



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2001

Dear Parents,

Just a brief note to tie up a few loose ends and bring the year to a close.

MEDICAL UPDATE: Several boarders are due for a booster dose of their typhoid vaccine. Notes have been sent to each parent concerned to ensure that the shot is given to their sons in Feb 2002. Parents are also requested to ensure that all the other necessary vaccines are given to their children on schedule. This year we had one case of jaundice and two cases of typhoid — all of which could have been prevented by taking the necessary precautions.

BOOKLISTS: The book list for the books needed for the new academic year have been posted along with the results. As in previous years the books can be purchased either directly by you or by contacting Mr Thakker in Mt Abu. The advantage of contacting Mr Thakker is that the books will be supplied to your son in school next year — and the bother of transporting the books to Mt Abu can be avoided.

FAREWELLS: Two long serving members of the St Mary's staff - Mr and Mrs Dias- resigned at the end of the academic year and will be moving to Delhi shortly. They were in charge of the refectory for the last 10 years. On the 4th of December we had a farewell dinner for them and for all the staff. On behalf of all of you and your children they were thanked for the service they had rendered to St Mary's over the years and wished all the best for the future.

The second farewell is from the small dormitory. Ms Josephine has expressed her inability to carry on as small dorm matron for the next year. She has however promised to stay on until a replacement could be found.

Their leaving leaves a gap in the staff that needs to be filled urgently. If any of you would know of anyone who would be willing and capable of taking on these responsibilities kindly ask them to contact me on the following email address — “stmarys2@rediffmail.com”

BOARDING REQUIREMENTS: Along with this newsletter is a note containing a list of boarding requirements that are absolutely essential. This is especially for parents whose sons have already been in the boarding for a couple of years or more. Please ensure that your son has all these items with him for the following year and that his boarding number is STITCHED onto each item of clothing.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The annual final prize distribution ceremony took place on the 10th of November. Prizes and certificates were given out to winners in the various competitions held over the course of the year. The awards also included prizes for general proficiency, hard work at studies, good discipline etc. The following boys took the top awards for the year.

FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MUSIC: Garreth Demello

FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO DUTY: Virat Patel, Bhavesh Patel and Chirag Shah.

GOYAL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HIGHEST % IN HINDI IN CLASS TEN: Rishipal Deora

STUDENT OF THE YEAR [Highest overall percentage in both 10's]: Lucky Agarwal

HARDEST WORKER OF THE YEAR [Most sincere and hardworking student from both 10's]: Ayaz Akhunji

PRINCIPAL CUP [For excellence in Character]: Rishipal Deora

LADY JACKSON TROPHY [For all round excellence]: Ronald Thakor.

Green House [St Patrick's] led by Dhaval Patel took the overall championship [Cockhouse] for the year. They got a big party which consisted of a movie, games and a special dinner. After that everybody got down to the serious business of studying for their final exams. The results that you have got with this letter are a reflection

of the seriousness with which they took that task.

And talking of study please remember all our ICSE boys in your prayers — that they would be able to study hard and do their best in the exams that lie ahead in March.

WEDDING BELLS: . . . will soon be ringing out in our school chapel. Mr Egbert and Ms Charlotte will be getting married on the 20th of December. This brings the number of eligible bachelors left on the staff of St Mary's down to two. The names of Mr Shankar and Mr Robin have now been placed on the list of endangered species!! However let this not discourage you from writing in to the [soon to be] newlyweds to wish them well. Keep them in your prayers too.

I end by thanking all of you for your encouragement, love and support over the year. Every good wish to all of you for Christmas and the New Year. May God bless you and keep you safe over the holidays. See you in 2002

Br Anish

"And all things shall be well, and all things shall be well; and all manner of things shall be well"

— *Juliana of Norwich*