

ST. URSULA'S GIRLS' ANGLICAN
SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER
September 2011
*To a child, the word LOVE is
spelled T-I-M-E*

Though it is a bit late, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you - parents and guardians - for your support over the past academic year and to welcome you all back to St. Ursula's. A special welcome is also extended to all our new parents.

On behalf of the other members of staff, I thank all the parents who supported the repainting initiative. It was very successful and the school looks considerably better.

I also want to thank those parents and guardians who have assisted the school by contributing to our stationery and library commitments as requested. Your help will go a long way towards enhancing the delivery of education here at St. Ursula's. I urge those parents who have not yet made their contributions for this academic year to do so as soon as possible.

We regret to announce that there is still a shortage of teachers at school, although two were sent this term. Ms. Joseph-Reid has gone to UTT, and another teacher is due to transfer to secondary school soon.

We expect that all parents will do their part to show support in this time of need. Continue to support your daughters' education by supervising and assisting with homework, constant revision, extra work, reading for pleasure as well as critically, and project work and research.

REMINDERS AND UPDATES

We remind all parents and guardians (again!**) that children should always be out of earshot of any adult conversations. Too many students (from as young as 1st Year Infants) are repeating extremely inappropriate things that they have obviously overheard their significant adults saying.

We are asking (again!**) that you monitor your daughter/ward to ensure that she wears the correct uniform at all times. Shoes, socks and ribbons are still a problem. Shoes must be completely white, socks must

be visible (at least three inches above the ankle) and ribbons must be worn every day. Please note that they must be purchased at the store. Ribbons are sold at the school **only in an emergency**. Only small gold or silver STOPPER earrings are permitted.

** If your daughter/ward is on the school lunch list, you are reminded that ***she must eat the lunch every day***, and not only when she likes what is served. If she is on a special diet or is a picky eater, it is better that she not be on the list.

** On **Monday 3rd October**, we will again celebrate Universal Children's Day in a special way. Students will be taken to Memorial Park during the morning session. They are to wear their yellow P.E. T-shirts, appropriate long blue/black jeans, yellow ribbons and white sneakers and socks. They are to leave their book-bags at home but bring their lunch-kits as usual. We also ask that they bring along **educational** board games (**NOT toys**) and fun books with word sleuths and crossword puzzles. Our aim is to provide a day of fun as well as learning in a relaxed atmosphere. We welcome your contributions of fruit juices, biscuits, cakes, balloons or any other item that can add to the students' enjoyment of the day.

**This year, we have decided to combine our annual St. Ursula's Day with our inaugural Achievement Day. This will be held on Tuesday 18th October at All Saints' Church from 9 a.m. All students are invited as well as one parent of each awardee. However, parents are responsible for getting the students to and from the church. The ceremony should end by 11:45 a.m.

All are invited (indeed, expected) to attend our biennial **Miss St. Ursula's Pageant on Saturday 22nd October 2011 at Bishop Anstey High School Hall from 4:30 p.m. This week we are sending home **TWO** tickets (for one adult and one child). We expect you to support this school event by sending \$80.00 for these tickets and by attending the Pageant. **Please do not send back the tickets**. If, for some reason, you cannot attend, we ask that you sell the tickets and send the mon-

ey or, alternatively, donate the admission fee. We are also asking for contributions towards prizes (hampers, cameras, scholarships, CD players, cell phone, gift vouchers, etc.)

**As you are aware, the 160th anniversary of the school comes up in April next year. We are in the process of planning a year-long celebration that will start in October this year with the St. Ursula's Day service and the Pageant.

From **Monday 17th October, the school's cafeteria will no longer sell carbonated soft drinks (sweet drinks). This is a first step towards becoming a more health-conscious and health-promoting school. We ask that parents support this move and also not send this item in your daughter's lunch-kit.

**As you know, the cafeteria will heat your daughter's lunch at a cost of 75¢, but only on Mondays and Tuesdays. On the other days, we ask (again!) that you send along sandwiches or other foods that do not need reheating. Alternatively, you can purchase a vacuum flask that will keep food hot for a considerable period of time.

**We urge parents to provide extra vitamin C during the coming months as we have found that a large number of students get sick with the cold and flu-like symptoms during October and November. In fact, it has already started. Quite a number of students had to be sent home during the last week of September. We believe that taking extra care of the child's nutrition can go a long way towards ensuring her continued good health.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A grandfather was discussing with his grandson how he felt about a terrible tragedy that had happened.

He said, "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one. The other wolf is a loving, compassionate one."

The grandson asked him, "Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?" The grandfather answered, "The one I feed."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The biennial Miss St. Ursula's Pageant will be held on Saturday 24th October at City Hall beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the school. Some parents were sent two tickets. Please note that the deadline for submission of the money (\$60.00 for one child's and one adult's ticket) is Friday 16th October. If for any reason you are unable to purchase the tickets you were sent, please return them **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. We are also asking for contributions towards prizes (hampers, scholarships, CD player(s) cell phone(s), etc.)

Our annual Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday 5th December. We have decided not to use Kosmos Club, and are still looking for a suitable venue. If we are not successful, we will use the school.

There are lots of activities for which your support is needed in the weeks preceding the bazaar. Details will be provided. We also need parents and guardians to take donation letters to firms where they work or with whom they have a relationship.

Other upcoming activities and events include:

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READING

We are again asking parents and guardians to help us to inculcate in our students the habit of spending more time reading daily as opposed to the somewhat passive pastime of watching television.

We are appealing to you to make a commitment to **read to your children, have them read to you and read with them every day.** We know that it is sometimes difficult to make the time to do this daily, but if the effort is made, the rewards can be great. Research has shown that early and sustained interest in reading can help with increased academic performance, greater self-discipline and self-esteem and a love for continuous learning.

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