



# Veritas College

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## PREPARATORY NEWSLETTER NO 1

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### Dear Veritas Families

We extend a warm welcome to all our 'new' and 'old' Veritas College families. We hope that as families you were able to reconnect with each other over the festive season and find yourselves rejuvenated to face the challenges that 2015 might bring.

### *A New Year's Prayer*

*Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.*

*Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.*

*Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame*

*So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*

*Amen*

### STAFF NEWS

- We welcomed five new staff members to Veritas Preparatory this year.

- **Mrs Anita Govan**, who is no stranger to Veritas College having taught in the Pre-Preparatory 'Teddy's' class for many years, has returned to take up our Grade 1 post. It is wonderful to have such a dedicated and experienced teacher back at the College.

- **Mrs Joyce Anderson**, another very experienced lady with years of both teaching and management experience, has joined our Grade 4 team of teachers.
- **Mrs Catherine Fickling**, who left to have her baby in August, could not resist the idea of coming back to teaching and will be taking our 2nd Grade 000 class. We are very pleased to have her back on the staff.
- We also welcome **Mrs Shelley Bent** to Veritas College. She will take on the role of Marketing at the College.
- **Mr Keagan Billson**, will continue to coach sport in the afternoons but will be an assistant to Mrs Holloway during the Foundation Phase Computer classes.
- We wish all our new staff members much success and hope that they enjoy being a part of the 'Veritas Family'.
- Congratulations to Miss Jorge who got married during December and returned to us as Mrs Taylor. We wish her and her husband much happiness.



- Veritas Preparatory has had its brush with Cancer over the past few years having had family members and friends diagnosed with the illness. We ask that our Veritas Families keep Mrs Gilbertson, Ms Edwards and Mrs Billson in their prayers as they continue to battle this disease.

### PARENTS 'MEET AND GREET' DAYS

The Pre-Preparatory held their 'Meet and Greet' day on Saturday, 10 January 2015 and the Foundation and Inter/Sen Phase had theirs on Monday, 12 January 2015. At these gatherings Parents had the opportunity to meet the teachers and discuss the academic year ahead.

### CHOIR

Both our Senior & Junior choir practices will start **after the mid-term break**.

- Senior Choir - Every Wednesday from 14:45 to 15:30, starting 4 March.
- Junior Choir - Every Friday from 13:00 to 13:30, starting 13 March.



### HAIRSTYLES

Quite a few of our boys have returned to school with extremely modern hairstyles. We would like to remind you of our school policy regarding hairstyles.

*' Regulation, acceptable hairstyles must be adhered to. For both girls and boys, the following of fashion trends in style, cut, and colouring is strongly discouraged and will be disallowed, if, in the opinion of the Staff, it is not in keeping with the image and ethos of the COLLEGE.*

*Boys' hair may not be worn over the ears, nor touch the eyebrows or collar. No extreme hairstyles will be permitted.*

*If Girls' hair is over the collar, the hair must be tied back with approved gadgets. Gadgets may be plain yellow, green, navy, or white.*

*No colouring of hair is permitted.'*

In addition no "bling-bling" is allowed. Girls are not allowed to wear coloured beads if their hair is braided. If they have long braids, it must be tied up and pinned away from their face.

### SCHOOL HOURS

Families are reminded to have their children at school by 07:30. The first bell rings at **7:35** each morning. Pupils report to their classroom and **register** is taken. Quite often they have to line up to attend assembly/computers/hymn practice etc. The first lesson starts promptly at 07:45.

Furthermore, families are requested to make the necessary arrangements to have their children fetched from school by 14:30 **latest** unless they are part of the After-School Care facility or involved in an extra-mural activity. We were very concerned last year about the number of children who were left on the school premises until late into the afternoon and sometimes even the evening. It is not safe for your child to be left unattended at school until late into the afternoon neither is it conducive for academic success.

