



AIS Weekly

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No School for the Id-EL Fitri Holiday and Nigerian Independence Day

Dear Parent,

The Federal Government has announced Monday, September 29th through Wednesday, October 1st, as Id-El-Fitri and Nigerian Independence Holidays. In addition, the school will be closed Thursday and Friday. The school campus will be closed during this week as well.

School will resume on Monday, October 6th, 2008.

Enjoy your break

4th Grade Parents and Students

Be on the lookout for information regarding the upcoming Sea-Camp informational meeting later in October.

Week at a Glance

Since there is no school next week, the week at a glance is for **October 4th-11th**

Saturday October 4th

- Saturday Soccer - **NONE**

Sunday October 5th

- Campus Closed

Monday October 6th

- MS/HS Auditions for the Musical Scrooge

Tuesday October 7th

- MS/HS Auditions for the Musical Scrooge

Wednesday October 8th

- PTO Carnival Volunteer Meeting

Thursday October 9th

- Nothing Scheduled

Friday October 10th

- Nigerian Culture Day

Saturday October 11th

- Saturday Soccer
- Boy Scout Troop Meeting

Superintendent - Thomas Shearer
Secondary Principal - Sharon Schauss
Elementary Principal - Justin Smith
Director of Admissions - John Stewart

Behind 1004 Estates, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria
234-1-261-7798

IDOLS search for AISL Carnival 2008 !!!

Can your children dance a representative folk music from your country? If so, we would love to have them perform as part of the PTO AISL Carnival Program on Nov. 8th, 2008.



To present a good show, though, we would appreciate a good effort is made on presenting them as professional as possible: choreography and clothes. If we look into details, not only they will shine on the day but the rest of us will have a realistic idea of how wonderful your culture is.



Are you up to it? Come on, there is enough rehearsal time -coming October break, for example.

Responses are welcome at giselayfrans@gmail.com

Gracias por tu ayuda (thanks for helping),

Gisela Akkermans, 2008 AISL Carnival Coordinator

First Carnival Volunteers Meeting

Would you like to make the pto AISL Carnival on Nov 8th, 2008 a more successful event?

Then come join us, we have a plan, we just need hands to help making it happen.

Meet me at: Pool Conference Room

Date: Wednesday, October 8th

Time: 12:00-14:00

There will be coffee and tea!!

Muchas Gracias,

Gisela Akkermans - Pto Carnival Coordinator



Nigerian Culture Day fabrics on display at affordable prices.

Venue: AISL field (Beside the Big Toy)

Date: September 27th during Saturday Soccer

Visit www.aislagos.org for School Information

Secondary News

I want to thank all of the parents who came to "Back To School Night" on the 24th. We appreciated you taking the time to come to school to meet the teachers and to learn about the courses your students are taking.

Parent/Teacher Conferencing will take place in October. Conferencing will begin the week of October 13. Please see below for the dates and times that your student's teachers will be available to meet with you. Please e-mail your student's teacher(s) to schedule a longer conference time if you know you need more than 10 minutes with the teacher.

- Grade 6 - Mr. Teague, Mrs. Rainbolt, and Mr. Olson's students will hold Student Led Conferences for you and your students. Please contact the 6th team for a conference appointment. Conferences will take place in the grade 6 classrooms.

- Grade 6 - Arena Style Conferencing - Meet with Elective Teachers in the Gym

October 16 - 5:00 to 7:30 pm

October 18 - 9:30 to 11:30 am

October 23 - 3:00 to 7:00 pm

- Grade 7 and 8 - Arena Style Conferencing - Meet with Academic and Elective Teachers in the Gym

October 18 - 9:30 to 11:30 am

October 23 - 3:00 to 7:00 pm

- Grade 9 through 11 - Arena Style Conferencing - Meet with Academic and Elective Teachers in the Gym

October 16 - 5:00 to 7:30 pm

October 18 - 9:30 to 11:30 am

International Experiential Learning - Date Change

In order to accommodate the Nigerian Culture Day Fashion Show, the date for the parents and students to receive information about the Secondary International Experiential Learning Opportunities has been changed from October 8 to October 15. Please join the secondary teaching staff in the Gym from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the 15th. You will have an opportunity to hear the details of the options available to students for the 2008-2009 school year. Parents and students will not need to make a decision on the 15th. You will have time to think about all of the options and make an informed choice.

