



# GROVE TALK

2 FEBRUARY 2011

## ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Please note these assessments for Grades 2 – 7 will take place next week.

These tests are based on National norms and are administered annually. The ANA's test basic concepts and therefore children cannot "study" for them. This year they will form part of our baseline assessments and guide teaching and learning for the year ahead.

Any queries can be directed to the class teacher.

## FROM THE FEE ADMINISTRATOR

2011 Statements can only be printed once our year end has rolled over on our financial system.

Parents are reminded that the first monthly instalment, R1,886.00 (Grade R), R1,644.00 (Grade 1-3 & 7) and R1,724.00 (Grade 4 – 6 incl. laptop charge) is due in February.

A reminder to all parents that **debit order forms** need to be returned by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011**.

Parents who wish to apply for an **exemption**, need to return all documentation required by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011**.

## GRADE 8 - 2012

### SACS:

Open Day for parents and boys: Thursday, 3 March, starting at 3.30 pm. Scholarship examination will be written on Tuesday, 22 February. Boys who have achieved academic, sporting and musical excellence are invited to apply. Closing date for scholarship applications is 18 February. For further information phone 021 6894164

### BISHOPS:

Open Day for current Grade 7 boys: Friday, 4 March, starting at 9.00 am. RSVP to 021 6591013. Entrance examination on Wednesday, 16 March; scholarship examination on Wednesday, 20 April and Thursday, 21 April. For further information phone 021 659 1014.

### RUSTENBURG GIRLS' HIGH:

Academic, Music and Sport scholarships are available to Grade 7 pupils who intend entering Rustenburg in 2012. Applicants must be South African citizens. Pupils should have a strong record of achievement in the field being applied for. A completed application for admission form must accompany all scholarship applications. Closing date: Monday, 14 February at 16h00.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ..... GROVE HATS/CAPS ARE COMPULSORY FOR ALL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.**

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP .....

**Class reps:** The first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday **8 February** in the staffroom at **6.30pm**.

**Parents' Forum:** This meeting will take place on Tuesday, **8 February** in the staffroom at **7.30 pm**

## GROVE RAMBLERS – WELCOME WALK AND PICNIC

"The Grove Ramblers" is a hiking and outdoor group for families at the school, who have an interest in getting themselves and their children out and about, active and ecologically aware, in the beautiful natural environment of the Western Cape. We try to arrange outings of different lengths and degrees of exertion, so that we are able to offer something for all members regardless of their ability – bearing in mind that this is a primary school and the children are young ... so no epic 24hr endurance challenges! Every term we aim to have a short easy walk, a slightly more adventurous hike, and a weekend away – usually camping. If you are already a Grove Rambler, you know what a great time we always have. If you haven't Rambled with us yet, now is the time to sign up and give it a try – you'll be hooked!

Do diarise **Saturday 12 FEBRUARY** for our **Welcome Picnic at the Silvermine Dam**. We'll meet at 2pm for an optional short walk, followed by a picnic/braai and a refreshing swim in the dam. Contact Graham Janson on 082 504 2842 or [graham.janson@shoden.co.za](mailto:graham.janson@shoden.co.za) to confirm that you will be joining us.

Our longer walk for the term will be on **Saturday 5 MARCH**, and we'll be heading up to **Elephant's Eye Cave**. We'll meet at 9.00am the Porter Estate Produce Market in Tokai to fuel up with breakfast, before heading up through the forest to the cave. Jesse Johnson will be leading this hike. Please contact him on 072 411 2638 or [jesse.v.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:jesse.v.johnson@gmail.com) if you are keen.

This term's weekend away is on the long weekend in March (**Friday 18 – Mon 21 MARCH**), and will be to **Salmonsdam Nature Reserve**, in the mountains near Stanford/Gansbaai. More details will be forthcoming, but if you would like to book a place please contact Roger McCallum on 083 651 0464 or [mccallum@tiscali.co.za](mailto:mccallum@tiscali.co.za).

Look forward to seeing you at Silvermine!