### 2014 ACADEMIC AWARDS EVENING

Congratulations to pupils who were awarded Special Awards at our annual Academic Awards Evening in November 2014.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

<b>MINGARD ENVIRONMENTAL TROPHY</b> For showing enthusiasm and relishing the experience of the outdoors.	Jaryd Schmid Wanda Khathide
<b>COACH'S CUP</b> Awarded to a pupil who has the right Attitude to Sport:- (Shared)	Linamandla Feni Luke Fraser
<b>SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR</b> Which takes into account the <u>level</u> of achievement and the <u>number of school sports</u> played.	Claudia Katsapas
<b>SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR</b> Which takes into account the <u>level</u> of achievement and the <u>number of school sports</u> played .	Benjamin Scott Sheldon Watt
<b>LISA ANN BARTON TROPHY</b> <i>Awarded to a pupil who has shown excellent artistic progress throughout the Senior Primary Phase</i>	Kian Crafford Ansofi Pretorius
<b>MUSIC PUPIL OF THE YEAR</b> <i>Awarded to a pupil who has shown excellent musical progress throughout the Senior Primary Phase</i>	Ansofi Pretorius
<b>THE HERD TROPHY</b> <i>Awarded to a Grade 7 pupil who has always given of his or her best efforts throughout the Senior Primary Phase.</i>	Tasmin Shackelton
<b>BEST ENGLISH SPEAKER</b> <i>Based on a points accumulated system which takes into account the participation and representation at the Springs Festival and other Inter-School Competitions. (Verse Speaking/Prepared/ Unprepared Categories)</i>	Ansofi Pretorius
<b>LES KELTY TROPHY</b> <i>Awarded to a pupil who has, from his/her Pre-Preparatory years through to Grade 7, shown exceptional personal growth.</i>	Diego Paulo
<b>THE HOLLOWAY TROPHY</b> <i>Awarded to a pupil who has displayed excellent computer skills throughout the Senior Primary Phase.</i>	Kristen Du Bois
<b>THE POCOCK TROPHY</b> <i>Awarded to the pupil who has shown the greatest improvement in English in the Inter/Sen Phase</i>	Thato Hlanyane
<b>GOOD FELLOWSHIP TROPHY</b> <i>Awarded to a pupil who is popular and enthusiastic; well-liked by both peers and teachers</i>	Dean Delaney
<b>THE DOMINICAN SISTERS' TROPHY</b> <i>The recipient of this trophy is a staff member who has given outstanding service to the School.</i>	Mr Barton
<b>VERITAS PREPARATORY INTER-HOUSE TROPHY</b> <i>Awarded to the House that attained the most points this year. This includes Inter-House Sports Competitions, Merits and Demerits, and Feast Day Competitions.</i>	DOMINIC

<b>SPRINGS PARK ROTARY CLUB SERVICE AWARD</b> Awarded to the pupil who has shown outstanding Service throughout their school career	Nkateko Masinga
<b>THE SPRINGS ROTARY LEADERSHIP AWARD</b> Awarded to the pupil/s who have shown excellent leadership qualities throughout the year	Ansofi Pretorius Kian Crafford
<b>PRO OPTIMA DUX</b> For outstanding Academic Achievement. Highest possible aggregate in the Highest possible Grade. (89%)	Ansofi Pretorius
<b>P.T.S.A AWARD</b> This is an award given by the P.T.S.A. to the top Grade 7 Academic Student who is going to our Senior School. The amount given by the P.T.S.A will cover the full Grade 8 Levy for 2015 of <b>R3775.00</b>	Kian Crafford
<b>BEST ALL ROUND GIRL</b> This is a pupil who is successful academically, culturally and sportingly.	Claudia Katsapas
<b>BEST ALL ROUND BOY</b> This is a pupil who is successful academically, culturally and sportingly.	Kian Crafford
<b>SHIELD FOR THE LEADING PREPARATORY SCHOOL PUPIL/S</b> In the words of John Maxwell ' <i>A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.</i> '	Ansofi Pretorius Kian Crafford