Grade 11 Ascending Accreditation Review

As you know, Grade 11 and the 11th grade International Baccalaureate courses were added this school year. Laird Evans from Middle States Association will be at AISL on October 13 to review our Grade 11 program. Mr. Evans will observe in classes, and will meet with teachers, parents, Board of Directors, and students. I hope you will take the opportunity to welcome Mr. Evans to AISL.

Midterm Exams

It is hard to believe - but midterm exams are just around the corner. Midterms will take place the week of October 20. The schedule will be announced in upcoming newsletters. Midterm report cards will come home on October 27.

Thanks for supporting your students and for being an involved parent. Enjoy the break.

YOGA CLASSES (for AIS PARENTS)

Yoga is on as usual for the month of October. There will be no yoga next week. Classes will resume on the 7th October 2008.

Kindly take note.

Classes as usual: Tuesdays and Thursdays

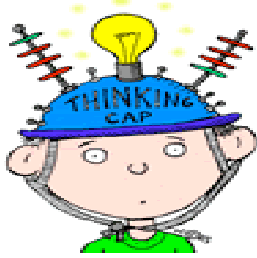
Time: 7:25AM to 8:25AM

Place: POOL CONFERENCE ROOM

For further information call Janvi at 7760464 or 08023042525



Visit www.swift.aislagos.org for Classroom Information



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Elementary Student Council

Hand in Hand

The AISL Elementary Student Council gives students an introduction to the very basic concepts of self-government. We encourage the students' awareness of community, both within the school and in the larger community. The Student Council works hard, and SC representatives have a lot of fun working together. Elementary Student Council is a great way for students to improve their leadership and public speaking skills by getting them involved with the community at a very early age.

Each first through fifth grade class sends two representatives to a lunch-period meeting as needed. These class reps report back to their classmates.

During the school year, 6 students from each class have the opportunity to represent their fellow classmates. These students pass info regarding raising money through walk-a-thons, bake sales, and other activities. The funds are distributed with a minor portion going to a project within the school and the larger portion going to projects within Lagos.

Grades 1 & 2 class representatives had their first lunch meeting Thursday 11th. Mrs. Westbrook welcomed the reps. Introductions were made and we all enjoyed a special treat of popcorn together! We discussed our roles as rep's and the importance of reporting back to our classes. We talked about previous events sponsored by the Student Council. The reps seemed enthusiastic about the upcoming year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Class representatives in Grades 3, 4, 5 met with Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Shearer, & Mrs. Baietto on Thursday, 11th. A welcome popcorn treat greeted 20 reps. After students were caught up on last year's successes, they were given their first assignment. Class reps were assigned to get input from their classmates. The question is: What do AISL students want the Student Council to sponsor? We are anxiously awaiting the fresh ideas! Our next meeting will be soon!

Reaching Out

Last year's Elementary Student Council worked with the AWC in their first project for school year 2007-08. The Holiday Food/Other Drive was conducted for a week, and tremendous amounts of donations were received from the community. Intra-school donations were given to the Spelling Bee Committee and Grades 3-5's CAMP Learned-a-Lot. The Elementary Student Council were extremely proud of the amount raised thru a fund-raising event "Leprechaun Leap" to donate to various AISL school projects and charities within Lagos via the American Women's Club. Donations were made to Beth Torrey Home for Handicapped Children, Ife-Oluwa Maternity Clinic & Orphanage, and the Nigerwives Braille Book Production Centre. The Child Lifeline c/o Mr. Phipps also received donations from us. Lastly, ESC also donated money for one tree in the high school project. An outstanding job indeed with the class representatives leading the whole elementary school!!!

Mr. Gaudet's Curriculum Corner

The Introduction of The International Schools' Assessment at AIS Lagos.

One of the most important questions for parents is always, "How is my child doing?". A related question is "Compared to what?" This is a particularly critical question for families away from home, where it is hard to know how systems, and standards, compare. Until recently it has been difficult for any international school to answer these questions in a really substantial way, because the international school network has not had access to a form of external assessment normed on international standards. This has now changed, with the development of The International Schools' Assessment (ISA).

