

Hi there PV Friends and Gateway sponsors

Hope you all had a great festive season and were able to rest amongst all the chaos of the December holidays. 2011 is upon us and ready or not here it is!

Since my last letter we had the Soccer stress release day at PV, which was so much fun! I don't think soccer is meant to be played on anything other than slippery, soapy inflatable fields! We also had our parents and sponsors night, where we decided to keep the mentorship program running until the end of January, do interviews at the end of January and place the new youth worker at the beginning of February - or as soon as we are sure it is the right person. A panel will be doing the **interviews Wednesday the 26th** and have great applicants, so please pray for God's hand and guidance with that.

With the SCA at the school, things are crazy for this term. I joined the SCA committee for their meeting before school started and it really is packed this term. Here's a summary of what's happening:

- SCA is hoping to change their name and will do that as soon as they get the green light from the school
- **31 January:** new parents cheese and wine night where we'll have one of the students testify about what God's doing in the school and make them aware of the Gateway Project in the school
- **9 February: Parents fellowship, praise, worship and prayer night.** We'll be getting in a band, speaker and have some ministry time. Parents need prayer too!
- **10 February:** SCA leaders are asking if they can pray for the athletes at the **Big Brag.** Still waiting for confirmation on that.
- **14-18 February: Love week.** The SCA guys have loads of plans for that. The theme is *Different Faces of Love*, so tackling things like tough love, brotherly love, romantic love, etc. There's a theme for each day and on the Thursday 17th there will be another Praise and worship night with the Wholehearted band. We thought we'd use the same band for a bit of continuity and to build on what we did in October. They have longer sessions in the hall on two days of the week and get speakers in for that as well.
- **4-6 March: Interdenominational high school camp** with different schools and churches. Focus on discipleship and intentionally choosing the direction of your life.
- **Friday 4 March: Women's World Day of Prayer** – a morning get-together for all the Moms and daughters for a time of worship and prayer

With that of course there's the weekly SCA meetings at school. The way they're planning it is to have a speaker one week and then divide into small groups the week after and discuss the previous weeks message. Great leadership team and I know that God's going to touch people through them.

We are still looking for sponsors for the youth worker at the school and would appreciate your support. If you put your donation into the Paideia account (which is the training branch of Gateway), then it is a tax deductible item in terms of Section 18 A status.

For most private individuals the financial year end is the 28th of February, so if you want to make a once-off contribution towards the Gateway project, now is the time! The bank details are at the end of this mail. Gateway will send you a tax certificate if you need it. Please let us know should you require it. Contact Johan de Vries at johan@gyf.co.za for more details or information. If you prefer to make a monthly contribution, you will still receive a tax certificate, but only at the end of the next financial year. Please fill in the pledge form or debit form, so that we can plan according to it. We need to discuss and finalise the salary for the youth worker this week. For us it is a step of faith, because we believe it is God's will for the school and that He will touch the hearts of the parents and also churches and other companies in the community to contribute towards the spiritual development of our children - they are the future generation that we have to help build and develop now.

We would like to invite you to join us on the **9 February for a fellowship, praise, worship and prayer night at PV - specifically for parents**, I'd love to see you there. Something that God's really put on my heart for this year is just the simple concept of walking with Him, up mountains, down into valley's, but always with Him. And also to be intentional about walking with other people, I'm really enjoying the journey of walking with the Parel Vallei community and I've been so blessed by the people that I've come to know. Thank you so much for that privilege!

Please note that Gateway Youth Foundation has been approved for Section 18A status recently and simply need the certificate from SARS. For this reason the Paideia account will be used until the end of February 2011 for your convenience. Any queries regarding this matter can be referred to Johan de Vries at 0825727317. We will be happy to answer any questions.

God's richest blessings

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