### **SPORTS CAPTAINS- 2015**

At our final Assembly for 2014 the announcement of Sports Captains for 2015 was made. Congratulations to the following pupils:

### **SPORTS/CULTURAL CAPTAINS – 2015**

<b>ATHLETICS</b>	Joshua Sibiya Kayla Anderson
<b>SWIMMING</b>	Gemma Rees Jarrod Havinga
<b>SOCCER</b>	Xolani Namo
<b>NETBALL</b>	Phumi Madonsela
<b>CRICKET</b>	Jaryd Schmid
<b>HOCKEY</b>	Matthew Bourbon Allison Thathong
<b>TENNIS</b>	Kera Whyte
<b>CHOIR</b>	Siphosihle Mashinini
<b>MARIMBAS</b>	Lindiwe Mabanga
<b>CHESS</b>	Demitra Raouna
<b>ART</b>	Gabriel Charalambous Claudia Breimaier

## OUR GOAL FOR 2015

Recently we have all noticed and remarked on the decline of the reading ability of pupils. This we know is caused by many factors.

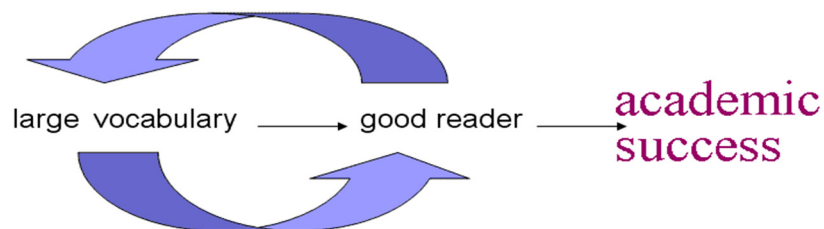
Educational researchers have found that there is a strong correlation between reading and academic success. In other words, a pupil who is a good reader is more likely to do well in school and pass exams than a pupil who is a weak reader.

*'Good readers can understand the individual sentences and the organizational structure of a piece of writing. They can comprehend ideas, follow arguments, and detect implications. They know most of the words in the text already, but they can also determine the meaning of many of the unfamiliar words from the context - failing this, they can use their dictionary effectively to do so. In summary, good readers can extract from the writing what is important for the particular task they are employed in. And they can do it quickly!'*

*Educational researchers have also found a strong correlation between reading and vocabulary knowledge. In other words, students who have a large vocabulary are usually good readers. This is not very surprising, since the best way to acquire a large vocabulary is to read extensively, and if you read extensively you are likely to be or become a good reader!'*

If we want our pupils to be successful at school, as teachers and parents we need to encourage them to read. Reading non-fiction in English is probably the most important, but English fiction - if done extensively - will help our children develop the reading competence that is essential for academic achievement.

The graphic below illustrates the interdependence of vocabulary, reading ability and academic success.



- Our educational goal, as a school this year, is to make a concerted effort to improve the reading skills of our pupils. But we need the support of all parents and guardians!
- We have introduced a half hour reading period per week during which time teachers and pupils alike will 'down tools', relax and READ.
- Each register class teacher will build up their own class library and this is where we call on parental support for this initiative. **We would like parents/guardians to buy either a non-fiction or fiction reading book for their own child** (age appropriate; you can discuss this with your child's class teacher if you feel the need) but to then allow the book, once it has been read by your own child, to remain in the class library to be used by all the pupils in that class for the year. At the end of the year you may have the book returned to you or you may wish to donate the book to the class.

**For this initiative to work effectively we would like all pupils, from the Cottage right through to Grade 7, to bring their book, which will remain at school for the year, by Monday 26 January 2015.**

If you have chosen to donate the book to the class please write 'Donated by the ..... family 2015' inside it. If you would like the book returned at the end of the year please write your child's name clearly inside the book.