What is ISA?

International Schools' Assessment (ISA) is an annual assessment program that has been specially developed to measure skills in mathematical literacy, reading and writing of students in international schools. ISA is based on the internationally endorsed reading and mathematical literacy frameworks of the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) developed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. It is designed and developed in Australia by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The ISA reports provide descriptive information about what students know and can do. The results are equated from year to year so they can be used to track changes over time at individual and school level.

What is ISA NOT?

ISA is not a competitive or comparative test, such as the IB Diploma or AP. It is not a test that students "pass". It will not be used for purposes other than providing data to you, your child, about his/her learning and us. While we give opportunities for practice, students do not 'prepare' for the tests, since they are consistent with what students learn on a regular basis.

Who uses ISA?

A growing number of international schools now use ISA, including many of the acknowledged world leaders in international education.

How do the assessments work?

Students complete a reading literacy test, a mathematical literacy test and two writing tests, each of which takes between 45 minutes and one hour to administer. The tests include both multiple-choice and open ended tasks.

When is AIS Lagos introducing ISA?

We will use ISA this year for all grades from 3-11. The tests will be taken on October 8th and 9th. They will be taken in 'normal' school conditions e.g. in homeroom groups, in conditions that are familiar to our students.

How will ISB use the results?

As a school, we will analyze all data about the general patterns of performance and use these as another of the ways in which we monitor and modify our educational program. These data will be one of the 'success indicators' to which we pay attention each year.

What information will I receive as a parent?

We will pass on all information about your child to you in the form of an individual report. These reports are provided by ACER and are very comprehensive. They will give you a detailed record of your child's performance in relation to scales that describe increasingly advanced skills in mathematical literacy, reading literacy and writing. You will receive them by the end of January. The scores will also be posted on my SWIFT page for easy reference. It is entirely your decision as to whether you pass on this information to another school when you leave AIS.

In Conclusion-

We see the development of ISA as a significant advance in international education that will provide you with clear information about your child's progress against credible, objective international standards. If you have any questions about the introduction of ISA at AIS Lagos, please feel free to contact me directly. You may also wish to visit ACER's website (www.acer.edu.au), for further information.



5th Grade Space Camp!!!

Who?.....All 5th Grade Parents interested in sending their child to Space Camp.

What?....Information about the upcoming trip to NASA Space Camp.

Where?...The meeting will take place in Mrs. Baietto's 5th Grade Classroom.

When?....The meeting will take place on *Tuesday, October 28th at 3pm.*

For more information about 5th Grade Space Camp please contact:

Linda Baietto: lbaietto@aislagos.com

Mary Teague: mteague@aislagos.com

Jon Welchman: jwelchman@aislagos.com

We hope to see you there!



NOTES FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

WE still NEED COACHES! With the addition of Junior Varsity teams, we are in need of coaches. We will need a head coach for the following sports and seasons: Season 2 from November 17, 2008 to February 20, 2009 (10 weeks) for Boys' and Girls' Basketball; and Season 3 from March 2-May 22, 2009 (10 weeks) for Boys' and Girls' Volleyball. If you are or someone you know is interested, please see or email Ms. Olsen at nolsen@aislagos.com for more information.

Lagos, Nigeria T-shirts Sale will be every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for the next 5 weeks in front of the new Annex building. We will also take orders for t-shirt sizes and colors that we currently do not have in stock, but will have made. You can also find the order form on Ms. Olsen's SWIFT site. T-shirts come in Youth small, medium, and large in grey and white. We also have Adult small, medium, large, extra large, and extra-extra large in grey, white, and black. The t-shirts cost N2000 each. These funds go to support the AISL Competitive Sports Program.

PURCHASE A BILLBOARD FOR YOUR BUSINESS TO POST ON THE AISL FIELD!

We are currently selling billboards and spaces around the AISL field. Each sign will be created with pre-designed artwork or working with an artist to produce the artwork. DigiPrints will make the prints of the signs and the AISL maintenance crew posts the signs. Each sign costs US\$2,000 or the equivalent in Naira according to the latest exchange rate. This is a GREAT opportunity to promote your business to our international community. Proceeds from these sales will go to support student activities. See the attached information letter and form for more details.

