



Dear Parents,

This second newsletter of the year brings upto date with some of the events that have happened in school since the start of the second term in July.

#### **FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The traditional interclass tournament was played in early August with usual fervour and passion. We had quite a few parents up in school for the finals and the closing ceremony this year because of the long weekend around Independence Day.

The B team senior trophy was taken by class 10B. The A team final was one of the best matches seen in recent history. It was a hugely entertaining game with both classes evenly matched. The highlight of the match was a scissor kick mid air summersault goal scored in the second half by Lavin Sam of 10B. Both teams were tied at 3 goals each even after extra time and the match went into penalties. 10A won the shootout. It was one of those games that neither team deserved to lose. Clyde Fernandes won the golden boot for being the highest goal scorer of the tournament. The best player of the tournament prize was awarded to Balajied Synrem. Mayank Patel of class 8 played an outstanding game as goalkeeper in all his matches. He was given a special award. Many others too got prizes for various achievements during the course of the tournament.

**BROKEN BONES:** The saga of broken bones continues with 7 more boys breaking limbs since the start of the new term. Please pray for a speedy recovery for Ashwin, Bradley, Sunder, Navin, Lokesh, Reese and Shaktipratap all of whom have broken one bone or another.

**PARENTS WEEK SCHEDULE:** The important dates for parents week remain as announced earlier:

Sept 28: Thanksgiving mass at 9:30 am and Concert for outstation parents in the evening.

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> : Sports and Drill display.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> : Parent Teacher meeting. Boys can leave with their parents after meeting the teachers on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. They are to report back to school by 7:00 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

**FEES IN DD:** This is to remind you that school fees are to be sent to school by Demand Draft only. Fees being paid in cash or by cheque is causing inconvenience to the school. Hence from now on fees are to be paid by demand draft only.

**WRITE TO YOUR KIDS:** Boarders write home every Sunday. So if you discount postal delays you should be getting a letter from them every week. The opposite however is not true. Many boarders do not get letters from home regularly. You are requested to write to them at least once in a fortnight.

**NEW PRIEST:** Our good chaplain Fr William Macwan came to the end of his term in St Mary's in May and was transferred elsewhere. Our new chaplain Fr Mendiburu, is of Spanish origin. He has settled well into life here in school and the liturgies conducted by him have been very inspiring. In the short time that he has been here he has challenged our boys to be devout, to be faithful to prayer and to the eucharist and to keep God central to their lives. We are indeed blessed that the Jesuits have been sending us good priests to be our chaplain every year. You are requested to keep Father Mendiburu in your prayers as he is finding the weather of Mt Abu a bit hard on his health.

**DAM FILLED :** All our prayers for rain have been more than answered. We are well into September and it is still raining. The dam is filled to the brim and has been overflowing on and off for the last two to three weeks. We had to close school on two occasion as Paddy's Bridge went under water. The boys, needless to say, did not regret the loss of these two valuable working days !!

**SPIC MACAY:** We had a cultural program featuring folk singers of Rajasthan organized by this forum in school on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. The artistes performed in the New Hall. Students and teachers from most schools in Abu attended the two hour long program.

**RETREAT:** The class ten catholic boys went for their annual two and half day retreat at Glen View under the guidance of Br Jerome and Fr Aubrey Fernandes from Surat. All of them found the retreat a very positive and enriching experience.

**COMPETITIONS: Dance Competition:** In the senior dance competition Bradley Bush, Aaron Pereria and Akshat Vaghela got first, second and third place respectively. The group dance was won by a group called "The X'treme".

**Elocution Competition:** In the senior section Joshua Britto and Denver Fernandes took the joint first place. Brendan Dias and Shervyn Godinho took second and third place respectively.

In the middle section Dean Sequeira came first and Abhishek Kalyan came second. Akshay Kalyan and Ashwin Barretto took joint third place.

In the Junior section Keith Sequeira and Akshay Barretto came joint first, Drayson Mascarenhas and Tash John came joint second and Swithin Moraes came third.  
The choral pieces in the junior and senior sections were won by classes 4A and 8A respectively.  
By some odd coincidence both classes said the same poem – “Macavity.”

**RAFFLE DRAW:** The draw for the raffle was held a few days back. Students from class 9 somehow managed to win most of the prizes. In a break from tradition the first prize was bagged by a staff member . Mr Robin won the first prize – a C D player. Thanks to all you parents for your generous contributions towards the raffle. As every year, the proceeds from the raffle will be used to help the needy.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

To Mr Gerard Carr who gave a scholarship of Rs 10, 000/- to be divided among deserving students on the basis of their mid term results. The toppers and hardworking boys selected by the teachers of each class received cash prizes for their performance at the mid term exams.

To Mrs Laxmi Nandikesan who sponsored Rs 1000/- worth of books for the school library.

To Mrs E D'mello who donated a huge amount of books, comics and CD's towards the junior dorm Library.

And once again thanks to all parents for all your help, prayers and support.

Sincerely

Br Anish