NB CHECK OUT OUR NEW BLOG (THANKS TO JESSE JOHNSON) ON ....  
<http://groveramblers.blogspot.com/>

### **PRIVATE TENNIS COACHING**

Private tennis lessons take place on a Tuesday for Grades 1's and 2's from 1.20 – 2.20 pm and on a Thursday for Grades 3's – 7's from 2.30 – 3.30pm. Application forms are available at the front office or collect one at your first lesson. For more information contact Bridget Visee on 082 5572990.



*Small* plastic pots for plants are needed for the cake and candy plant stall. Please leave them in the office.

*Please let us have all your clean, unbroken ornaments, bric a brac, toys, unwanted gifts and books for our Cake and Candy. These can be left in the office.*

### **GROVE ADS**

**FREE HOT WATER! INSTALL A "TOTALLY SOLAR" GEYSER** and get the latest proven technology. Electricity costs have increased dramatically and will do so again over the next 2 years. 60% of that cost is heating water in your home. Save on average R500 per month. Evacuated tube technology utilising radiation that allows installation in any direction and works even when cloudy. Low maintenance and 5 year warranty. SABS approved and installed by a qualified plumber. Eskom rebate available. **Contact Roger McCallum (Grove parent) on 083 651 0464 for a quotation.**

**LIFE STUDIOS.** An incredible family experience! We provide artwork for family and friends in the form of beautiful photographic portraits. This is not only a fun and bonding experience for your family but a wonderful gift for friends, teachers, employees etc... **Call Life Studios on 021 674 0889 or email [jen@lifestudios.co.za](mailto:jen@lifestudios.co.za)** for further information about our services and gift vouchers.

**SARAH IS LOOKING FOR WORK AS A DOMESTIC HELPER** every day except Thursday. **Please phone her on 073 4798109.** For a reference phone Ncebekezi on 073 6831540.

**PRIVATE TUITION – ALL AGES.** Highly qualified and experienced teacher offering:

- extra lessons in specific learning areas
- life and study skills across the curriculum (listening skills, organizational skills, time-management, study methods, exam preparation, etc.)
- English 2<sup>nd</sup> language lessons
- concentration and relation techniques

**Phone Susan Adler on 079 5025896;**  
[susan.adler10@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.adler10@yahoo.com)

### **HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES**

**All classes, from Grade R upwards, commence this week in the Pavilion. For more information, please contact Tracey on 021 6711695; 083 4728725.**



Valentine's Day cards and wrapping paper will be on sale in the art room on Wednesday, 9th and Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please bring small change.

**LYNFRAE / HARFIELD LIFT CLUB.** We're looking for a liftclub to share lifts to Lynfrae area on any or all of these days: Monday at 2.30pm; Wednesday at 2.30 pm; Thursday 1 pm or 2.30 pm. **Please contact Kara on 082 5200192;**  
[k.vandepol@bowman.co.za](mailto:k.vandepol@bowman.co.za)

**FAMILY ART CLASSES AT FRANK JOUBERT ART CENTRE** For children aged 3-9 years old accompanied by a parent/carer Saturday mornings, term time, 10 am-12pm - R50 per child, R20 per adult including all materials. These classes are friendly, open-ended, using a variety of media and fostering confidence, creativity & skills in your child. **For more information or to book ph 021 4471074.**

**TRANSPORT REQUIRED FOR GRADE 1 PUPIL** from Grove Primary to The Lady Anne Cricket fields on Fridays. For more info please **contact Bhavana on 083 5988 344.**

**ENVIRON PRICE INCREASE 1 MARCH.** Please **contact Maggie Mouton on 0826035092 / 021 6740112 (A/H)** or email your order to: [maggie.mouton@hotmail.com](mailto:maggie.mouton@hotmail.com)  
All products sold below the suggested selling price eg. Ultra Creams R190 & Mild. Classic & Rich Creams R160. **FREE DELIVERY TO GROVE.** Please allow 2 -3 days for delivery.

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