



St. Nicholas

NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming events



6th – 10th April

Easter Week (no school)

Monday 20th April

No school

Tuesday 21st April

Tiradentes Holiday

Friday 1st May

Labour Day

Monday 13th April

Winter uniform

13th, 14th and 15th April

School Annual Photographs
Bernard Moss

Wednesday 15th April

Home Fixture - St. Nicholas x Stance Dual

Friday 17th April

Yr 7, 8, 9 and 11 Parents' Day / Nosso Recanto new parents meeting

Wednesday 22nd April

Earth Day

Friday 24th April

Casual Clothes Day

Saturday 25th April

Art Workshop / ICT Film INSET

Wednesday 29th April

Infant Multi-Skill Festival

TRIP

Yr 6 Trip to Estação Sabesp

Yr 7 Ice Skating

Yr 2 Trip to MASP

Y3 Trip to Toca da Raposa

Nursery trip to Pet Zoo

ASSEMBLIES

Infants

Wednesday 22nd April – Year 2X

Wednesday 29th April – Kindergarten X

Juniors

Thursday 30th April – Year 5X



BUDDING WRITERS WIN THE DAY

Fiona Creagh Osborne

St Nicholas was proud to host the first Inter-School Creative Writing Event recently and even prouder that two of our students won First Place in both categories!

Students from other international schools in São Paulo spent two hours in our ICT room composing a short story from a choice of two titles that they were given on the day. The finished stories were then marked to common criteria by teachers in the participating schools and all the scores added together. The teachers agreed that the standard of writing was most impressive, as was the variety of styles and stories.

Maya Kostman (Yr 8) wrote an entertaining and original story with a clever twist in the end for the title The Stone Llama, to win her category. The judges were obviously looking to be entertained as Alexis Sogl's (Yr 10) comic writing in Click Here to View your Special E-card was the unanimous winner in the category for older students. Congratulations to both Maya and Alexis and to our other creative participants, Jessica van den Brink (Yr 7) and Alexis Montanaro (Yr 9).

The event achieved its objectives in providing a forum for gifted young writers to exhibit their skills, as well as promoting interaction between staff and students at the international schools in São Paulo. St Pauls School have announced their intention to host the event next year so we encourage all our budding authors to sharpen their pencils and their wits and keep writing!



PYP Exhibition

UNIVERSE GROUP



Coming up
ART WORKSHOP
on April 25th



Members of the PYP Exhibition Universe group held a video conference with Raymond Espiritu, a space exploration expert, on Monday. Raymond Espiritu, based in Washington DC, works for various NASA projects including the Messenger, Deep Impact and the Iridium Project.

The video conference was a first at St Nicholas School and it was a success!



O Primeiro Torneio Interfamiliar de Português, ocorrido no dia 21/3/09, foi sem dúvida nenhuma um grande evento, para nós do Departamento de Português e para a St. Nicholas School. Não pela grandiosidade, pela logística, mas sim pelo alcance do nosso objetivo maior, a socialização família-escola.

Num ambiente acolhedor, alegre e descontraído, pudemos registrar momentos de cumplicidade, de troca de conhecimentos entre pais e filhos. Constatamos também uma franca aproximação, uma integração perfeita entre alunos, famílias, professores, direção e administração.

O sucesso do primeiro, a aceitação e a colaboração de todos nos permite idealizar outros Tipos.

*Confira matéria completa sobre o torneio, famílias participantes e entrevista com família campeã na próxima edição da St. Nick's Magazine.



Don't forget your tie after Easter Break

This is to remind you that after the Easter Break pupils should use the School Winter Uniform. Please check that your child's entire uniform is complete and that especially shirts are in good condition, still fit and all items are labelled properly. The full uniform list can be found on the school website and in the front of the diary. Uniforms can be purchased from:

Uniforme & Cia

Rua Dr Renato Paes de Barros 113 - Itaim
tel: 3168 5416 or 3168 7975

Na Rua da Escola

Rua Prof. Vahia de Abreu, 736/ 744
Vila Olímpia - Tel: 3849-5751
or 3846-9873

Infant Cooking ECA

Mrs. Vassellucci



Infant Cooking ECA has been a huge success in school every Wednesday afternoon.

Children have been learning how to cook food from around the world and most of them are really enjoying exploring new tastes.

On Wednesday 25th the children learned how to make "Temaki", a delicious Japanese cone filled with cucumber, mango, kani-kama and japanese rice.

If your child is part of Infant Cooking ECA I am sure your meals will be enriched with wonderful flavours.

