys of the big dorm did the night walk to Guru Shikar again sometime in April. The boys left school at around 1:30 am and hiked all the way up to the summit to greet the rising sun. Breakfast was taken up for them by jeep. After eating breakfast all they trudged back to school and then spent most of the remainder of that week sleeping [ mainly in class !!]

**JUNGLE WARFARE:** This traditional game was played with its usual enthusiasm and fervour in school valley on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. . The Green Army – made up of St Patrick's and St Francis houses was pitted against the Red Army – made up of St John's and St Joseph's. Mr Egbert signalled the start of the game by lighting a few bombs. The Green army triumphed and after the cease fire was declared and the captured prisoners of war were released everyone gathered at Toddy's field to have lunch. The only major casualty was one Steven Monteiro of class 10. He sprained his ankle while attempting to avoid capture. Yuddhistir Rathore of class 9 was declared the warrior of the year for capturing the maximum number of enemy soldiers. Finally all the soldiers returned safely to school and now live to fight another day !!

**WATER SITUATION:** The dam at the side of the school is now more like a puddle. The school has enough water in reserve to take us quite comfortably to the end of the session in May. However if it does not rain adequately in June/July we will be hard pressed for water. So keep remembering that intention in your prayers please.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Parents are reminded that the mid term exams will commence on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. During the holidays boarders are to be made to revise the material taught to them in the first term of school. Please arrange the necessary tuitions or study time so that the boys can revise and prepare adequately for their mid term exams.

**RETURN JOURNEY:**

Please note the schedule for the return journey to school.

**BOMBAY PARTY:** - will depart on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June by the ARAVALLI EXPRESS

**DELHI PARTY –** will depart on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June by the AHMEDABAD MAIL.

That more or less sums up where we are at the moment. Wishing you all a peaceful Easter season again.

Br Anish