



*“When the morning’s freshness has been replaced by the weariness of midday, when the leg muscles quiver under the strain, the climb seems endless, and, suddenly, nothing will go quite as you wish, ...it is then that you must **not** hesitate. ”*

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2002

Dear parents,

With the departure of the boarders we have finally come to the end of the academic year. It has been a long year and it has had its share of joys and sorrows, problems and challenges. What remains to be done now is to tie up the loose ends, get the corrections completed and the results posted. The school is quiet now and winter is settling in. The servants are busy cleaning up and clearing up. As usual there are piles of clothes and books and stationery items carelessly left behind. This year all the material left behind is being collected and donated to the children of a very poor village near Abu Road. Earlier on in the year we had made contact with the children of this village as part of an outreach program connected with the bicentenary celebrations of our founder Edmund Rice.

As you know our biggest problem for next year will be water as the drought is much worse than the one that we had a couple of years ago.

As a result the following changes have been made in the school schedule. You are requested to make a careful note of the following.

REOPENING OF SCHOOL

For the boys of **classes 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10** school will reopen on **Saturday 15th February 2003**. **As a result the Bombay and Delhi Parties will depart on the 13th of February 2003.**

In order to make some space in the school for the boys appearing for their ICSE exams to study and prepare **the boys of class 7 are being asked to come later. School will reopen for the boys of CLASS 7 on Saturday the 8th of March 2003.** The Bombay and Delhi parties for **class 7 boys will leave on 5th March 2003.**

BOY’S APPEARING FOR ICSE 2003

Boarders appearing for the ICSE exam in March 2003 are to return to school on the 10th of February 2003. Under normal circumstances they would have had the whole school to themselves for around 2 weeks with plenty of peace and quiet to study before school started. This time they will have to make the best of the changed circumstances. Despite the best efforts of all the teachers concerned at least 10 candidates have failed in their second prelim exams. They appear to be headed for disaster in their ICSE exams unless they do some serious study in the holidays.

SUMMER VACATION: School will remain closed from 1st June 2003 to 30th June 2003

PRIZES AND AWARDS 2002.

Here is a brief summary of the Annual Final Prize Distribution Ceremony which took place on Monday 18th November.

Boys of all classes assembled in the New Hall. The glittering array of prizes and trophies was laid out on a table at the centre of the hall.

The prizes consisted of certificates, medals, cups and shields to be given out to winners of the various indoor tournaments, house games swimming events etc that had been held during the course of the year. For excelling in academics there was a prize for the boy of each class who had achieved the highest overall percentage in each subject. In addition there were prizes for General Proficiency and the Hardest worker of each class.

The main awards and scholarships for the year were also given out at the ceremony. Mr Egbert conducted the ceremony and various teachers came up and gave out the prizes to the winners. The following boys won the main awards and scholarships for the Academic Year 2002- 2003.

HARDEST WORKER OF THE YEAR: Lionel Noronha

HIGHEST OVERALL PERCENTAGE IN CLASS 10 :Lionel Pinto

BEST ALLROUND DAYSCHOLAR : Manan Sukhadia

PRINCIPAL CUP: [For excellence in character]: Joel Menachery

GOYAL MEMORIAL HINDI SCHOLARSHIP: Jagmohan Sharma

LADY JACKSON TROPHY: [For all round excellence] : Sneedeen Vincent.

The best men for the various sporting disciplines were as follows

Football – Dean Dsouza, Basketball – Sneedeen Vincent, Volleyball – Yuvraj Solanki, Cricket – Ashish Doshi, Swimming – Abhishek Saigal, Badminton – Mahendra Bhati, Table Tennis – Ryan Sequeira, Chess – Joel Menachery.

Special Prizes were also given to Malcolm Pereria, Lionel Pinto, Joel Menachery, Abner Pereira, Mihir Patel and Amit Mehta for outstanding achievements in music, calligraphy, journalism and photography. The overall Championship or Cockhouse was won by St Patrick's House this year. Photographs of the main award winners can be viewed at www.sms.ac.in under the heading 'Sports and Events'

Four students of our school – 2 boarders and 2 dayscholars – were chosen to represent Sirohi district at the state level tournament. The boys - Yuvraj Solanki, Chakravati Ranawat, Surendra Khichi and Ravindra Tripathi – had to travel all the way to Miraj [near Goa]to take part in the tournament.

END OF THE YEAR EPIDEMIC.

For most of this year there were very few children in Hospie and no one really got seriously ill. To make up for that in the last week or so there was a mini epidemic of sorts with many children – both boarders and dayscholars – down with throat infections and fever. Sr Jyoti herself also got sick. Many had to miss final exam papers or do them lying in bed. In this context here is the list of boys who need to take their typhoid booster vaccines. If your son's name is on the list please ensure that he gets his booster before he returns to school next year- Sijo John, Hiten Dhoot, Luv Pandit, Raunak Dhoot, Manvendar Chauhan, Hemang Ranat, Jairaj Choudhary, Pritesh Dsouza, Ayush Nawlakha, Padmaditya Rathore, Kenrock Dias, Sameer Paul, Santosh Moraes, Dushyant Rathore, Mayank Patel, Gerard Xavier, Harshvadhan Bhati, Himanshu Jhala, Vikramaditya Kheechi, Megh Sutaria, Avinash Sharma, Newton Fernandes, Pradhuman Khichi, Marc Choudhary, Dax Fernandes, Santosh M Singh, Calvin Hanso, Dhiren Dhoot, Jibin Joseph, Shannon Soares, Pratik Patelia, Darren Menezes, Lavin Sam, Bradley Bush, Balajied Synrem, Annirudh Chundawat, Shannon Rodricks, Ankit Tak, Dushyant Albert, Senen Rebello, Zayne Clarence and Wayne Andrade.

TRUNKS :Around 50 trunks were still lying in the undercroft of Salvation School Dadar on the 2nd of December. Parents are requested to kindly make it a point to collect their trunks from the undercroft within a day or two of their arrival . It is both dangerous and inconvenient for the students of Salvation School to have the trunks lying around in what is their main playing area. It is a great convenience for us that the management of Our Lady of Salvation school allows us to use their premises for loading and unloading our trunks every year. We must not take the facility for granted or trouble them unnecessarily.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WITH PARENTS AT SALVATION SCHOOL - DADAR.

The schedule for meeting with Bombay/Pune/Nagpur/Gulf parents is given below.

Fri 31st Jan : **Class 4 & Class 5** - (11:00 AM to 5 : 00 PM)

Sat 1st Feb: **Class 6** - (9:00 AM to 1 : 00 PM)

Class 7- (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

Sun 2nd Feb: **Class 8** - (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Class 9 - (3:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

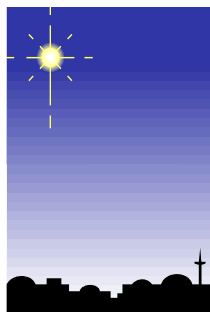
Mon 3rd Feb :**Class 10** - (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Parents are requested to hand in the pocket money for the new year at this meeting.

I end by wishing all of you a peaceful and joy filled holiday season . Please keep the boys who are studying for their ICSE in your prayers.

Thank you.

Br Anish



“And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising;it went forward and halted over the place where the child was”

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