



PRIDWIN
Preparatory School

NEWSLETTER 6

20 February 2019

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UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY

06h00 ISASA cricket festival

11h30 School closes Gr 0-3

12h00 School closes Gr 4-7

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Half term

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Half term

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Half term

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Numeracy week

07h30 School reopens

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THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

This week I present you with a synopsis of the fourth of Friel's seven worst things that good parents do. This chapter is entitled **Ignore Your Emotional or Spiritual Life**. If you have been following this series each week you may by now be aware that not every one of Friel's "seven things" applies equally to every family. This week's theme has personally given me a lot to think about. Perhaps it has something to do with my Germanic upbringing or perhaps it has been the fact that I have had, over the years, to learn to differentiate between the concept of a religious life and a spiritual life.

Friel begins this chapter by explaining what is meant by an emotional or spiritual life. A contention made throughout the book is that the quality of our physical health and the health of our families and communities depends on the quality of our relationships. Friel contends that the key factor in developing sound relationships is spirituality. Spirituality is defined as follows: (1) the capacity to have a relationship with someone/something beyond ourselves, (2) a feeling that often includes a deep sense of connectedness with all of creation, and (3) a sense of awe and wonder about life.

For Friel, spiritual (and for that matter emotionally mature) people have wisdom which translates into knowing when to change things and when not to, when to surrender and when to struggle some more, when to fight and when to give up the fight. In the context of the world's religions, spirituality is expressed, practiced or experienced in two ways. One is to extract one's self from the world, live in a monastery and pray. The other, very earthy, is to get one's hands dirty by living a kind of "Mother Theresa" life in the confusion and messiness of human existence. Friel maintains that we have been taught the dignity and value of our daily labour (and simple daily chores) and that this is an expression of our spirituality. However we, as a western society, have not made spirituality a lifestyle. Our children (mine included) are indulged with everything that they need and very often want. They grow up with the view that chores are demeaning and pointless and Friel maintains that this distorted sense of entitlement makes being spiritual very hard. Dignity, wisdom, grace and power all flow from our connection to and relationship with the daily details of living. (It was fascinating for me to grapple with the contention that Mandela's 27 years in jail were not a waste of time but essential to the spirituality of the man).

Friel states that there are a number of ways that parents easily sabotage spirituality for children:

- Displaying an arrogant lifestyle which demonstrates the principle that humility isn't cool.
- Cynicism expressed in statements like "you can't trust anyone these days". It is hard to be connected to others when you fear and hate them, which makes it hard to be spiritual.
- There isn't enough time! We are so busy chasing our tails in order to improve our lot economically that our relationships suffer.
- I must be happy right now! Struggle is bad. We are impatient, lack maturity, in a society driven by instant solutions.

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- Developing an attitude of every man for himself.
- If you can't see it and measure it, it isn't real. Skepticism rules!
- Attitudes of powerlessness. What difference can one person make?
- Attitudes lacking love and compassion. If other people are poor, sick, troubled or dying, it is their own fault – it's not my problem.
- Faster is better. More is better. Can we ever be satisfied?
- Distractions are better than feelings. We hide behind such things as our TV's or our addictions.
- Fear of intimacy – If I let others see the real me they'll hurt me!

Many of us know what we can do to help our children become more spiritual, but we sometimes have a difficult time doing it because it requires change and commitment on our part. Are we up to changing and making that commitment?

(The 7 worst things good parents do. Friel, J & L)

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THIS WEEK'S MENU

WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Chicken Nuggets & Fries
Hot Dogs

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Half term

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Half term

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Half term

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Pulled Chicken Tacos
Refried Beans in Tacos (V)
Sour cream, guacamole and cheddar
"Build your own" salad

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PUPIL NEWS

CLASS HONOURS

For settling in to Pridwin so well and showing Pridwin values

Dylan Martens
Roy Kameni

For excellence in Mathematics

Tshimega Magakgala
Adam Helwick
Levi Baran-Rothschild

For improved sentence writing

Thomas Appel

For excellent sentence writing

Mason Bunkell

For excellent effort shown during Literacy and Numeracy

James Dimtri Kark

For improved effort during spelling

Ethan Mokake

For an excellent approach towards all tasks

Sebastian Zeller

KIDS LIT QUIZ

On Wednesday 13 February two teams of four boys took part in the Regional round of the International Kids Lit Quiz. Both teams tried their best with our Team 1 winning a knockout round and earning themselves 14th place out of 50 teams that participated.