## **2014 MATRIC RESULTS**

Congratulations to all Matriculants and their teachers – we celebrate our 17<sup>th</sup> year of a 100% pass rate!! Excellent news! Paolo Pellizzon and Peter Dravillas achieved 5 distinctions each, while Kobus Swart achieved 4. Tayla Freedman, Sihle Madonsela and Sarah Moore achieved 3 each. Others achieved 1 or 2 each. We have 62 distinctions overall and there are outstanding results in some departments: 9 Mathematics distinctions, 10 in Maths Literacy, and 26 in Life Orientation! Five learners were placed in the top 1% of the country for LO or CAT. Our academic record remains a source of pride for the College! We wish our 2014 Matric class every success in their future studies and careers

## **NEWS FROM THE SPORTS OFFICE**

The 2015 sporting calendar is truly jam packed with events! Many of our important sports' events are already taking place within the first few weeks of this first term.

Below is some information regarding these events.

### **Inter-House Athletics**

Our Annual Inter-House Athletics will be held at the Senior School, on **Wednesday, 21 January 2015** at 08:00 for 08:30.



- All pupils from Grade One to Grade Seven will be running.
- Pupils are to be dropped off directly at the Senior School by their parents/transport by 08:00.
- Parents/guardians are requested to use the MAIN GATE to enter the Senior School, make their way to the sports' fields and exit the Senior School through GATE 5. (behind the Parkland Hospital)
- Grade One - Seven pupils are to meet their teachers at the Sports Field and are to remain with their teachers, at the sports, for the entire morning.
- We request that all pupils be fetched from the Senior School at 13:00. Any pupils not fetched from the Senior School by 13:30 will be brought back to the Preparatory School.
- Pupils are to leave suitcases at home on this day, but must bring a small packed lunch, something to drink (no glass bottles) and their school sun hat. Pupils are to keep their belongings and lunch in their clearly marked P.T. bags.
- Pupils are to wear their navy blue school shorts, a shirt the colour of their house to run in (there is stock of house shirts in the Uniform Shop) and they may wear their school tracksuit and takkies to keep warm on arrival. PLEASE ensure ALL items are marked.
- Attendance at the Inter-House Sports is compulsory for all pupils.
- Our pupils must all sit with their teachers/houses, and may meet their parents/guardians only at the conclusion of the athletics meeting!

Parents/guardians etc. are most welcome to attend and support our athletes. (Supporters are reminded to bring their own chairs/umbrellas). Please be reminded that participation is more important than winning.

*Our Athletics Team* (under 9 – under 13), to participate in the Inter Primary-Springs Athletics meeting to be held on Friday, 06 February 2015 at Selcourt Primary, will be selected from the Inter-House results. Letters, for selected athletes, will be handed out on Tuesday, 27 January 2015, and must be returned to Mr Wild by Monday, 02 February 2015.

### Inter-House Gala



This year we are splitting the Inter-House Swimming Gala into two different Galas. The first Gala will be an Inter-House Time Trial Gala for our prospective team swimmers. The Swimming Gala will be held at the Brakpan Swimming Pool on **Friday, 30 January 2015** at 08:00 for 08:30.

- Letters, with reply slips, will be sent out to these swimmers by Thursday, 22 January 2015, to explain the new format for the Gala.
- All races are 33m (except the Individual Medley which is swum by our Senior Primary pupils).
- We request that parents, if at all possible, organise to transport their child directly to the Swimming Pool on this day by **08:00**. If this is not possible please inform your child's class teacher by **Monday, 26 January 2015**, so that buses can be ordered.
- Parents are requested to organise that their children are collected from the Swimming Pool by **12:00**. Pupils, who have not been fetched by 12:30, will be transported back to school.
- A fun gala for all Senior Phase pupils will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March at the Prep School.
- The Foundation Phase gala will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Prep School.

