



Appeal for funding for the UK Old Preppie Scholarship

St Andrew's Preparatory School - Grahamstown, South Africa

The UK Old Preppie Scholarship



**ST ANDREW'S PREPARATORY
SCHOOL**



The Prep Song

I'll sing you One-Oh!
Peep goes the Whistle-Oh!
What is your One-Oh?
One is late and always late
And ever more shall be so!

I'll sing you Two-Oh!
Peep goes the Whistle-Oh!
What is your Two-Oh?
Two, two's a missing cap, dirty hands and dirty boots and one is late and always late....

I'll sing you Three-Oh!
Peep goes the Whistle-Oh!
What is your Three-Oh?
Three, three's Benjy, two, two's a missing cap, dirty hands and dirty boots....

I'll sing you Four-Oh!
Peep goes the Whistle-Oh!
What is your Four-Oh?
Four's for the monkey races, three, three's Benjy....

I'll sing you Five-Oh!
Peep goes the Whistle-Oh!
What is your Five-Oh?
Five's for the time we say our prayers,
Four's for the monkey races....

I'll sing you Six-Oh!
Peep goes the Whistle-Oh!
What is your Six-Oh?
Sixpence on Wednesday, Five's for the
time we say our prayers and Four's for the....

I'll sing you Seven-Oh!
Peep goes the Whistle-Oh!
What is your Seven-Oh?
Seven for the classrooms,
Sixpence on Wednesdays....

I'll sing you Eight-Oh!
Peep goes the Whistle-Oh!
What is your Eight-Oh?
Eight for the Senior Eight,
Seven for the classrooms,
Sixpence on Wednesdays,
Five's for the time we say our prayers,
and Four's for the monkey races,
Three, three's Benjy, Two, two's a missing cap,
Dirty hands and dirty boots, and One is late and always late and
EVER MORE SHALL BE SO!



So much has changed, yet so much remains the same

St Andrew's Prep continues in its age-old tradition of providing boys with a nurturing, unpretentious and rewarding junior school experience.

Over its 129 years of service, Prep has grown and evolved so that it now stands as a unique and leading boarding school in Southern Africa. Children from Pre-Primary to Grade 7 are educated in a caring, Christian environment where each individual has the opportunity to develop his or her academic, sporting and cultural potential to the full.

The Fairlawn campus, which is home to the Pre-Primary and Foundation Phase children, offers a secure educational and homely environment for our young children to establish sound learning and values.

Top Prep is the pride of the senior boys and a place where the lads grow in leaps and bounds as they begin to master the skills required for success in senior school and beyond.

Robert Mullins lived by the following dictum, "Work hard, play hard, sleep hard, eat hard". Whilst the social and educational contexts have changed dramatically since the days of Robert Mullins' headship, his words are an amazingly apt and accurate description of life at Prep today.



The staff at Prep appreciate that all children are precious and ensure that the sense of a school family is deeply entrenched in the school's ethos. St Andrew's Prep is blessed with an exceptional teaching faculty, who understand the learning needs of preparatory scholars and believe wholeheartedly in the concepts of 21st century learning, whilst respecting and building on our traditions and rich heritage.

There have been a number of recent developments and upgrades at Prep. The refurbishment of Robert House has transformed our boarding facilities into the best in South Africa. Our girl boarders now live with their big sisters at DSG, an arrangement that works wonderfully. Their move has freed up space in Fairlawn for a new dedicated Junior Primary IT lab and a new Pre-Primary and Junior Primary Library. We have also introduced the use of iPads in the classroom and use them almost daily for a range of subjects.

Through the generosity of donors, the fierce loyalty of Old Preppies and careful stewardship, Prep has developed into a beautiful campus situated on 20 hectares, rich in tradition and character.

St Andrew's Prep continues in the same spirit that motivated its founders so long ago. It has taught generations of boys the virtues of self-reliance, determination and comradeship.