Creche Nova Esperança

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When we arrived at Creche Nova Esperança we were astonished at how organized and well-kept the children were in those poor conditions. To some people, the thought of going into such an unfamiliar environment was daunting but even so everybody adapted surprisingly fast. We had to overcome difficulties such as rain which interfered with the activities planned. The children found the physical activities very enjoyable as well as the playdough shaping and body tracing activities.

It helped the kids as much as it helped us. To be in a different role was enlightening for all of us because we began to realize just how difficult it is to coordinate events and a large group of children, as well as sharing experiences with them such as teaching them skipping and drawing skills. Every Casual Clothes Day the school sends money to Creche Nova Esperança. Previously, we didn't know how this money was changing their lives. This trip allowed us to see the joy it brought to their faces to have small and simple commodities.

LANGUAGE CORNER

Here's your chance to test your English skills and learn new things. Just answer the quiz below and hand it to Mrs. Toffoli (ESL). If all your answers are correct you will win an R.O.A.!

English or Portuguese???

1. Estou com meu P.E. kit aqui.

2. Eu não vi o filme ontem.

3. Mas eu não fiz nada!...

4. Ele é um ótimo desenhista.

5. O St. Nicholas ganhou do St. Paul's de 2X1.

Name: _____

R.O.A. winners for last issue's challenge: Dhruv (3X), Luiza (3Y), Skye (4X), Catarina (5X) and Pedro Camargo (5Y)

Early goals, Clinical Goals and Own Goals!

PMoss / Photos by Mr Arnulf

On a sunny Saturday day, with conditions perfect for football, St Nicholas took U12 and U14 teams to a 7-a-side football tournament held on grass at St Pauls. Three teams would battle it out to be festival winners. They were: St Nicholas, St Pauls and Stance Dual.

U12's

St Nicholas started very strongly against St Pauls with Ramiro Taboada clinically finishing two superb team worked goals in the opening four minutes. Was it going to be a rout? Nope! Twenty-five minutes is a long time and although St Nicholas were the better possessive side, St Pauls came back and held strong against numerous opportunities for St Nicholas to kill the game off. Two devastating blows which included an 18yrd spectacular top corner, own goal volley took the game to 2-2. Despite this set back St Nicholas looked to get a foothold back into the game and as ever Sofia Sores came good and scored the winner.

Fatigue played a major role in the second game but the work rate, commitment and at times some excellent combination play and movement made life very difficult for Stance Dual.

If not for some quality goal keeping by Aristide Arnulf and tireless defending led by Aleks Santos and Partick Sewell, the score could have gone the other way. The game ended as a hard earned 2-2 tie.

1st St Nicholas
2nd St Pauls
3rd Stance Dual

This certainly seemed true when St Pauls scored in the first minute, not the greatest of starts once again! However with João Lima playing well in goal and Theo leading the defense, St Nicholas adjusted quickly to their inexperience on grass and new formation. Kenji Fuse did what he does best and scored two fine goals and went on to score a sublime hat-trick. The goal scorer then turned provider for Daniel Rios who clipped it over a stranded keeper to give St Nicholas a clear and impressive win.

Come the second game and had St Nicholas learnt from the last game?No! Stance Dual charged through the early two minutes and scored two horrible goals past a "half asleep" St Nicks. Frustrated, shaken but not deterred, St Nicholas pressed, probed and looked to score with some near misses and wasted opportunities. As their determination and quality began to show, the more St Nicholas controlled the game. It wasn't long until the score was 2-1. St Nicholas were then firmly on top and despite coming close with numerous efforts, the final result painfully remained the same and the win went to Stance Dual.

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U14's

With the absence of a certain Tyroanne, and Felipe Daccache not available, St Nicholas looked to be at a disadvantage.

A big thanks to the hosts, St Pauls, and to the players for their spirited and committed performances. There was real quality football on show and a great morning was had by all.



JUNIOR OVERALL RESULTS

Peter Moss



might of London once again continue to dominate the Junior Inter House Futsal !!

1st Place - LONDON 10 pts
2nd Place - OXFORD 7 pts
3rd Place - CAMBRIDGE 7 pts

(Oxford 2nd on goal difference)

Yr6 2008 Futsal Champions- London
Yr5 2008 Futsal Champions- London
Yr4 2008 Futsal Champions- London

Yr3 2008 Futsal Champions- Cambridge



Recycling Today

Mrs. Vassellucci

There are three key factors when thinking about how to recycle - The 3 R's:



- Reduce** the amount of the Earth's resources that we use.
Reuse Don't just bin it, could someone else make use of it?
Recycle Can the materials be made into something new?