### Inter-Catholic Cricket Festival

The Preparatory School will, once again, be hosting the Inter-Catholic Primary Schools' Cricket Festival this year. The festival will take place on **Saturday, 07 February 2015**. Once the final arrangements have been made for this event, the information will be given to the pupils and parents.

### Inter-CBC Swimming Gala

This year's Inter-CBC Swimming Gala will be hosted by St Patrick's Kimberley on the **19<sup>th</sup> of February 2015**. Our Swimming team will be announced after the Inter-House Swimming Gala. More information will be given to the swimmers closer to the event

### Edmund Rice Summer Festival

This year's Summer Festival will take place from **Thursday, 26 February - Saturday, 28 February 2015**. The Festival will be hosted by St Dominic's Welkom. More information to follow.

### Extra- Mural Activities

Extra-mural activities will start on Monday, 19 January 2015. The Sports Department wishes all pupils and parents a wonderful and successful 2015.

### *MR. T. WILD – Sports' Co-ordinator*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Attached is the Calendar of Events for the year. Parents/Guardians will be notified of any changes in dates.

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

We would like to encourage all our Veritas Families to make use of our "School Communicator" on your personal computers, smart phones or tablets. It is such a simple way of keeping up to date with your child's school life. It features all the forthcoming events at the school, photos of recent activities, photos and details of all who have achieved in sport, culture and academic fields.

Please logon to <http://schoolcommunicator.mobi> and then select VERITAS COLLEGE.

## **FACEBOOK**

If you have not yet joined our **Veritas Pre-preparatory & Preparatory** Facebook page you are missing out on news, photos and videos. Join it, like **v** it and share it with your friends and family.

## **ST THOMAS AQUINAS**

On Wednesday, 28 January is the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, the Patron Saint of Veritas College. We will be celebrating this feast day with a school Mass at 07:45. Pupils are requested to bring some non-perishable food items for the poor.

**Feast Day: January 28**

**Born:1225 - Died:1274**



*Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious.*

*Thomas Aquinas*

**Mrs S. Billson**  
**HEAD OF PREPARATORY**

**Mr. D. Connors**  
**HEADMASTER OF COLLEGE**





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

### Term 1

#### January

9 January (Friday)	Pre-Prep and Admin Staff on Duty
10 January (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Prep 'Meet &amp; Greet Morning'</li> <li>• Management Conference – St Vincent School</li> </ul>
12 January (Monday)	Meeting/Presentation/Mass for all Veritas Staff 08:00
13 January (Tuesday)	Staff Admin Day. Phase & Subject Meetings
14 January (Wednesday)	<b>Term 1 Begins</b>
15 January (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run off and Swim offs</li> </ul>
16 January (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run off and Swim offs</li> </ul>
21 January (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-House Athletics</li> </ul>
24 January (Saturday)	Tennis Round Robin
28 January (Wednesday)	Mass for the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendly Athletics Meeting t.b.c</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Feast of St Thomas Aquinas</i></p>
30 January (Friday)	Inter-House Gala

#### February

4 February (Wednesday)	Hosting League Gala
6 February (Friday)	Inter-Primary Athletics @ Selcourt Primary
7 February (Saturday)	CSSC Primary Cricket Festival
9 February (Monday)	Grade 7 Valentine's Day Fundraising begins → 12 <sup>th</sup>
11 February (Wednesday)	Netball Coaching Clinic
13 February (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior School Leaders visit Assembly</li> <li>• CSSC Primary Swimming Gala</li> <li>• Valentine's Disco</li> </ul>
17 February (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shrove Tuesday</li> </ul>
18 February (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ash Wednesday – School Mass</li> <li>• Netball Coaching Clinic</li> </ul>
19 February (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmund Rice Swimming Gala- Kimberley</li> </ul>
26 February (Thursday)	<b>School Closes @ 12:00 for Mid-Term Break</b>
26 – 28 February	Edmund Rice Summer Festival – Welkom

