



# St. Winifred's School

## This Weekend

**Parents/Guardians of NEW STUDENTS and Teachers** are invited to The St. Winifred's School Association's "New Parent Meet & Greet" on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008, from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. under the Preps. Breezeway.

## The Week Ahead

**22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

## Week 4

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup>** **P2/P2A/P2B** - General Parent/Teachers Meeting - 2.45 p.m. prompt in Hall.

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Hamper Programme Collection** – see letter sent home in Week 3 – for further information, please call Nicole Davis – 429-2308.

**P1/P1A/P1B** - General Parent/Teachers Meeting – 2.45 p.m. prompt in each classroom.

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>** **House Collection** at House Assembly.

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

## REMINDER

All **Green Slips** acknowledging receipt of the circular dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008, Calendar of Important Dates and the Extra-Curricular Activities Schedule should have been returned by now. If you have not received a copy of these, please telephone the office.

## Message from the Secretary-Treasurer's Office.....

If your child is buying a drink, please ensure that he/she has the **CORRECT change** for the Drinks Machine. The School is not equipped to provide change.

Also, if your child is buying lunch from the mobile canteen, we would like to suggest that you do not send large notes. Please do not give him/her anything larger than a \$10.00 bill.

Your co-operation with the above will be much appreciated.

## PARKING in the afternoons....

The Netball Court which is situated on the eastern end of the Car Park will be roped off some afternoons as the court is needed for P.E. classes. It will be re-opened for parking at 2.15 p.m. We would therefore suggest that, if at all possible, you not enter the compound until after that time if you need to park.

## **An Appeal for Assistance with our CHESS CLUB.....**

We have a large number of students who are very keen Chess Players. Mr. Farley, the National Sports' Council's Coach, is in desperate need of help on Tuesdays and possibly Fridays as well between 12.25 and 1.05 p.m. If any parent/guardian would like to volunteer his or her services, please call Mrs. Hutson at the Principal's office – 4293661.

## **Update from the Library Committee.....**

Have you taken a peek? We're excited to report that the physical refurbishment of the Library was completed over the summer. Our new look includes custom shelving, as well as a Librarian's desk, and seating for students waiting to be attended by Nurse Small. A shipment of fabulous new tables and chairs is on its way to complement the physical refurbishment. Cataloguing of books onto the Library administration software (which was purchased and installed as part of the refurbishment) has commenced - 600+ books have been done to date.

We are working hard to get the Library fully functional as soon as possible as many students have commented on how much they are looking forward to using their "new" library. Thanks again to all of the St. Winifred's family - staff, students, parents, the SWSA and the Committee of Management - who have supported this project over the last six months - we are nearly there! Please contact Sharon Acland on 234 6363 or Ruth Pink on 233 8784 with any queries regarding cataloguing or donations.

To add to the excitement, we're pleased to report that **School Link catalogues** are included in the notices being sent home with your child today. Check out how you can boost your home library while supporting the school library. We know those who took advantage of this fantastic opportunity to get great books at bargain prices are eagerly awaiting the chance to order even more and that those who missed out last time will be sure not to do so this time around after hearing the great reviews.

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL.....**

*Word to the Wise:*

*"Your purpose is to give the miracle of life a distinct voice.  
It is to know and to treasure moments of pure beauty for which there are no words".*

*Ralph Marston*

This term's Theme: **Our School; Our Dream**

**The teaching staff selected this theme** and it will be used to capture the essence of who we are as a school. It invites the school community to be responsible for its actions and attitudes and to make a commitment to improving every aspect of school life. Through our respect for and consideration of each other, we are able to solve problems in a respectful way. We practise honesty and the ability to take responsibility for actions that may impact negatively on the school.

You may have noticed that the **Library** is being transformed into a functional information centre. This, as you would know, takes hard work and commitment. I am grateful by the selflessness, by the hard work and the sense of commitment modeled by a few of our parents, in making this happen. I am sure that others have lent their support verbally, or through monetary gifts and books. These ladies, however, come on a daily basis to complete what they started. I reflect on the service of Mrs. Ruth Pink who will be leaving us shortly and who, in spite of having to look after a toddler, still finds time to invest in the project. We will miss her participation and service to the School. Mrs. Sharon Acland comes to mind as well. Just the other day I noticed both ladies sitting on the Library floor and for a second, they looked like school girls totally focused on the task at hand. I think of Mrs. Ruth Hoad who also continues to give a lot of her time, and Mrs. Maureen Cave who continues to work behind the scenes. The project is incomplete at the moment, but I would like to express my gratitude at this stage on behalf of the School.