There is a very good reason why 'reduce' and 'reuse' were chosen as the first words in the phrase 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' and it wasn't just because it trips off the tongue nicely! Before we think about recycling anything, the very best thing that we can do for the environment is simply to use less resources in our daily life. Yes, we have to buy some stuff, but there are many ways in which we can minimise the amount we buy and the resources which we consume.

1. Boycott over-packaged products. Manufacturers are getting much better about this – they have realised they can save money this way. Refuse an item in a pointless plastic sleeve or an unnecessary box.
2. Use both sides of a piece of paper. Now is the time to find out how to use the 'print on both sides' feature of the office photocopier or computer printer.
3. Support Buy Nothing Day. 25th November is Buy Nothing Day. Yup and you'll cope, I promise!

4. Make friends with your local shoe repairer. Your favourite shoes will last for years longer if you get them repaired regularly. Polishing your shoes is also a little unfashionable, but shoe polish protects leather from water damage as well as keeping them looking smart.
5. Fit a low energy light bulb. Yes they cost more to buy, but you could save good money on electricity per year per bulb.
6. Don't chuck out used printer ink cartridges. Get them refilled at one of the many specialist shops springing up, or buy your own refill kit, available from office supply shops.
7. Sorted out your wardrobe? Give items in good condition to a charity shop or make some money selling them to a "Brechó". But what about the items too tatty to wear again? Cut them up for dusters, dish cloths or floor cloths. They can actually work better than the sort which you use a couple of times then bin.
8. Use less water. Have showers instead of bathing; don't run the tap while cleaning your teeth or washing dishes; don't run the dishwasher or washing machine until it is full.

Commemorations, Celebrations And Fun Events Around The World

Action Committee / International Committee



APRIL

1st – April Fool's Day is marked by playing practical jokes on friends and neighbors, or sending them on fools' errands, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible.

2nd – International Children's Book Day was chosen to commemorate the birthday of famous Danish storyteller Hans Christian Andersen. It is a celebration of children's books around the world.

4th – International Day for Landmines Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action aims to raise people's awareness about landmines and unexploded grenades, missiles etc., which kill or maim over 15 thousand every year. This campaign hopes for the complete eradication of these dangerous weapons.

– Qingming Festival meaning Clear and Bright Festival, is a traditional Chinese festival that is usually observed on April 5 except during leap year when it is on April 4. It is a time when people take care of the graves of departed loved ones, and also when people go out to enjoy the greenery of springtime.

7th – World Health Day is celebrated to raise people's awareness of specific health themes. These themes change every year as decided by the World Health Organization (WHO), and this year's theme is "Save lives. Make hospitals safe in emergencies."

9th – 15th - Passover, also known as Pesach, is the Jewish festival of freedom. It is held every spring to celebrate the exodus of the Jews from Egypt, where they had been slaves, about 3200 years ago.

11th – Easter Sunday is observed by many Christians to celebrate the miracle of Jesus coming back to life after crucifixion. People celebrate Easter using the rabbit as part of its symbol,

and exchanging eggs, candied eggs or chocolate eggs. Eggs symbolize new life, while the rabbit or Easter bunny is a symbol of the moon as the moon determines the date of Easter.

21st – Tiradentes Day commemorates the execution of Brazilian national hero Joaquim Jose da Silva Xavier - a co-conspirator in the 1789 revolt against the Portuguese. Xavier was a dentist by trade, and so the name "Tiradentes" which means "tooth-puller".

22nd – Earth Day is a day created to raise people's awareness to earth matters – how the planet's environment should be cared for, and how pollution should be fought.

23rd – World Book Day is observed to celebrate the birth and death anniversaries of famous authors especially Miguel de Cervantes and William Shakespeare. This celebration has traces its origin to Catalonia Spain where men would give roses to their lovers and women gave a book in exchange.

27th – Freedom Day is a celebration of freedom in South Africa. It commemorates the first democratic post-apartheid elections held in 1994 when Nelson Mandela was elected as President.

29th – International Dance Day (World Dance Day) aims to promote the importance of dance and for governments to recognize this importance by providing a proper place for dance in all levels of education.

25th February – 11th April – Lent is the seven weeks that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. Lent used to be the period of fasting and great sacrifice for all Christians. Nowadays, some Christians observe Lent by not eating meat apart from fish on Fridays.