



Northside News

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend and enjoyed the break!

I would like to congratulate all our long distance swimmers who competed in the 1500m and 600m swim at Sun City over the long weekend.

The PTA will once again be hosting the Starry Night Braai this Friday. This is an annual event where we encourage all families to join us for a fun evening on the Northside field. Pack your picnic baskets and bring along your family and friends. Please remember that all students must be supervised by a parent.

Myself and Mr Brown will be returning from Ghana on Sunday evening and will be back at school on Monday 9 November ready for a week packed with exciting activities and events. *Mr McCarthy*

Musical Events



The following musical events will be taking place at Northside School in the Hall :

Wednesday 4 November 2009

6.00pm

Solo Exam Students in concert

Monday 9 November 2009

5.30 for 6.00pm

Mini Eisteddfod, all groups preparing for an exam (Choir, Orchestra, Marimba Band and the Di Tsala Quintet)

Wednesday 18 November 2009

5.30 for 6.00pm

Aspiring Musicians, All music students who did not do an exam but have been learning an instrument



All parents are invited to join us and support our students

STARRY NIGHT BRAAI

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER @ 6.PM



Join us for a Bring And Braai (**you will need to supply your own, tables, chairs, meat, drinks, plates and utensils**).

No food or drinks will be on sale.

The PTA will provide a welcome drink for the parents, marshmallows for the students, as well as charcoal for the braai's.

"Come One Come All".

Loads of great fun and **prizes** to be won during the evening.

We will also be celebrating Northside's **35th** Birthday! Come and join us for a slice of cake to mark this wonderful milestone.

Important Dates

6 Nov	Starry Night Braai
11 Nov	Council Strategic Planning Presentation
25 Nov	Thank You Assembly
3 Dec	Infant Concert
7 Dec	Celebration of Achievement
8 Dec	End of Term 3



Standard 3's Outing to the Meteorological Centre

By Miss Ebenhoeh



To tie in with our latest unit of inquiry 'Wacky Weather', the

Standard 3's went on a field trip to the Gaborone Meteorological Center. We all had a wonderful time and learned so much about weather and jobs associated with weather!

This is what some of the students had to say:

On our trip to the Meteorological Center we were able to be in a weather studio! It was so cool because there was a big blue screen behind us, but it showed up as a map of Botswana on TV! We really loved this trip! - Aisha Roels

I learned how to test the wind speed! - Hannah Pieterse

During our field trip we saw wind vanes, rain gauges and wind gauges. We were on TV (but only for fun)! We saw that it is going to rain all weekend. I really liked our trip and seeing someone famous (the Weather Forecaster for BTV)! - Kaamil Noble

We learned that you have to go through a lot of training to be a Weather Forecaster. He showed us how he does the weather on BTV! - Alex Van Rooijen



Some of the Std 3 A students on the "big blue TV"

Council Strategic Planning Presentation

Mr McCarthy will be sharing the Council Strategic Planning presentation to all the Northside parents on Wednesday 11 November at 6.00pm in the school hall.

Hope to see you all there.



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Listening Woes

by Barbara Daniel

"She just won't listen... he is using selective hearing again!" - common cries from parents and teachers, but are listening skills really deteriorating? Some things to think about:

- We all hear from birth, but listening is a skill that is developed over time;
- Poor listening is often the attributed cause when a child does not respond in a way you expect. But is your child physically able to hear?
- Your behavior as an adult impacts on a child's ability to listen.

If your child does not listen to you, perhaps you should consider the following:

Are you...

- *Nagging?* Speak. Re-state. Ask the child to explain what you said (not repeat);
- *Varying your tone, tempo and volume?* Speak at a higher or lower pitch, speak slowly or quickly, in a whisper or more loudly for effect;
- *Engaging with your child:* that is, are you really listening or are you listening with one ear? Being disrespected in this way discourages the child from listening to you actively;
- *Making eye contact* and demonstrating interest through your body language?
- *Modeling good listening skills* yourself?
- *Easily distracted* by others or your cellphone?
- *Disregarding environmental sounds?* Are you expecting your child to listen in an environment which has lots of background noise?
- *Showing appreciation and affirmation* through the way in which you ask your child for his opinion, encourage her to share her thoughts, ideas and experiences?
- *Being specific enough in your questions?*
- *Allowing siblings* to talk for your child? Your child needs to talk for herself, even if it takes patience on the part of other family members;
- *Interrupting* or allowing others to interrupt?
- *Having family discussions?* encouraging the expression of opinions will grow your child's confidence and feeling of self-worth. They can also grow family unity;
- *Seeking professional intervention for dysfluency, lisps and the like?* A lisp may be cute in a two-year-old, but at 32 a lisp is just a person who can't talk properly.

November	2	3	Lollipop Relay Galas A - WW B - WW C - NPS	4	U9 T-ball vs B'hurst at NPS	5	Softball vs Crescent U/11 @ CR U/13 @ NPS	6	Skills Relay Gala NPS Night Softball Starry Night Braai	7	
	8	9		10	Interschool Relay Gala A - B'hurst B - Th'hill C - Acacia	11	Chess vs Westwood Strategy Presentation to Parents	12	Rec 2010 Orientation Morning T-Ball vs Thornhill @ NPS	13	N vs S
	15	16	Immunization Std 1-7	17		18	Chess vs Thornhill	19	Softball vs Legae Boys - Legae Girls - NPS	20	
	22	23		24		25	Thank You Assembly	26		27	Aft Act End
December	30	1		2		3	Infant Concert	4		5	
	6	7	Celebration of Achievement	8	SCHOOL CLOSES	9		10		11	



Sun City Swim

By Miss J Booth

On the 31st October 2009 the Northside Long Distance Swimmers took to the water at Sun City for the 1500m and 600m swim.

The day was hugely successful and the swimmers swam with all their heart.

We had a number of swimmers finishing in under 30 minutes which is a great achievement and some swimmers swimming in a dam for the first time.

Saskia Duke was the first Northside swimmer out of the water in Event 2 - Girls and Women and Jared Ivins was the first Northside swimmer out the water in Event 3 - Boys and Men.

We had a number of swimmers in the 600m fun swim, who, overcome their nerves to complete the race and said would definitely do it again! Lily Bayes (Std 1) was our youngest swimmer and really showed her determination and made us proud.

After the races were completed we all enjoyed the afternoon relaxing on the beach in the Valley of the Waves before heading back to our campsites and B&B's.

Thank you to the moms and dads who supported our swimmers by shouting, holding towels, driving, camping and giving up their weekends. Well done to the moms and dads who braved the water too! Some dads were heard to say:

"Next time we have to finish in under 30 minutes!" Watch out swimmers your dads are hot on your heels!



Look out for the official results next week and some dates for Term 1 2010.

Softball Request...

The team is still missing one uniform. Please could all the softball students have another look at home and if you do find it, please urgently return it to Mr Freeze.

Many thanks for your assistance.