Upcoming Competitive Soccer Matches:

- Friday, October 17—Boys' Junior Varsity and Varsity teams will play at Whitesands School at 3pm
- Thursday, October 23—Boys' Junior Varsity and Varsity teams will play at AISL vs. Lebanese School at 3pm

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming matches! AISL will be joining a soccer league to schedule at least 5 home and 5 away matches against Whitesands School, Downen College, British International School, Lekki British High School, French School, and Atlantic Hall, who are all possible league participants. It's shaping up to be a great season of soccer at AISL!

Lagos, Nigeria T-shirts

Order Form

Name: _____

Classroom/Period A Teacher: _____

Shirt sizes: Youth small, medium, large and Adult small, medium, large, extra large, and extra-extra large

T-shirt colors: white, grey, and black

Cost per t-shirt: N2000

T-shirt Color	T-shirt Size	Quantity	Subtotal	Total

Paid _____

Receipt # _____

Delivered on _____

Initials _____

Back of t-shirt, large in the center:



Front in the center, breast area:



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Dear Sir or Madam:

The American International School of Lagos (AISL) is continuously seeking opportunities to develop working relationships with a variety of companies in Lagos. AISL is more than a school where children come to learn and play. Our facilities also serve as a meeting place where parents and guests informally network with one another regarding personal and business needs while their children are engaged in various activities.

AISL would like to extend an advertising opportunity to your business. Advertising space is available in 8-feet by 8-feet (approximately 2.5 meters by 2.5 meters) boards. These will be placed on the inside wall that surrounds AISL's athletic field. This space provides your business with exposure and advertising good for one calendar year.

The cost of each space is US\$2,000 or the Nigerian Naira equivalent at the exchange rate determined by AISL Business Office. Included in the cost of each advertising space are the cost of materials, labor, and billboard printing completed by DigiPrints. Your company is responsible for providing AISL with the digital pictures and content desired for your brand advertisement.

The proceeds from the advertising spaces will benefit the AISL student activities, athletics, and facilities maintenance. There will be a direct and immediate impact on the AISL community with the increased revenue provided by this brand advertising opportunity.

We welcome you to visit our school and see our facilities for yourself. You will also have the opportunity to view our school's billboard and select the advertising space along the athletic field's perimeter that would be most suitable to your business' needs. You can contact me via email at nolsen@aislagos.com, by phone at 01-776-4522, or in person in my classroom (during posted "office" hours) Room 101 of the Annex to make arrangements for a visit and/or to purchase an advertising space. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to building a relationship with your business.

Kind regards,

Nisse Olsen
Spanish Teacher, Activities Coordinator, and Athletic Director

AISL Brand Advertising Rental Agreement

This agreement is between the American International School of Lagos (AISL) and the company listed below for advertising space on the AISL Athletic Field perimeter wall.

Company (Renter): _____

Date: _____

Advertising Space Number: _____

Duration of Advertisement: One (1) Calendar Year from _____

Annual rental fee is \$2,000 USD or Naira equivalent determined by AISL Business Office. The fee is due prior to the printing and installation of brand advertisement.

Advertising space at this time is limited to the AISL Athletic Field perimeter wall. Advertising space is rented by the company listed above for the duration of one calendar year from the date of installation. The advertising space on the AISL Athletic Field perimeter wall remains the sole property of AISL.

The above company may rent additional advertising spaces from AISL with prior approval of AISL. A representative from the above company may inspect the advertisement billboard prior to installation. No refund shall be granted to the above company after installation of the advertisement billboard.

AISL is not responsible for the removal, reprinting, or reinstallation of any advertisements due to changes in the company policies, contact information, image etc.

Athletic Director's Signature

AISL Superintendent's Signature

Company Representative's Signature

Date

Company Address

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

2008 Saturday Soccer

A tough week this one with sanitation day coming up and the possibility of next week being a holiday – so changed arrangements this weekend. Read on for the details...

This Week's Games

This week we had to consider a combination of the sanitation day on Saturday and a significant number of known and expected absences of both kids and coaches on Saturday due to the widely anticipated holidays next week. After discussion with the Commissioners and coaches we have decided to continue with games but have moved Divisions F & G to Friday afternoon. You should have got an e-mail on this on Wednesday - if you didn't it's because our database is wrong so please advise us at <mailto:socceraisl@gmail.com>.