#### March

3 March (Tuesday)	<b>School Reopens</b>
5 March (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter/Sen Phase Fun Gala @ 12:00</li> </ul>
6 March (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Phase Fun Gala @ 12:00</li> </ul>
7 March (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosting Inter-School Swimming Gala</li> </ul>
12 March (Thursday)	Individual & Family Photos
13 March (Friday)	SISA Chess @ Shangri-La
14 March (Saturday)	CSSC Foundation Phase Cricket
17 March (Tuesday)	<i>Feast of St Patrick</i>
21 March (Saturday)	Wheelchair Race @ Senior School Fields <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Human Rights Day</i></p>

26 March (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quiz at Senior School Gr. 6 &amp; 7</li> </ul>
28 March (Saturday)	Pre-Preparatory Sports' Day
29 March (Sunday)	<i>Palm Sunday</i>

## April

2 April (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stations of the Cross</li> </ul>	<i>Holy/MaundyThursday</i>
3 April (Friday)	School Holiday	<i>Good Friday</i>
4 April (Saturday)		<i>Easter Saturday</i>
5 April (Sunday)		<i>Easter Sunday</i>
6 April (Monday)		<i>Family Day</i>
10 April (Friday)	F/Phase Parental Book Control	
14 April (Tuesday)	Reports Issued	
16 April (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents' Evening 16:00 – 18:00</li> <li>Netball v. Hannes Visagie (H)</li> </ul>	
17 April (Friday)	<b>End of Term 1 – School Closes @ 12:00</b>	
27 April (Monday)		<i>Freedom Day</i>
29 April (Wednesday)		<i>Feast of St Catherine</i>

## Term 2

### May

5 May (Tuesday)	<b>Term 2 Begins</b>	<b>Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice</b>
7 May (Thursday)	Netball v. Mōrester (Away)	
8 May (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass for Blessed Edmund Rice</li> <li>SISA Chess @ Curro Helderwyk</li> </ul>	
14 May (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Mass</li> <li>Netball v. Dunnottar (Away)</li> </ul>	<b>Ascension Day</b>
15 May (Friday)	SISA GR 1 & 2 Mini Netball & Soccer	
16 May (Saturday)	CSSC Primary Netball & Hockey Festival (u/13)	
19 May (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball v. L/S Selectionpark (Home)</li> </ul>	
21 May (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball v. L/S Christiaan Beyers (Home)</li> </ul>	
22 May (Friday)	SISA GR 1 & 2 Mini Netball & Soccer	
23 May (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Preparatory Parents' Day</li> <li>CSSC Primary Soccer Festival (u/13)</li> </ul>	
24 May (Sunday)		<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
26 May (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball v. Selpark (Home)</li> </ul>	
27 May (Wednesday)	SISA Speech Evening @ Ashbury	
28 May (Thursday)	Netball v. L/S Eloff (Away)	
29 May (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S/Phase Parental Work Control</li> <li>SISA GR 1 &amp; 2 Mini Netball &amp; Soccer</li> </ul>	
30 May (Sunday)		<b>Trinity Sunday</b>

### June

5 June (Friday)	SISA GR 1 & 2 Mini Netball & Soccer	
6 June (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CSSC F/Phase Mini Netball &amp; Soccer Festival</li> </ul>	
15 June (Monday)		<b>School Holiday</b>
16 June (Tuesday)		<b>Youth Day</b>

20 June (Saturday)	CSSC Primary Cross Country
25 June (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Photos</li> </ul>
26 June (Friday)	<b>School Closes @ 12:00 for Mid-Term Break</b>

### July

6 July (Monday)	<b>School Re-opens</b>
8 July (Wednesday)	S/Phase Exams Begin
15 July (Wednesday)	S/Phase Exams End
29 July (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hooked on Books</li> </ul>
30 July (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmund Rice Winter Festival – Bloemfontein</li> </ul>
31 July (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SISA Chess @ Ashton</li> <li>• F/Phase Books sent home for Parental Control</li> <li>• Edmund Rice Winter Festival – Bloemfontein</li> </ul>