Team 1

Adrian Dobrescu
Azhar Mohamed
Adam Nanabhay
Caleb Stewart

Team 2

Guy Glossoti
Hlelo Ngwenya
Tyler Sacco
Alex Vries

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FROM THE SPORT'S DESK

CRICKET VS ST DAVID'S

Wednesday 27 February & Thursday 28 February 2019

TEAM	DATE	VENUE	STARTING TIME
Gr 4D	27/02	Away - Prep Astro Pitch	14h15
Gr 4C	27/02	Home - Melville	14h15
Gr 5C	27/02	Home - Janion	14H15
5 th	27/02	Bye	
Gr 3C	28/02	Home – Astro	14H15
Gr 3 Warriors	28/02	Away – Prep Astro Pitch	14H15
Gr 3 Eagles	28/02	Home - Henderson Park	14H15

CRICKET VS ST DAVID'S

Saturday 2 March 2019

TEAM	DATE	VENUE	STARTING TIME
Gr 3A	02/03	Home – St Vincent	08h30
Gr 3B	02/03	Home - Astro	08h30
Gr 4A	02/03	Away – Prep Astro Pitch	08h30
Gr 4B	02/03	Home – Melville	08h30
Gr 5A	02/03	Home – Janion	08h30
Gr 5B	02/03	Home – Henderson Park	08h30
4 th	02/03	Bye	
3 RD	02/03	Home – Venus 2	08h30
2 ND	02/03	Home – Venus 1	08h30
1 ST	02/03	Away – Prep Turf	08h30

NB:

- All fixtures are subject to change
- Boys may be collected from the respective venues at the conclusion of their fixtures, provided they have informed their coach

Please note that due to half term there will be cricket and swimming practice on Tuesday, 26 February instead of rugby skills.



ADDITIONAL SWIMMING LESSONS: GRADE 3 AND GRADE 5 - 7

The sports department would like to offer additional swimming training every Tuesday from 14h00 to 15h20. These sessions will mainly be for boys who would like to learn to swim as well as beginner swimmers. These sessions commence next week and will continue during swimming seasons. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact Miss Shannon Wales via email (shannonw@pridwin.co.za)

SWIMMING FIXTURES – TERM 1

All galas will commence at 14h15 and end at approximately 15h30/15h45. The school will transport the boys to and from the respective venues. Parents may collect their boys after the gala, provided they inform their coach.

DATE	VENUE FOR A50M	VENUE FOR B25M	VENUE FOR C25M
01/03	St Stithian's	St Peter's	St John's

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CHESS RESULTS

On Monday the chess team played against Auckland Park Primary and won their match. The final score was Pridwin 40 points and Auckland Park Primary 16 points. Well done to all the boys who participated!

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY – 8 MAY

Please note that due to Wednesday, 8 May 2019 being declared a public holiday, Pridwin will re-open for boys and staff on Monday, 6 May 2019.

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CYCLE TESTS

1 March 2019

GRADE 5 – Integrated Sciences

- Testable questions
- Types of variables
- Formulating hypothesis
- Writing a method
- Bar graphs
- The water cycle
- Phases of matter – solids, liquids and gases

GRADE 6 – Social Sciences

- Concept of a hemisphere
- Latitude and longitude
- Scale
- The Atlas

GRADE 7 – Science

- Steps of scientific method
- Types of variables
- Line graphs
- Lab safety rules
- Lab apparatus
- Rules for drawing biological diagrams
- The Earth and Biosphere
- Systems of the Earth

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MID-TERM CLOSING TIMES

Please note the following closing times for tomorrow, 21 February:

Grade 0-3 go home at 11h30. There will be no aftercare, lunch or private sport.

Grade 4-7 go home at 12h00. Boys in the Senior Primary may go home at 11h30 if they have a sibling in the Junior School.

School re-opens on Tuesday, 26 February.

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DADS & LADS CAMP - GRADES 1, 2 & 3

Kloofwaters Outdoor Centre

This year there will be an opportunity to enjoy a memorable weekend away with your son/sons in the beautiful Magaliesberg and take part in a number of voluntary activities including our renowned tree climb, abseiling, bum-sliding, a short hike to explore a small kloof and river, raft building, water creature hunt and more.

Dates: 16 – 17 March 2019 or 6-7 April 2019

Cost: R 670 per dad & R 590 per lad

Please note that the numbers for the weekend are restricted to ensure comfort and avoid overcrowding. Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis. A booking will be deemed successful upon receipt of the full amount owed. Following this, you will receive a confirmation email of your booking detailing directions, kit list, catering and a programme for the weekend. All meals are provided except for the braai on the Saturday evening where you are asked to provide your own meat and drinks. You need to bring your own tent/sleeping bags too!

To book your place please email Lesley Stansell at Kloofwaters lesley.stansell@gmail.com
Nikki Stainer, PPA rep, is also happy to answer any questions you have.

Email nicola@whimbrel-software.com

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SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS

Scouts and Cub Scouts will be allowed to wear their Scouting uniform to school on **Thursday, 21 February 2019** in honour of their founder Lord Baden Powell.

