

Bishop Bavin Junior School News

APRIL 2011

DATES TO DIARISE

Friday 8 th :	End of Term 1 School closes @ 12:00 (No hot lunch served) After-care will continue as usual
Mon 4 th – Thurs 21 st :	Holiday Club runs from 11 th – 21 st April
Tuesday 3 rd :	Term 2 begins

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 16th Priyan Pregaladhan
- 20th Ethan Shackleton
- 26^t Thendo Madzhie

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 5th Atu Nyirenda and Angelique Van der Watt
- 7th Letho Ntshingila
- 10th Naomi Yared and Bonbon Tshiloane
- 12th Matthew Hattingh
- 15th Amelia Kleiner
- 16th Khumo Modise
- 17th Thebe Mosehathebe
- 18th Luke Milledge and Junior Mokoena
- 20th Matthew Das Neves
- 23rd Mbong Mbapeh
- 26th McKenzie Swan
- 28th Loyiso Sidu



THE CRECHE CUTIES

We have decided to split the Crèche children into two groups and we are now proud to have the **RED GROUP** occupying the end classroom. This group has 10 children, all of whom are turning 3 this year. Peggy works with these children, ensuring that they complete activities appropriate to their age and that they are constantly stimulated. The little ones in the **BLUE GROUP** next door are also much happier (and quieter!)

We would like to thank **Teacher Bernie** for assisting us in the Crèche this term. We will all miss her when she leaves at the end of the term to go back to Hungary.



WHAT'S SIZZLING AT SPACKMAN?

The **Grade 0** children have been so busy learning about numbers. They are able to recognize and read number symbols from 1 – 10. The children are particularly interested in playing Snap, Bingo and other games, using their self-made number and domino counters. We are having great fun working with our counters!

The **Grade 00's** have been extremely busy this term, learning about many interesting themes. We have just been learning about Easter, and enjoyed an Easter-egg hunt in the garden today. We have made eggs, bunnies, chickens and a whole lot more.

Cute Quote: Teacher Gaby was explaining to the children about the HOUSES at school, referring to the colours of St Francis, St Margaret and St George. When she asked Braden what colour house he was in at school he replied “*Face-brick*”! (Braden and his family live on the school property)



The **Grade 000's** have been learning about WATER and what items FLOAT and SINK. The children had fun experimenting with different objects. They also learnt about animals that live in water and those that live on both land and water

THE SIMPSON SPARKLERS

The Grade 1's have been learning about SUMMER and FARM ANIMALS. It was a wonderful experience for our children to see and hear the strange noises made by our own farmyard animals on the playground.

Reading and word recognition has taken off in leaps and bounds and the children are so proud of their achievements. **CONGRATULATIONS, you are our little STARS!**

Cute Quote: When asked about her favourite food, Shoki replied, “**My favourite food is calamary**”

WHAT'S BUZZING AT BEATON?

Reading, writing, spelling and maths – whew! Our little Beaton Bees spend their days busily developing their intellectual skills in the classroom.

The **Grade 2's** are now able to name and recognise shapes, as well as read, recognise and write numbers up to 200. Reading, comprehension and spelling skills are revised daily. In keeping with the theme on WEATHER, the children completed a poem on RAIN by filling in descriptive words.



Rain,
Tiny drops,
Fall down from the **grey** sky,
Our of **heavy** clouds,
Making loud **pitter, patter** sounds
As they touch the **hard** ground.
Oh, how I love the **calming** sound,
Of **soft** rain falling down.



Dayna Pipe and Runako Kanengoni

Grade 2K

The **Grade 3's** have learned about 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. They now know how to add and subtract three-digit numbers.

We have worked extensively on solving word problems this term.

Both the Grade 2's and 3's have been focusing in the Easter Story during this final week of term.



A 'Jelly Beans' poem illustrated by Pietro Iachinski

Grade 3G



REMINDER: Please replenish your child's stationery during the school holidays. We return to school on the 3rd May in WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

REQUEST: Mrs Janks who runs our 'Dragon's Den' the uniform shop at the school, would like clothes hangers for her shop. Please drop off any unwanted hangers at the shop.

AFTERCARE: We ask the parents to please collect their children **no later than 5pm** from aftercare. Many of our aftercare teachers live a distance away from school and rely on public transport to get home. Winter is coming and it gets dark very early. If you are running late due to traffic, please contact NICOLA JOHNSON our permanent Aftercare teacher at 079 774 4010. Children not collected by 5.30 pm will be taken down to the Girl's Boarding House and will need to be fetched from there.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our best wishes go to our Grade 00 teacher Gabriella Paronitti who will be marrying Roberto Carvalho (an ex Bavinian) on Saturday 9 April. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them and we wish them a wonderful future together.



FAREWELL: We are sad to say goodbye to Debbie and Greg Ellis, Abigail and Joshua, as they make their way down to Australia on the 15th. We will miss you and we wish you great joy, happiness and prosperity as you embark on this exciting new direction in your lives. May God bless you, protect you and guide you.



BOOK DAY

On Friday 1st we had a fabulous day where the children (and one or two teachers) dressed up as a character from their favourite book. Well done to all the children – you looked magnificent!



SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY

