

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*  
John 15:5

# The Grapevine

First Quarter 2016

## Save the date

13 February – Prayer Meeting

9:00 – 10:00am @ school

Communal prayer is a powerful weapon!

20 February – Open Day

9:30 – 11:30am

we want others to also benefit from what we offer!

Tell a friend

27 February – Special Parent Meeting

with **Dr Bill St Cyr**. You do NOT want to miss this talk on Ambleside education by our Executive Director from the United States.

4 March - School Closed

Ambleside Training

14 March - Progress Report Meetings

18 March - Term Ends

19 March - Prayer Meeting

9:00 – 10:00am @ school

## From the Principal's Desk

**A**t our first assembly of 2016, as I looked across the sea of faces waiting expectantly for me to greet them, I was somewhat surprised at the sudden wave of affection for the pupils and staff that came over me. I often tell the pupils and staff that I find joy in being with them. That morning I seemed to feel it more deeply. As I processed all of this, I was reminded that our work at The Vine School is more than simply teaching children facts and figures. It is more than preparing them for high school. It is more than equipping them to become productive



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citizens of our country. Indeed, our work at school is about creating and maintaining a relational atmosphere of joy where children (and adults) can grow. Where children delight in learning; but understand the value of struggle; where children from diverse backgrounds feel a sense of belonging; where teachers depend daily on the Holy Spirit for wisdom in order to foster a meaningful relationship with each child; where teachers strive to reach not only the minds of our pupils, but also their hearts.

**W**e now know that positive learning and real growth occur best in an environment of high joy. As we consider the year that lies ahead, filled with opportunities to grow and learn more about God and His world, may the joy of the Lord be our strength.

**The indwelling of Christ is a thought particularly fit for the children, because their large faith does not stumble at the mystery, their imagination leaps readily to the marvel, that the King Himself should inhabit a little child's heart.**

Charlotte Mason



## Opportunities

**ORGANISED?  
EFFICIENT?  
ADMIN THRILLED?**

**Wanted – PA to our Director, Susan Keegan**  
We have a newly-created, fulltime position for an efficient, marketing-oriented, highly computer literate PA to help our school founder with all things admin. Know of anyone?  
Closing date is 19 February.

## Off-shoots of The Vine – where are they now?

The **Scherrer family** from Brazil left us at the end of last year to go and share the Gospel with people in the Middle East.

**M**atheus will be sorely missed. But the family have already found that The Vine has prepared Matheus remarkably well for grade 1 at his new international school. His mom let us know that he is ahead in every way – socially, academically and emotionally. Mrs Scherrer said, “We have excellent news. Matheus had his 'trying day' at the new school and did a test to know his level of knowledge. The teacher told us that Matheus was excellent in the test and his knowledge is above the kids in grade 1.” An encouraging testimony to our school's philosophy, our teachers and our God.



Of all the joyous motives of school life, the love of knowledge is the only abiding one; the only one which determines the scale, so to speak, upon which the person will hereafter live.

Charlotte Mason

## Win a R500 Voucher Refer a Friend

Because our parents value what we offer at The Vine and because our pupils love coming to school, who better to tell others about the last few spaces we have left? If you know of someone who would fit right in, tell them about us! If they sign up, we'll give you a **Spur Family Voucher** valued at R500 as a token of our sincere appreciation! Contact the office for more details.

Recycle your **glass, paper** and **printer cartridges** at school!

Recycling 1 ton of office paper saves **17** trees, **26,500** litres of water, **1800** litres of oil, and enough energy to heat an average home for **6** months!! Only **59 %** of paper and **25%** of glass is recycled in South Africa... **That's a whole lot going to waste!**



## Numbers to know

**0** places left in grades RR, R and 1!  
We now have a solid foundation in the lower grades.

**15** places available in the higher grades.

**6** new staff joined our team.

**100 %** of our grade 7 pupils promoted to high school of their choice in 2016

**4** Ambleside model schools have started in SA since 2012! More and more people are seeing the need for an excellent, life-giving education in our country.

**3** months of water left in the Cape!  
Please use water wisely and pray for rain.