

*Cervantes: I have lived nearly fifty years, and I have seen life as it is.... . Pain, misery, hunger. . .
...cruelty beyond belief. I have heard the singing from the taverns and the moans from the
bundles of filth in the streets. I have been a soldier and have seen my comrades fall in battle, or
die more slowly under the lash in Africa. I held them in my arms at the final moment. These men
saw life as it is , yet they died despairing. No glory, no gallant last words..... . only their eyes
filled with confusion, whimpering the question, 'why?' I do not think they asked why they
were dying, but why they had lived. When life itself seems lunatic who knows where madness lies?
Perhaps to be too practical is madness. To surrender dreams, this may be madness. And maddest
of all, to see life as it is. . and not as it should be.*

D Wasserman and Joe Darion
From the Muscial: The man of La Mancha

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This first newsletter for 2004 begins with a wish for all of us for the new year. The quotation above summarises that wish. That we may always be able see life as it should be ...and not give up on our dreams.

IN MEMORY OF BR JUDGE : The news of Br Judge's untimely demise came as a shock to all of us. He passed away peacefully on the 22nd of January at Holy Family Hospital – New Delhi. I was in Delhi at the time and visited him a few times in hospital. He was initially being treated for jaundice. Subsequent tests revealed that he was suffering from cancer of the liver at an advanced stage. He was cheerful enough in hospital and mercifully did not have to suffer much before the end. His relatives in Ireland were informed of the seriousness of his situation and his sister and one of his brothers flew across to Delhi. He however slipped into a coma on the very day that they arrived and died the same evening. A memorial mass was celebrated in Portuguese Church [Dadar] on the 29th of January. It was well attended by teachers, friends and ex-students from both St Mary's and Salvation School (where Br Judge had taught for twenty years). His passing leaves a vacuum that only time will fill. He is especially missed in school at this time of the year . . when the ICSE boys are here...studying for their board exams . Last year this time he was here- spending long hours in the classroom- trying his best to drill maths, english and history into the reluctant minds of our boarders. Let us pray that God will reward him for all his labours and that he will rest now in peace.

TRAVEL

Given below is important information regarding the travel of the parties to school. After that there are some updates on the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

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BOMBAY PARTY :The batch will be leaving Bombay on the 6th of March by the(9707)aravali Express which leaves from Bandra Terminus. The current scheduled departure time for the train is **9:00PM**. You are requested to reconfirm this departure time from Railway enquiries . You are required to be at Bandra Terminus at least one hour before the scheduled departure time.

The boys will have to assemble on the platform from which the train is leaving. They will be accompanied up to Abu by the following teachers:-Mr Egbert, Br David, Br Miles, Mr Ivo, Mr Jitendra and Mr Robin.

TRUNKS: Trunks are to be delivered to the Salvation School undercroft on the 3rd of March. These will leave for Abu by truck on the 4th. . **Parents living in Vasai are also to deposit their trunks in Dadar.**

DELHI PARTY: The Delhi party will leave from Old Delhi Station by **9106 Delhi Mail** on the 6th of March . The scheduled departure time for the train is at around **11:00 PM**. Kindly reconfirm this time from Railway enquiry and be at the station at least one hour before the departure time. The boys will have to assemble on the platform from which the train is leaving. They will be accompanied up to Abu by Mr Tiwari.

PLATINUM UPDATE: The following Inter School Programs have been scheduled into the school calendar to commemorate the Jubilee. The majority of these events will involve the school children of Mt Abu only. The football competition in June will see us inviting participants from other CB schools across India.

May: Inter School Quiz Competition

June: Inter School Football Tournament.

July: Inter School Table Tennis Tournament.

October: Inter School Athletics Competition

The main celebration of the Jubilee will be in September during Parent's Week. Details will be made available after the reopening of School.

An appeal letter and Advertisement Order Form for a brochure being brought out for the occasion are enclosed with this letter. ALL parents are earnestly requested to contribute generously and also solicit donations for the jubilee from your business associates/contacts/friends.

Contributions to be made as DD's/Cheques in favour of " St Mary's High School Platinum Jubilee Fund" Ac/No 01100008128 payable at Mt Abu.

Income Tax exemption u/s 80G is available on request for those who would like to avail of it.

BOOKS/CD's : If you have any collection of children's books that you don't need any more kindly send them on to school. They will be put to good use. Suitable movies on VCD/DVD would also be appreciated. The movies will be returned to you at the end of the academic year.

That's all for the present.

Regards

Br Anish