FRIDAY

26-Sep-08	Pitch 1/1a		Pitch 2		27-Sep-08
1630-1730	IRELAND	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	WALES	4:30-5:30pm
1730-1830	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NORWAY	FINLAND	5:30-6:30pm

SATURDAY

27-Sep-08	Pitch 1/1a		Pitch 2		27-Sep-08
1100-1200	NEW ZEALAND	CHINA	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	11am-12pm
	INDIA	AUSTRALIA			
1200-1300	BRAZIL	PARAGUAY	U.S.A.	CANADA	12pm-1pm
1314-1415	EGYPT	GHANA	SOUTH AFRICA	NIGERIA	1:15-2:15pm
1415-1515	CAMEROON	KENYA	FRANCE	GERMANY	2:15-3:15pm
1530-1630	ITALY	HOLLAND	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	3:30-4:30pm

Note that there will still be no food court on Saturday, only cold drinks will be available so bring your own snacks this week. The school pool will be open as usual with a life guard.

Chevron

Another problem this week has been the impact on practices of traffic for kids returning to Chevron. Parents with kids taking 1 1/2 hours to get back have understandably kept them from practice. This is not an easy one to solve.



Chevron are offering an extra individual practice at Chevron once a week but I know coaches, particularly for older teams, are keen to maintain a chance to practice tactically as a team. We'll be working with the coaches to figure out what we can do. It's not practical to change the Saturday teams at this point in the season, but if you are a non-Chevron player in a junior team struggling for players at practice because of this do contact me and we'll see if we can't hook you up with another session mid week

Photos

106 photos from week 2 are on the web - I don't have access to so many photos for the younger kids so do please send those in on Monday's.

S³ - Shirts, Shorts & Socks !

With luck we'll have new goalkeeping shirts and gloves by Saturday, if not we're still on hands but we're almost there.

Weather Permitting !!

Remember the rain-out phone number for games or practices:

0802 501 5959

Remember the Website !

<http://sites.google.com/site/aislsoccer/>

Looking Forward - Oct 11 Next Game + Photos

No practices are scheduled during the week of 29 Sep-2 Oct and there is no game scheduled on 4 Oct. Next game is 11 Oct and this is also team photo day. Practices as normal the preceding week. Also on November 8th we'll be adding a coaches vs. kids games to the Carnival Day celebrations - assuming of course that complex negotiations on *which* kids can be completed ☺

PTO REVIEW

What you missed!

On Saturday 20th of September in the Pool Conference Room a small but happy group met to be entertained and ask questions of the AISL administration team, Tom Shearer, Sharon Schauss, Justin Smith, Barry Phipps, Dr Sarah Agnew, Norm Gaudet and John Stewart. Mike Bowen, President of the School Board also said a few words on the role of the board in making policy and maintaining the high standards and expectations of the school community. We also enjoyed some very good Australian wine donated by Judi Wilmott who sells cartons of Australian and Chilean wine at good prices (also spirits). Judi can be contacted on the following numbers for her wine list (well worth a look) Just say your from AIS.

Judi
8 Aromire Road
Ikoyi
Tel 0803 555 2222
Email Judi@willmotts.biz

Information highlights on understanding how the curriculum is set up and what is available to us as parents were given by Norm Gaudet and I strongly recommend that if you have a question regarding STAR or ITSB testing you speak to Norm or look up his website on the AISL pages. Norm is in the process of putting all the children's results for these tests (and past history at these tests) on the site to be able to be accessed by parents. Another area parents from Grade 6 up are encouraged to be involved in is getting information on the IB program. John Stewart is the man in charge for this. Parents are welcome to attend the sessions being run on IB which, while specifically aimed at Grade Ten and up, would be of interest to anyone contemplating having their child do an IB program.

Tom, Justin, Sharon, Barry and Sarah also gave brief but interesting highlights into many of these areas which just demonstrated to those present that our Admin are a team and each can be approached to help deal with any problem. The PTO would like to thank all those who donated plates of food for the occasion and all our speakers and attendees.

What is Coming Up?

October will probably be pretty sparse of activities as we gear up to a busy November with the School Carnival coming up.

