

**st. ursula's girls' anglican
school**
PARENT NEWSLETTER
JUNE/JULY 2011
TO A CHILD, LOVE IS SPELLED
T-I-M-E.

As we come to the end of another turbulent yet, thankfully, successful academic year, we would like to thank you, dear parents and guardians, for your support over the last twelve months. We could not have made the gains that we have without your contribution. We thank you for your tremendous support of all our programs, projects and activities. We are also cautiously optimistic that our staffing problems will end as we have been promised replacement teachers in September. We ask you to continue to stay in close contact with the school and continue to support us during the coming academic year. Remember, one of the indicators of a successful school is its great degree of parental involvement in their children's education and in the school. Again, we thank you for helping us to be a successful school.

SEA RESULTS



I am pleased to report that our 2011 Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) results are very good and we are quite pleased. The 47 students who wrote the exam were all placed, most in 7-year schools of their first or second choice. These excellent results are the result of very hard work and much sacrifice on the part of students, teachers and parents. I am gratified to note that quite a number of parents of this group of students showed very high and unwavering interest in them from 1st Year to Std. 5. Our thanks go out to them for taking the time to do extra work with their children, to encourage them, to build their self-esteem, and generally to push them to do their best. We urge them to keep their interest and support high in the new schools.

Our teachers also deserve much credit for their hard work and commitment – not only the Std. 4/5 teachers but all members of staff.

We take this opportunity to urge other parents and guardians to also place special emphasis on their daughters' education. Always remember that you are your daughter's first and most important teacher. Your attitude and behaviour towards the importance of education can be a key predictor of her academic success. Your child looks to you for cues about what is important in life. If you care, she cares. If you do not take the time to be aware of all that is happening in her life – in education and otherwise – she may not take things seriously. The messages you send determine in no small way how well your daughter reads, writes and thinks. Every morning, you must send her off to school after a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and with a positive attitude towards learning. At school, we will do our best to ensure that learning does indeed take place. If we work together, I am confident that your daughter's academic performance will be superior.

NOTICES

You are asked to note the following:



**Vacation Camp will be held again this year from July 11th to 29th. The target groups are the Infants, Std. 1 and Std. 2 students. The cost is \$450.00. Please contact Ms. S. Layne (2nd Yr.) and Ms. R. Gilkes (Std. 5).

** Please ensure that the uniform rules are strictly followed, particularly those regarding shoes, socks and ribbons. Too many students are turning up without ribbons, with the wrong shoes (shoes MUST be completely, totally white), and with socks that are almost invisible (socks MUST be at least three inches above the ankle.)

** Parents and guardians are reminded that stationery, photocopying and library contributions of \$180.00 for the new academic year 2011-2012 will be accepted on the first day of the new term, Monday 5th September 2011. Please place this amount in the envelope we are sending home today. Parents and guardians who

have not made their contribution for the past academic year (2010-2011) are kindly asked to send along \$360.00. Parents and guardians with two children at the school are asked to contribute \$150.00 each, and those with three or more, \$125.00 each. You are also asked to ensure that a receipt is sent to you.

** Please be sure to return the government-issued textbooks that were given to your daughter so that other students can use them (this DOES NOT apply to students of 1st and 2nd Year Infants). You are asked to do any repairs that are necessary before sending them back.

** Also, please remember that the Minister of Education has instructed that schools revise their booklists. Unfortunately, this directive is very late and we might not receive these books for some time. Therefore, you are asked to purchase the books IF YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO DO SO.

**You are also asked to keep the following items in your home at all times: *scissors, glue, clear tape, masking tape, measuring tape, ruler, stapler with staples, extra pens and pencils, extra paper, crayons, markers and glitter dust/stars.*

These items are indispensable when doing projects or to simply keep the children occupied in a creative way.

** All students entering Std. 3 and 4 next term are to bring one recent passport-size photograph of themselves on the first day of the new term.

** All extra-curricular activities will begin from the SECOND week of the new term. Remember that, until further notice, we can no longer include swimming among our co-curricular activities.

**The PTA has undertaken the task of repainting the exterior of the school building during August. Please stay in touch via telephone or facebook (the page name is St. Ursula's Girls Group) to get details.

**There will also be a school outing to the Lopinot Complex on Saturday 9th July 2011. We ask you to get there for 9 a.m. Those persons requiring transport are asked to let the Principal know as soon as

possible. Come and spend a fun-filled day with the St. Ursula's family.

PROMOTIONS

Almost all the students have been promoted. It means, then, that almost all students will have a new teacher in September 2011. We acknowledge that having a new teacher can be a challenging experience for some children. However, we expect all parents to do their part in preparing their daughters for their new classes by being positive (making NO inappropriate or discouraging remarks about the new teacher), being encouraging, and parents themselves being courteous and friendly to the teacher.

We expect all students to participate in either our vacation camp or vacation lessons in July. Please see the back of this newsletter for suggestions about activities the students can engage in during

J. Skerritt , Principal