



# The Westwood WEB

Monday, 14th November 2011  
Week 10, Term 3.

## From The Green Committee

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A special whole school assembly was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Mr. Martin Dube from 'Collect-a-Can' and 'Recycle-It' gave a presentation and talked about recycling worldwide and local recycling developments. His organization would be able to collect recycled rubbish from Westwood.

Kelly Tippins and Ewan Egner followed with a presentation explaining how they plan to make sets of recycling bins for each block of buildings round the school. They sent out an invitation for help so please do contact them and help with this very worthwhile initiative.

Large collection bins from which the waste can be collected and removed from the school premises are also needed. We are optimistic that recycling at Westwood will be operational early next year.

The Lower Primary play 'Trouble in the Wood' took place on Thursday evening. Well done to the staff and children involved for a superb show. The play, which followed on from the Units of Inquiry in class, showcased how at Westwood we are encouraging children to look after the environment.

## The Green Committee

## PTA News

### PTA Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2011 (Library, 6 pm)

The PTA offers an excellent opportunity for Westwood parents to connect with school management, teachers, students and each other! If you are interested in getting more involved with the school, and have some ideas on how Westwood can become an even better community of learners and leaders, join us at the AGM and help us set some exciting goals for the coming year.

The PTA Executive consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer and Secretary. We are

seeking new volunteers for the positions of Vice-Treasurer and Secretary in 2012, but all positions are open to nominations. Parents interested in helping out on the Executive Committee should contact the PTA ([ptawestwood@gmail.com](mailto:ptawestwood@gmail.com) or 7620-2943) ASAP for more details.

Elections will be held at the upcoming AGM.

**Sheila Comeau**  
PTA Secretary

## Children behind bars

### Children born and living behind bars with their imprisoned mothers.

Usually it is the mother who looks after the children but when the mother is imprisoned, the family breaks up. Some women are sentenced to terms of imprisonment when they are already pregnant, others when they have young babies whom they are usually allowed to keep in prison until they are ready for weaning or are 2 years old.

Some of these children literally grow up in prison because quite often family members refuse to keep them under their custody pending the mothers' release, hence resorting to child and social welfare institutions.

Although the African Charter on the Rights & Welfare of the Child 1999 "ensures that a mother shall not be imprisoned with her child", such is not the case in reality. In Botswana, for example, between two and three hundred children live behind bars with their imprisoned mothers.

The sad thing is that these children are treated like prisoners and they cannot mix and communicate with children outside prison. Consequently, the prison environment can cause permanent damage in their psychological well-being.

UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Article 5(2)) aims at protecting the rights and special status of women, especially pregnant women and nursing mothers, children and juveniles.

**But at our level what can we do?** Remember, the priority for the Prison department is prisoners and not these children which may imply that their needs are not adequately catered for. We want to bring some joy and comfort to them and will start collecting **toys** and **books** for them from the 15<sup>th</sup> November until school closes. The children are aged 0 to 5 years.

We are working with SADC on this project; they are liaising with the prison authorities for the handover of the collection and ensuring that the donations reach the children.

Donations can be placed in the collection box in reception or handed over to your child's teacher during registration.

## Sports News

Danielle De Beer was awarded the "Woman of the Match" award at a softball tournament at Broadhurst Primary School on Friday 11th November 2011. We congratulate her on this achievement.

### U/16 cricket match - Westwood vs Legae

In the blistering heat of the day Westwood U/16 cricket team took on Legae in a ten over cricket match. Before the match began it was high fives all around to some ex Westwood students and friends from Legae, but soon after the toss it was all serious. Westwood won the toss and chose to bat so it would be cooler when they fielded. Our captain Robin made some batting changes for the shorter version of the game and put our big hitters Jan and David to open the batting and Sarmad and Robin dropping down the order to 3<sup>rd</sup> and fourth.

Unfortunately the changes didn't work out because Jan was back in the pavilion after hitting a four on the second ball of the day and then getting caught out the on next delivery. In stepped Sarmad Unarguably the slowest scoring batsman on the team and he surprised everyone and even himself by scoring a quickfire 22 off 16 deliveries with David. Then when Westwood needed him the most he was given 'run out' by a somewhat controversial decision. In stepped Robin and he proved himself worthy of being Captain by scoring an unbeaten 36 in 16 balls while David quietly scored 29 off 29 balls. Westwood set the final target of 109 in 10 overs.

Jan and David opened the bowling and they were fantastic as usual. Jan took the first and the second wicket and David followed his example by taking the

third. Craig came to bowl his first over of the season and he and Robin slowed the run rate. Sarmad came on to finish things off by taking 4 wickets in his 2 overs and the game was up. Westwood having put their embarrassing loss to Gaborone International School behind them once again beat Legae. Well done to the students that participated and you have done Westwood proud.

Special thanks go to Mr. Hampshire for umpiring the game Mr. Mudzonga and Mr. Taraz for supporting us.

**Team: Robin(C), Sarmad (VC), Craig, Yan, David, Karabo, Sanchez, Jack, Marius, Eric, Hanro.**

### Bronwyn Wilson U/11 Softball Boys - Westwood vs Crescent

On Thursday 10/11/11 Westwood played Crescent. Westwood batted first and scored only 2 runs when Crescent came to bat. Westwood fielded very well and got them out for no runs. In the second innings Westwood scored another two runs and Crescent got out again for zero. In the third and final innings Westwood had 8 runs and Crescent had 6 runs. Our coach Mr. Taraz was very happy with our fielding and batting performance. We are unbeaten in our five Softball games. Well done and keep it up. Westwood won Crescent 8:6.

**Players: Setso (Captain), Olorato, Andre, Salman, Leniel, Craig, James, Tyron, Tinashe, Burm-  
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Westwood International School

cordially invites the

*Westwood Community*

to the High School Graduation Ceremony

Date: 24th November 2011

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Mantlwaneng Hall