



## Penryn College Preparatory School



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Dear Parents,

Included in this newsletter please find:

- Hooked on Books.
- First rugby practice.
- Junior Eagle Award.
- Personal safety and security.
- Immunization programme.
- Weekly continuous assessment tests.
- Football Friday.
- Family Service.
- Policy regarding sport on rainy days.
- Sport results.
- Sport fixtures for next week.
- Art Club times.
- General Knowledge Quiz.
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### From the Headmaster:

The annual visit of **'Hooked on Books'** took place on Monday and, as in the past, it was enthusiastically received by our Grades 1-7. The energetic presentation will hopefully do much to enthuse our pupils to read more and I would encourage all parents to stress the importance of reading to their children. Sally Wakefield explains more further on in this newsletter.



The first optional **rugby** practice for Grade 5-7 boys took place last Friday and it was an exciting start for the 28 boys who attended. As mentioned in past newsletters, this is an extra activity offered for boys and may not take the place of the scheduled activities. Some pictures from last Friday:



I do hope that you have heard all about the new **Merit folders** from your child, which have certainly been enthusiastically received at school and I was pleased to hear that some children have already earned their first Credits. Kindly note that two Credits for Service will result in the awarding of a **Junior Eagle Award**.

Although still some time in the future, we have arranged for a speaker from Hi-Tech security to talk to the children about their **personal safety and security**. The talk will take place at 09h30 on Tuesday 4 May during Chapel and any parents who wish to attend are very welcome to do so. We are constantly monitoring the security around school but it would help if you could chat at home to reinforce the need to be aware.

The Health Department will be visiting the school shortly to immunise the children against **measles** as part of the 2010 Polio and Measles campaign. Ideally I would suggest that all Prep pupils be immunised, particularly given the recent outbreak in the region. However, it is voluntary, particularly obviously where it has already been done. Consent forms will be sent out next week.

The first of our **weekly continuous assessment tests** took place this week and I was pleased that pupils adapted easily to the new system. We do believe that the system of assessing throughout the term relieves some of the pressure of the assessment week at the end of this term.

Finally, with the World Cup just around the corner and another round of frenetic ticket sales, we have decided that every Friday from now until the end of term will be a **'Football Friday'**, when children may wear a Bafana Bafana/South Africa shirt to school. The rest of the uniform remains the same and no other types of tops may be worn (ie for other football teams or for South African rugby or cricket teams). The **Penryn Parents' Association** is in the process of organizing a really exciting **football day** for all pupils and parents towards the end of term and we look forward to being part of what will surely be an exciting time in our country's history!

I would like to remind you of the **Family Service** which will take place on Sunday evening, in the chapel. The evening starts at 17h30 and should be finished by 19h00 – please do make every effort to be there.

Have a pleasant weekend!

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#### **From the Deputy Head:**

Doing some reading this past week I came across the following interesting message from a Catholic priest in Johannesburg. I encourage you to read through it and take some time out to digest what is being said.

For interest sake I have also added a prayer I saw concerning the up and coming World Cup Football.

#### **The Pencil Parable**

In the beginning, the Pencil Maker spoke to the pencil saying, "There are five things you need to know before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be."

##### **First**

You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand.

##### **Second**

You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but this is required if you are to become a better pencil.

##### **Third**

You have the ability to correct any mistakes you might make.

##### **Fourth**

The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

##### **Fifth**

No matter what the condition, you must continue to write. You must always leave a clear, legible mark no matter how difficult the situation. The pencil understood, promising to remember, and went into the box fully understanding its Maker's purpose.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with you; always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

##### **One**

You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand and allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

##### **Two**

You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

##### **Three**

You will be able to correct mistakes you might make or grow through them.

#### **Four**

The most important part of you will always be on the inside.

#### **Five**

On every surface you walk, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation you must continue to serve God in everything. Everyone is like a pencil...created by the Maker for a unique and special purpose.

By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart and a relationship with God daily.