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JUNIOR PRIMARY NEWS

GRADE 0 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - 27 FEBRUARY 2019

Creative and critical thinking are the cornerstones of success in today's world. Join us for an information session where we will share some ideas about how you can support the development of these skills at home.

Date: Wednesday 27 February 2019

Venue: Multipurpose room

Times: 07h30 – 08h30 or 13h00 – 14h00

(The 13h00 talk will be a repeat of the earlier session)

GRADE 0-3 NUMERACY WEEK – 26 FEBRUARY TO 1 MARCH 2019**“Flagging Symmetry”**

World Maths Day is one of the world’s largest global educational events aimed at lifting numeracy standards in a fun and meaningful way. At Pridwin, we have chosen to celebrate it by “Flagging Symmetry” from the 26th of February to the 1st of March 2019.

The Grade 0-3 boys will explore space and shape by investigating shapes and symbols within the realm of flags, to ***develop important geometrical skills such as recognizing, visualizing, describing, sorting, naming, classifying and comparing.***

Symmetry as a key geometrical feature that will also be explored as it reflects the beauty of things, by providing us with harmonious, pleasing proportionality and balance.

So it’s time to shine in your own symmetrically sliced designs or show your flair for flag fashion and dress to impress!

Be creative, be original and share with us your creative visions on Friday the 1st of March 2019!

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SENIOR ENSEMBLE CAMP

We will again be having a combined Senior Jazz Band, Senior Choir camp and African Ensemble. This camp is a compulsory event for all members of the three respective ensembles. The weekend is a highlight for the boys packed with excitement, learning and adventure. It also gives the boys opportunity to bond as an ensemble and to get to know their instructors.

Venue: Cyara River Lodge, Hekpoort
Date Departing: Friday, 8 March at 14h00
Date Returning: Sunday, 10 March ±14h30

SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERTS:

The school music concerts provide a platform for boys who are learning instruments to perform in front of their peers and parents. These concerts take place towards the end of each term. Performance at these concerts is not compulsory – the music staff will nominate pupils who they feel are ready to perform. A final list of performers for each concert is sent out with the music timetable on the Friday before the concerts. Please note that all of the marimba groups will be performing at their respective grades’ concerts, except for the Grade 3 and 4 groups, who will play at our Junior Marimba and Ensemble Concert. There have been some changes to the starting times this year in order.

Also, St Vincent's are holding their major school production during this time, which as affected some of our concert dates. Please check the dates below.

Monday, 18 March – 14h00: Junior Marimba and Ensemble Concert

This concert will give our Junior Ensembles a chance to perform. The ensembles will be: Junior Choir, Junior Jazz Band, String Ensemble, Grade 3 Massed Recorder Group, Grade 3 and 4 Marimba Class Demos, and the Grade 3 and 4 Marimba Groups.

Monday, 18 March – 18h00: Grade 6 Soireé

Tuesday, 19 March – 10h30: Grade 0-1 Tea-Time Concert

Tuesday, 19 March – 13h00: Grade 2 Lunch Hour Concert

Tuesday, 19 March – 18h00: Grade 7 Soireé

Tuesday, 26 March – 13h00: Grade 3 Lunch Hour Concert (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE)

Tuesday, 26 March – 18h00: Grade 5 Soireé (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE)

Thursday, 28 March – 13h30: Grade 4 Lunch Hour Concert (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE)

KINGSMEAD ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Monday, 1 April at 18h00 – 19h30: Senior Jazz Band Performance

The Senior Jazz Band will be participating in this festival hosted by Kingsmead. The festival will take place at Rosebank Union Church this year, and not at Kingsmead School. Boys need to be at Kingsmead by no later than 17h45 for tuning. They must be dressed in their summer uniform with socks, shoes and blazer. The concert is expected to end at 19h30 and pupils and parents are requested to please stay until the end of the performance.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL ART AUCTION

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Join us for an art appreciation evening, showcasing our little artists. An exceptional night filled with music, wine, delicious food and amazing creations by our Grade 0,1, 2 and 3 boys.

THURSDAY 11 APRIL @ 6PM, PRIDWIN AUDITORIUM

Tickets R190 pp - sign to account, snapscan or EFT to PPA

Dress in Black & White with a touch of Africa

Parent's name: _____ No. of tickets: _____

Son's name & class: _____

Sign to account signature: _____

Please complete form, email to Karabo Senamela karabos@pridwin.co.za or hand in at reception by 4 April 2019.

EFT details: Pridwin Parents Association, Nedbank, branch 197705,

Account No: 1958231525. Ref: Auction/Child's surname/Grade

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LEKKER EXTRA AFRIKAANS LESSONS for Gr 5/6/7. Starting from 11 February 2019 in the afternoons. 45 - 60 min classes - experienced Afrikaans teacher. Please contact AMORA VISSER (083 282 6194) for further information.

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