### August

1 August (Saturday)	Edmund Rice Winter Festival – Bloemfontein
3 August (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports Issued</li> <li>• Parental Interviews Begin</li> </ul>
6 August (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Redhead Production'</li> <li>• Inter-House Chess</li> </ul>
7 August (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass- Feast of St Dominic</li> <li>• Inter-House Sports' Day</li> <li>• <b>End of Term 1 – School Closes @ 12:00</b></li> <li>• Veritas Music Festival</li> </ul>

## TERM 3

### September

8 September (Tuesday)	<b>Term 3 Begins</b> <i style="text-align: right;">Birthday of Our Lady</i>
9 September (Wednesday)	Achievement Forms handed out
11 September (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass – Birthday of Our Lady</li> </ul>
15 September (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veritas Art Festival Begins – 18 Sep</li> </ul>
16 September (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSO Choir Festival</li> <li>• Gr R School Readiness</li> </ul>
17 September (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSO Choir Festival</li> </ul>
18 September (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSSC Primary Athletics</li> </ul>
19 September (Saturday)	Lex Liston 8-a-side Cricket Tournament
23 September (Wednesday)	Heritage Day Fun Walk
24 September (Thursday)	<b><i>Heritage Day ( Public Holiday)</i></b>
25 September (Friday)	<b>School Holiday</b>
30 September (Wednesday)	Achievement Forms Due

### October

1 October (Thursday)	CSSC Foundation Phase Athletics
2 October (Friday)	Pre-Preparatory Grandparents' Day
3 October (Saturday)	CSSC Primary Tennis Festival
15 October (Thursday)	School Revue
16 October (Friday)	School Revue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SISA Cross Country @ Woodlands</li> </ul>
19 October – 22 October	Grade 6 Thaba Morula

22 October (Thursday)	<b>School Closes @ 12:00 for Mid-Term Break</b>
23 October (Friday)	SISA Cross Country 2 Kathstan
27 October (Tuesday)	<b>School Reopens</b>
30 October (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSO Gr 7 Mass tbc</li> <li>• Mass for All Souls</li> <li>• SISA Cross Country @ St Dunstan's</li> </ul>
31 October (Saturday)	CSSC Primary Chess

### November

1 November (Sunday)	<b><i>All Saints' Day</i></b>
5 November (Thursday)	School closes @ 12:00 until the end of the year
6 November (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S/Phase Exams Begin</li> <li>• CSSC Foundation Phase Swimming</li> <li>• SISA Cross Country @ Serengeti</li> </ul>
7 November (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 1 Orientation Day</li> <li>• CSSC Foundation Phase Chess</li> </ul>
13 November (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S/Phase Exams End</li> </ul>
19 November (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 3 Retreat</li> </ul>
20 November (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 4 Retreat</li> <li>• Christmas Concert</li> </ul>
23 November (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 5 Retreat</li> </ul>
24 November (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 6 Retreat</li> </ul>
25 November (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F/Phase Awards Ceremony</li> <li>• Grade 7 Retreat</li> </ul>
26 November (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S/Phase Awards' Evening</li> </ul>
27 November (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Assembly</li> <li>• Grade 7 Valedictory Mass 10:30</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>School Closes for the end of the Year @ 12:00</b></p>
29 November (Sunday)	<b><i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i></b>
30 November (Monday)	Staff Administration Day

### December

1 December (Tuesday)	Staff Administration Day
2 December (Wednesday)	Staff Administration Day <b>Reports Issued 07:30 – 09:00</b>

**REPLY SLIP**

**Inter House Swimming Gala – 30 January 2015**

**My child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_**

**Will / will not require transport to the Brakpan Swimming Pool.**

**Will / will not require transport back to School after the Gala.**

**Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