*You were made to do great things! Be the change you want to see.*

#### **Prayer for the Soccer World Cup**



Almighty God, creator of all, as people from every nation gather with excitement and enthusiasm for the 2010 World Soccer Cup may South Africans be good hosts, our visitors welcomed guests and the players from every team be blessed with good sportsmanship and health.

May your Spirit of fairness, justice and peace prevail amongst players and all involved. May each contribute in his own positive ways to prevent, control and fight crime and corruption, hooliganism of any kind and exploitation and abuse, especially of those most vulnerable. May those far away from home and those in their families find much joy in this occasion to celebrate the beautiful game of soccer and the beautiful game of life according to Your plan for the common good of all.

Amen.

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#### **From the Acting Head of the Foundation Phase:**

Fetching a child from school can be a wonderful opportunity to chat, without other distractions, about his or her day. Many hours are spent at school, much is done in the school day and there is great variety in the opportunities offered at school. All the more disappointing when, after the day, your child gives his standard answer of "Nothing!" or is not very forthcoming about anything. So I thank you for taking this opportunity to read the newsletter and to find out more about what happens in school because this knowledge will help you talk to your child and ask the right questions.

The highlight of the week for me was definitely our travelling trio called "Hooked on Books". They were up to their usual excellence in entertaining and capturing the children's interest and imagination. The books which they present have been ordered by the library, but are also available at Exclusive Books. The actors never finish the story, so children are usually so excited to get the books to find out what happened!!

These are the books that were presented to the Foundation phase children:

*The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson

*Horton hatches the egg* by Dr Seuss

*Balaclava Boy* by Jenny Robson

*The Wild Washerwoman* by John Yeoman

*Monster Book* (Lumpy Dump and the Terror Teacher) by Michael Broad

*The Jumble Book* (poems) by Roger Stevens

Last Thursday we had a very rainy day at school and I would like to remind you that the policy on rainy days as far as sport goes is as follows:

The teacher who coaches your child for sport will keep the children in her classroom i.e. **sport will not be cancelled** and will do "indoor sport" until 2 o' clock. This may be games, team tactics, learning positions, etc.

Here's a little poem. From a child to a parent:

God created me to be one of a kind.

There's no one else like me!

I can do some things really good.

But some things,

No matter how hard I try,

I will never be good at.

That's just the way God made me.

I'm glad you don't expect me

To be someone I'm not,

but you always encourage me

to be the best me I can be.

Thank you!

**Sally Wakefield**

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**From the Sports Office:**

<i>Soccer results:</i>	u/10 vs Sijabalela	0 - 4
	u/11 vs Klipspringer	2 - 4
	Open B vs Sijabalela	0 - 2
	Open A vs Klipspringer	2 - 3

<i>Netball results:</i>	Open C vs Flamboyant	12 - 3
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Congratulations to Evan Hulett who swam in the SA National Level 1 Championship Gala in Bloemfontein. He achieved two gold medals, two silver medals and a bronze medal.

Fixtures next week:

Soccer matches vs Kings School and internal matches will be played on Wednesday at Penryn. Please check the notice board for the team lists.

Netball matches vs Riverview Preparatory are taking place on Thursday at Penryn. Please check the notice board for the team lists.

❖ Please collect entry forms for Girls' Tennis Championships from me.

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Art Club:

Mondays from 13h45 to 14h30 for Foundation Phase and Senior Primary pupils who have sport on a Tuesday.

Tuesdays from 13h45 to 14h30 for Foundation Phase and Senior Primary pupils who have sport on a Monday.

## General Knowledge:

### This week's questions:

1. How much milk does a baby whale drink in a day?
2. Which type of vegetation will only germinate after a veld fire?
3. The Albizzia Falcate is the fastest growing tree. How much does it grow in a day?
4. How old is the oldest tree in the world?
5. Where can you find a tree with the biggest canopy?

### Answers from 9 April:

1. Zambia
2. Damascus
3. Tibet
4. 8 September
5. 6

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