

5 August 2010

END OF TERM CIRCULAR TO ALL PARENTS 2ND TERM 2010 NO 8/10

Dear Parents

The winter term has ended and it is with some relief that we disperse for a well earned break. I cannot remember when last so many have commented so much about the cold. We have survived the measles and various strains of 'flu affecting the children in different ways.

As always the second term has been particularly busy on the sports field. Our teams have acquitted themselves well and I congratulate them on their fine sportsmanship. They have been a credit to their school.

Special congratulations must go to those senior boys and girls who gained selection to represent Matabeleland at the various Inter-Provincials.

At Rugby the following Whitestone children were selected: Ray Mhute, Gerald Van Eeden, Matthew Noach, Matthew Conolly, Ryan Minter-Brown, Jason James, Matthew McNab.

Boys and Girls Hockey saw the following Whitestone children selected: Matthew McNab, Matthew Davies, Matthew Conolly, Matthew Noach, Ryan Minter-Brown, Jaimee Maidwell, Erin Pettican, Shanna Midlane, Jessica Strydom.

In addition we congratulate the following on being selected for the Zimbabwean National U13 Hockey teams to take part in a tournament in Namibia during the school holidays: Matthew McNab, Ryan Minter Brown.

Matthew McNab also gained selection for the Zimbabwe U13 Rugby Team. A fine effort indeed.

Not to be outdone by their students, we congratulate two staff members who have also gained selection for the Zimbabwe Women's Hockey Team: Well done Miss Karim and Miss Hundermark.

Our Soccer team acquitted itself particularly well this year. Congratulations on winning the Portland Festival and on being awarded the trophy for Fair Play at the St Thomas Aquinas Festival. Joshua Lecluse was awarded the Certificate for the Most Promising Player at the St Thomas Aquinas Festival.

Old Boys and Girls

A host of Old Boys and Girls have been doing exceptionally well gaining selection for various representative teams. I was however particularly intrigued by a report that we received from New Zealand about one of our old boys who attends Macleans College and plays for their 1st XI Cricket. David Winn managed to score 106 not out against Sacred Heart College and 104 against St Kentigan, all in the same week. The report acknowledges that he was a Zimbabwean born cricketer who arrived in New Zealand five years ago.



DAVID WINN ON THE DRIVE

Tamryn Jardine visited the school recently and in her capacity as a finalist in the Miss Earth Pageant spoke to the children about conservation. Interestingly she introduced herself in the following way :-

“I am a Whitestone Old Girl who came to the school from a non-streamed school. I was placed in the B1 class where the teachers were able to work with me at a slower pace. What a relief this was because I could understand what was being taught and never felt under time pressure.

Today I have a law degree and am presently studying for a second degree.”



OUR “MISS EARTH” FINALIST

School Uniform

Our school anorak seems to be looking particularly scruffy due to the fact that at times inferior quality material has been used and the fabric is not colour-fast. It is our intention to slowly phase out anoraks and to introduce a new wind cheater jacket for next winter. These are very smart and designed to be worn over a jersey enabling our children to peel them off as the day gets warmer.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be closed during the holidays but will re-open again on Monday 6th September, between 3pm and 4pm.

Office Times

The school office will be open each day between 8.00am and 11.00am except on weekends and public holidays during the school holidays.

Swimming

The swimming season is upon us. If swimmers arrive at the pool in tracksuits, they **may** wear slops/crocs. If they arrive in afternoon activities kit, normal running shoes with socks need to be worn. Please stock up with sun barrier cream in preparation for our hot summer.

Lost Property

All unmarked lost property will be donated to the Thrift Shop if not claimed by the holidays.

Literary Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Kelly Pettican and Kyra Mirtle who were awarded honours for their work. Kelly was also awarded the Georgina Eley trophy for Best Overall Poem and Kyra won the Kerri Fuller trophy for Best Grade 7 Poem.

Agricultural Art Competition

Whitstone won the Lady Crawford Trophy for gaining the most points in the Junior Art Section. This was a fine effort by our young artists as the competition was particularly strong this year.

Whitstone School Website

Have you visited our website recently? We are constantly updating it with articles and photographs of interest. (www.whitstoneschool.co.zw)

School Fees

We are, for obvious reasons, anxious not to carry any cash on the school premises. To this end it would be of assistance to the school if fees were paid directly into the school bank account. It is a US\$ account and the details are:-

Whitstone School
Barclays Bank
U.S.D.
Account No. 6796900
Branch :- Main Street, Bulawayo
Branch Code :- 2157

This can be done by RTGS if you so wish. **It is essential that proof of payment is supplied to the Administration Office before the start of term.**

Yours sincerely

F.M. DE BEER
HEADMASTER

Diary Dates 3rd Term 2010

1. Start of 3rd Term: – **Tuesday** 7th September 2010.
2. Whitstone Cricket Festival: - Friday 17th and Saturday 18th September.
3. Musikili Cricket Festival: – Saturday 9th October.
4. Zimsec Grade 7 Exams: – 12th – 21st October (sorry – exams for Grade 7's during half term).
5. Half-term Exeat: – starts 12.45 Thursday 14th October
ends 7.30am, Tuesday 19th October.
6. Senior Choir sing at Senior Citizens Luncheon: 25th October
7. Relays Gala at St Thomas: - Friday 29th October
8. Springvale Quadrangular Cricket and Tennis: –22nd and 23th October.
9. Cambridge Exams for Grade 7s: – last week in October (t.b.c.)
10. Orientation for new Grade One Parents: – Thursday 4th November.
11. Inter-house Swimming Gala: – Friday 5th November.
12. Infants Gala: – Friday 12th November
13. Inter-Schools Tennis: – Saturday 13th November
14. Nursery School meet the Parents: – 11.30am Thursday 18th November
15. Speech Night: - Friday 19th November
16. Inter-Schools Swimming Gala: – Friday 19th and Saturday 20th November
17. Music Department Recital: – 5.30pm 25th November
18. Grade 7 Fete: – 26th November
19. Inter-Provincial Cricket: – 26th and 27th November (t.b.c.)
20. Inter-Provincial Girls Tennis: – 26th and 27th November t.b .c.)
21. Whitstone Tennis Championships: – 29th November (am)
22. Leaver's Dance: – 29th November
23. School closes: - Thursday 2nd December at 10.15am.