St Andrew's Prep draws boys from across the country and the African continent. Currently there are 245 children from Pre-Primary (Grade 000) to Grade 7, of which 73 are boarders. Our school has more boys in our boarding school programme than any other primary school in South Africa. Its roots remain firmly in the Eastern Cape. A significant number of boys come from farming stock and many families have sent their sons to St Andrew's for five generations and more.



Message from the Headmaster

St Andrew's Prep, on the back of 129 years of heritage, is blessed with an abundance of first class facilities, gracious buildings and spacious grounds. Our programmes are rich, diverse and of the highest calibre. These programmes are taught and facilitated by an extraordinary team of dedicated professionals.

As one of the leading independent prep schools in the country, we seek to develop leaders, pioneers and game changers, who will make meaningful and significant contributions to the Rainbow Nation, as they emerge as young adults of the future.

In order to support and contribute to this mission, we seek to establish a scholarship that will attract boys who have displayed, in their early primary school years, significant achievement and potential. The recipients of this prestigious scholarship will be boys who stand head and shoulders above their peers in terms of academic, sporting and cultural achievements. These boys will have strong values, superb social skills and should display promising leadership potential.

They will have the promise of becoming wonderful Old Preppies who, in turn, may support the next generation of Preppies.

Gareth Allman
Headmaster





The UK Old Preppie Scholarship

St Andrew's Prep is respectfully seeking donations towards the support of a scholarship to be called the **UK Old Preppie Scholarship**.

It is our vision that this scholarship will be awarded to three boys over the next three years who show outstanding academic, sporting and cultural potential. The scholarship will cover full tuition and boarding fees for the full four years at Prep.

We are confident that the prestige of awarding the UK Old Preppie Scholarship, synonymous with the Boxer Scholarship at St Andrew's College, will further increase the status of Prep as a leading boys' school in Southern Africa.

In order to accommodate three boys (the first boy starting in Grade 4 in 2015, the next boy in 2016 and the last boy in 2017), a total of £88 000 is required.

We are fortunate to have already received donations and pledges from Old Preppies living in the United Kingdom totalling £43 000 towards this scholarship.

We are therefore respectfully seeking an additional £45 000 in order to commence with this programme in 2015.

We are asking for donations and pledges, both large and small, from Old Preppies resident in the UK to contribute to our strategy of ensuring the sustainability of Prep as a leading preparatory school.

Your donation would irrevocably change the life of an individual and assist in the sustainability of our school.

Your donation would provide the inspiration for others to follow in your footsteps.

Benefits of Donating to our Programme

By donating, you join the Andrean donor community and you take your rightful place among all those individuals who have so generously supported Prep over the decades.

Donations may be made in the United Kingdom into the Grahamstown United Schools' Trust which is a registered charity (number 1122508). You may be gift aided if you are a United Kingdom taxpayer.

As a donor, you will receive ongoing communication from The Foundation Office relating to news from Prep, including, success stories, achievements and campus developments.

You will be updated on a regular basis with the progress of the recipients of your generosity.

An invitation would be extended to you by the Headmaster to join us as our guest of honour at Prep Feast which is held in December every year. Prep Feast has changed very little since when you were at Prep and this would be a unique opportunity to tour the campus, meet the boys and celebrate the year's academic, sporting and cultural achievements with our community.



Quotes from recent donors to the Prep Scholarship and Bursary Fund

Mr Bryan Gransden (Old Preppie, 1947) **Canada**

I have been asked to write a few words in commendation of St Andrew's Preparatory School as Prep continues its efforts to raise funds for its scholarship programmes.

From my perspective as an ex-Preppie, Prep is one of the best preparatory schools in the English-speaking world, having more than lived up to its Founding Prayer that "it stands always for all that is true, noble, lovely and of good report" and "that we and others may so gain from its life that many may bless Thee for the day when it was founded and that its work may be extended and continued for generations to come....".

I arrived at Prep at the end of the Second World War, having missed school altogether for a period by virtue of the war and subsequently having attended a series of schools in Egypt and India which left me far behind academically.

