



The Westwood WEB

Monday, 24th October 2011
Week 7, Term 3.

From The Head of School

Executive Summary of School Council Meeting held on October 4, 2011

The 2012 School Calendar was approved.

Term 1

16 th January 2012	classes start
24 th -27 th February 2012	mid-term break
5 th April 2012	classes end

Term 2

8 th May 2012	classes start
27 th -28 th July 2012	mid-term break
3 rd August 2012	classes end

Term 3

4 th September 2012	classes start
2 nd -5 th November 2012	mid-term break
6 th December 2012	classes end

2012 School Fees

The 2012 school fees are as follows:

	2012 fee per term
Reception - Year 2	14,317
Year 3 - Year 6	15,141
Year 7	18,437
Year 8 - Year 9	22,042
Year 10 - Year 11	24,205
Year 12 - Year 13	24,823

AGM

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 26th October at 6:00 p.m. At the next regular meeting of Council on the 15th of November, there will be an official hand-over to the new 2012 Council.

Proposed Constitution

A subcommittee will be developed to provide feedback on the 2nd draft of the proposed Westwood International School Council Constitution.

Phyllis HILDEBRANDT
Head of School

From The Deputy Head of School

Princess and the Pea

There is no better way to learn drama skills, than to watch the professionals do it. Westwood Drama students were given the opportunity to learn from the best, this October. Last week the students had the opportunity to watch "The Princess and the Pea" a brilliant live stage production by Maitisong.

I would like to congratulate Maitisong on a brilliant piece, with both traditional and African elements. With a great set, cast, crew and interactivity with the audience, they succeeded in bringing us a top quality production. We also hope that they could set an example to our students, bringing a wide variety of tips and help on both our everyday life situations and also life on stage.

Thank you Maitisong for this brilliant entertainment. It has been a while since I have seen a great quality production like this one; I hope to see it again soon, next time from our own brilliant drama students here at Westwood.

Alumni

We are building up our Alumni database and would like to invite parents of our former students to contact us and let us know where they are and what they are doing. Please send us an e-mail at admissions@westwood.ac.bw

Upcoming Events

Beth Proctor

Please find our calendar for the months of November and December.

Amanda WILLIAMS **U11 Girls Softball**
Deputy Head of School

On Friday 14th October, 2011 there was a softball tournament at Westwood. We played against Broadhurst and at the beginning the game was tough but we focused on making home runs and the final score was 5 : 3 in favour of Westwood. We then played against Botlhale and we made 9 home runs against the Botlhale'S 6. It was a tiring but rewarding tournament.

PTA NEWS

Mark your calendars! Next PTA General Meeting Thursday, October 27 @ 6 pm (Library). All are welcome!

Sheila COMEAU
PTA Secretary

On Thursday 20th October, 2011 the Westwood U11 girls softball team played against Legae. It was an interesting game and the girls put all their thoughts and energy into the game. It ended with a resounding victory of 18 : 8 home runs in favour of Westwood.

From the School Nurse

Due to the attached press release and for health and safety reasons, there will be no outdoor afternoon activities including all match fixtures until Wednesday, October 26, 2011. We will keep you updated on any further developments regarding the weather

Thank you,

Jing Jing Ilagan
School Nurse

Ret Emmanuel and Kelly Hector

Softball U13 Boys: WW vs Thornhill

Westwood boys U13 Softball team goes down 18 – 6 to Thornhill on the 6th of October 2011 at Thornhill. Westwood went to bat first in a three innings game. Sparsh opened for us. He booked himself a ticket to first base. Tumelo was next to bat. He pushed Sparsh home and went as far as third base after a very good hit. Marco was the next batsman and was sent out after three strikes. Tumelo pushed home for our second point. Matthew went in to bat. He managed to get to third base. On his day he can hit a home run. Panashe was struck out (2nd out). Ruan came in to book himself a ticket to 2nd base after a very good hit from the skipper who was later let down by lack of communication between him and Matthew which forced one of them out. Ruan made a run to third base where Matthew was not even aware, they were tagged out and Westwood had to field.

SPORTS NEWS

U/13 Girls Softball Trials

On Saturday the 15th October the U/13 Girls Softball Trials were held at Broadhurst School. Westwood sent four girls to represent our school. They were Danielle De Beer, Tadiwa Mutepfa, FikileMalikongwa and Lane Holl.

After a long morning of practicing skills and playing three games each the final selection of the team took place. Out of a total of 36 players the selectors chose 18 girls.

Our congratulations go to Tadiwa Mutepfa, Lane Holl and Danielle De Beer for being chosen to represent the U/13 Southern Botswana Girls Softball team.

They will play the North on the weekend of the 18th November.

PW started on a low note giving the first batsman a free base. He then improved with each and every pitch. He still needs to work more together with his catcher, Ruan in terms of communication. Our fielding looked good at the beginning with Willie, Petrus, Matthew and Ruan blocking most of the ground balls. Our field also looked good with the on form Tumelo catching two fly balls in succession sending two of their batsmen back to the bench. He also scored two points for us.

Our second inning was opened by Kevin who got out after his flyball was caught. Willie was next in

Sparsh was sent out after the third strike. Tumelo was next to bat. He went to 1st base. Marco was the next to bat and he managed to get to 1st base. He was so unfortunate because he was tagged out on his way to 2nd base after Matthew's excellent hit which took him to 2nd base and Tumelo home for his 2nd run.(point) (I will talk more about our fielding next time.)

Third inning: Ruan came in to open the inning for us and went safely to 1st base. Kevin was next in the batter's box and was struck out. Ruan worked his way to 2nd base. He was followed by Willie who went to 1st base. PW went to 1st base too pushing Willie and Ruan to 2nd and 3rd base respectively. Sparsh was caught out followed by Panashe who was also struck out.

All in all Westwood boys played to their standard. We still need to work quite a number of things to improve our play. The basics or core skills that every player must possess to play Softball. Technical skills, physical skills, mental skills and communication. Character in the two phases of play should be emphasized. That is when on attack (batting) and defence (fielding)

The other other thing in our programme is the Southern Schools U13 Boys Softball trials at Northside on the 15th October, 2011. From 08:00 to 15:00hr. From our team we have Petrus Oesthuizen, Matthew Russick, Ruan Van Mil, William Van Niekerk chosen to go for trials. We wish them a fun day.

Team Westwood: Sparsh, Tumelo, Marco, Matthew, Kevin, Petrus Panashe, Ruan (C) Willie

Coach: M. B. Chaenda

Westwood Secondary Girls Softball Team

Westwood International School has finally managed to assemble both boys and girls softball teams. On Monday 10th October 2011 Westwood girls jumped into the school bus to Al Nur where they were to play their first game ever. They were the first to bat. Maanda was first to bat and forced a point home. Boingotl was struck out as well as Natasha. Ivy managed to get to 1st base, Almone' went to 2nd base pushing Ivy up to third base, Carly was struck out letting Al Nur in to bat after fielding so well. It was like a one way traffic kind of softball where AL

Nur were able to score 16 points to 1 after three innings.

It was not a good start for the girls but we can still walk with our heads up because now we have girls secondary softball team. We only need to invite more girls to beef the team up more especially from the years 8, 9 and 10. Our next game is on Monday 17 against Rainbow at home. (Westwood)

Team Westwood: Ivy, Carly, Almone', Fifi, Natasha, Boingotl, Queen, Maanda, (Viviann and Phillipa were excused. I hope they join the team next game.)

Coach: M. B. Chaenda