Firstly, all the goodies that were requested at the end of last year for you to add to your shopping baskets can now be brought in and the raffle baskets will be made up. A list of what grades had what requested follows. If you don't have what was specifically requested of your grade, doesn't matter, please donate what you can. A box will be put in each class to collect the donations. We already have the most wonderful green and red ipod nanos but if any parent works for a mobile phone company and can get us a phone donated that would be greatly appreciated.

November 4th at 12.30pm – 2.00pm the PTO Luncheon Forum will be given by Dr Sarah Agnew and the topic is "Positive Parenting". Lunch will be provided.

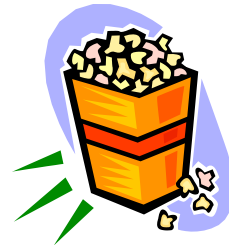
November 8th is the School Carnival from approximately 2.30pm – 6.30pm the school will tremble to the happy sounds of games, fun and music culminating in the parents versus students soccer match and the fireworks display. Gisela Akermans is coordinator for this massive undertaking and we hope that all parents will get behind her and volunteer to help out to make this a massive success.

November 24th is the Bazaar. Vendors for this function will be sort in the beginning of November please wait for the announcement.

We are still waiting for:

Books for the book fair

Stationary items for the school store



Popcorn and Slushy mix for Fridays.

Will let you know when they get here.

Carnival Raffle Baskets

We will be making baskets to use as raffles for Carnival Day, November 8th. Each grade will be responsible for two baskets. Please bring your **New** items **beginning October 6th**. Place in the box outside your grade level.

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| Pre K | Dress me up – hats/dresses/slippers etc. for the younger boys and girls to dress up.
Barbies – Anything Barbie related |
| Kindergarten | Spa/Pamper My Body Basket – lotions, massage oil, powders, and lowfa
Supply Me for School – items related to school such as pencils, sharpies, pens, graph and notebook paper, pencil pouches for note books, insulated water bottles, lunch box, scissors, erasers, colored pencils etc. |
| First | Bratz / Polly Pocket - Anything related to the popular toys
Traffic Jam – misc. cars, hot wheels, trucks, Micro Machines, track etc. |
| Second | Puzzle me – puzzles, games, cards, science experiments.
Light up my night – Any size candles and/or votives to decorate our homes. |
| Third | Party Papers – Different wrapping papers/tissue/gift bags/gift cards for all occasions.
Action – any action figure hero/villain such as Batman, Spiderman etc. |
| Fourth | Read to me – Chapter books, picture books, books on tape, book marks etc.
Love my Legos – anything related to Legos, Bionicles, etc. |
| Fifth | A Java Jolt – coffee beans, cups, coffee press, flavorings etc.
Making Memories – Scrap booking supplies for your pictures and memories. |
| Sixth | Star Wars -Items from this popular movie like Legos, figurines, DVD.
Jewelry in the making – Items used to make necklaces, earrings, and more |
| Seventh | Run from the Sun - anything to protect you from the sun such as hats, caps, sunscreen, shades, visors, glasses, sun shirts etc.
Wet and Wild – Pool toys, water guns, water footballs, floats, diving sticks, kick boards, goggles, towels, etc. |
| Eighth | Family Fun Night – movies, games, popcorn, cards, activities to do as a family
Gourmet Basket – special spices, coffees, jams, chocolates, etc. |
| Ninth | I'm Cookin' – anything for the kitchen such as cook books, oven mitts, utensils, magnets, towels, cake mixes, cookie sheets, muffin pans, muffin cups, etc.
Music Mania- I-pod Nano – accessories to go with an I-Pod Nano, including I-Tune music cards. |
| Tenth | Sweet Tooth – non-melting candy like Jolly ranchers, warheads, Double Bubble, jaw breakers, nerds and nerd rope, atomic fireballs, twizzlers (all colors) fruit by the foot. |
| Eleventh | What they can manage. |

These are only suggestions for the baskets. Any donations would be appreciated. The PTO will provide the basket and the wrap. Anyone will be able to participate in the raffle. The baskets will be available to view the week before the Carnival. Look forward to having some great raffle baskets. Any questions call: Anne Mathers at 0802 -966 5207 or email annebmathers@msn.com