I was lovingly received by Prep and its wonderful staff, of whom I remember in particular Mr Ted Rivett-Carnac, who came to Fairlawn in 1946 with a chestful of medals from the war. Mr Rivett-Carnac was only one of the many Old Preppies who served, and to whom a total of forty honours and decorations for distinguished service were granted. At this time South Africa enjoyed an excellent reputation internationally, as did the Prime Minister, Field Marshall Jan Christiaan Smuts, one of the founders of the United Nations.

The Prep teachers very quickly turned me around and, before I even knew it, I advanced quickly in most of my classes. My best-remembered academic achievement at Prep was to earn its Latin holiday by memorizing every Latin verb in Kennedy's Latin Primer. I learned the social intricacies of the English-speaking world, its music, songs and traditions as though Grahamstown was situated in an English county rather than in rural South Africa. I learned to play rugby and cricket, scoring a six in my first game! I also read every book in the Prep library during the period that I was there.

As I write this piece, so many memories return. Every morning at Prep, the roll was called, the boys answering by stating their names in the sequence of their seniority, the "Standing Order". I do not remember the name of the boy at the top, only my position in the Standing Order - "...Williams, Gransden, Ward....", and that Ward, who came from Benoni, was known as Benoni Ward! One can never forget the half-term picnic, when the old cart was produced, loaded with goodies and dragged to the country. A tradition of the picnic was to make toffee with condensed milk and golden syrup in the same frying pans in which the meat was cooked!

In 1948 with the election of the Nationalist Party and the introduction of apartheid, South Africa quickly became a pariah state, and private schools such as St Andrew's College and Prep were confronted with Dr Verwoerd's Bantu Education Act, passed in order to enforce an inferior system of education for non-European boys. That the administrators of Prep and other private schools passed a resolution to provide equitably for the education of all South Africans, whatever the difficulties, speaks well of the School. Now that a democratic government rules, Prep has an opportunity to redress any and all grievances of the apartheid era by providing scholarships for deserving boys.

Anonymous (Old Preppie, 1957) **United Kingdom**

It is generally recognised that a happy childhood leads on to a happy life. In my experience, thanks in large part to Prep, this has been true. I cannot therefore think of a more rewarding investment than supporting a bursary to Prep and so bringing happiness into a young person's life who might otherwise miss the experience.



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Andrew La Trobe (Old Preppie, 1978) **United Kingdom**

By various twists and turns I ended up starting at Pre-Prep in the Fairlawn buildings in 1972. My three brothers were at school at St Aidans, but the good Jesuit Fathers did not offer sub A and sub B pre-school, so the plan was for me to complete these two years with the “Hanglicans”, and then move across to join the “fish & chips” bunch in Std 1. Sadly St Aidan’s closed its doors at the end of 1973, but to my everlasting gratitude my parents took the decision to leave me continuing my journey at Prep, whilst my brothers took up at Kingswood in 1974.

For someone who wasn’t so very obviously pre-ordained to be a Preppie, I have never felt anything other than a sense of overwhelming belonging to the Prep community. Like the very first Preppies, and many other generations that have passed through the school so happily, I started out in the care of a Mullins. In my case it was Mrs Sheila Mullins, who provided such a wonderful nurturing environment for those on the first rung of their education ladder. Not long after came Mrs Joan Bromhead, who did so much to instil in us a sense of adventure and the enjoyment of outdoor pursuits. After them came a long line of wonderful educationalists at both Prep and College, but looking back much of my life and those of my fellow Preppies, was made possible by the extraordinary start Prep provided in those very early years of our lives.

That seems to be increasingly reinforced by research from educationalists - that our earliest years are the most critical to our long term ability to achieve our true potential. This is the great opportunity: for Prep to be a home for so many more talented children, whose lives (and those of their community) can be transformed by Prep’s inspirational and nurturing education.

I have a photograph of my 1972 class, and when I look across all the little faces of my classmates (of whom many remain close friends), it’s very encouraging as to what they have achieved as individuals, and what we as a group have managed to contribute in our respective walks of life and communities. This is the great power of Prep, and why I’m so enthused by the idea of another group of Preppies combining in support of future generations of children who need our support to join the Prep family.

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'Boys are found everywhere – on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults educate them and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.'

Anonymous

