

Penryn College



2007 Annual Report

Scholars:

Class of 2006 Results

- 100% pass rate and achieving the best results ever achieved at Penryn College. General statistics for the group were as follows:
- University Exemption 92%
- Average Higher Grade mark across all subjects 63.9%
- Number of distinctions 70

Scholars with the most distinctions were:

- Andrew Ferreira 7
- Nicola Lemmer and Allan Maclaurin 5
- Elizabeth Mzungu 4
- Brecon Dabner, Nico Joubert and Amanda Scribante 3

- Number of A aggregates 14
- Number of B aggregates 15
- Number of C aggregates 21
- Number of D aggregates 9

Academic:

Congratulations to all our 2007 matrics on their fine achievements during the academic, cultural and sporting year. Special awards were awarded:

Dux Scholar	Howard Saffy (Average 91%)
Enos Mabuza Character Award	Louise Coertzen
St Stithians Commemorative Perseverance Award	Jaco van Wyk
The DHR Forrester Leadership Shield	David Ferreira
Eagle Award	Jaco Joubert (Goshawk)

Penryn Colour Awards (Leadership, Sport, Applied Academics and Cultural)

Penryn Honours	Jaco Joubert (Goshawk)
Full Colours	Louis Bothma Jaco Joubert (Kite)
	Geoffrey Clark Mark Richards
	David Ferreira Howard Saffy
	Justin Hearne David Spratt
	Robert Vinson Tamlyn Wilson
Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year	Matthew Bell and Louise Coertzen

Scholars Executive and Committee members - 2008

Heads of School	Rupert Robinson and Dominique Peel
Head of SRC	Topaz Booysen
Heads of House	Simon Gunn and Sabine Brink (Goshawk)
	Graeme Tilly and Kara Lankers (Harrier)
	Wouter van Rooyen and Camilla Paiva (Kestrel)
	Matthew Lutz and Libby Bell (Kite)
Heads of Committees	Gideon Stemmet (Spiritual)
	Fezeka Ntuli (Service)
	Graeme Wolfaard (Social)
	Matthew Fargher (Outdoor Pursuit)
	Esmarie Strydom (Penreach)
	Nikita Schurink (Cultural)
	Greg Pingo (Environmental)
Heads of Ethos	Patricia Chirwa (Goshawk)
	Kevin Coertzen (Harrier)
	Vicky Milne (Kestrel)
	Olivia McMurray (Kite)
Committee Members	Stephanie Ashley; Ryan Atkinson; Ricci Christen; Jennifer Clark; Johann Eybers; Graeme Hill; Kirsten Kidd; Benny Letswele; Peter Shin; Nomthetho Mahlalela; Kgopong Mamejja; Bongani Matsebula; Siya Mbuli; Melissa Wicht; Nokuthula Mkhonta; Masechaba Motlana; Sphe Nhlenyama; Nomkhosi Nkosi; Mmangaliso Nxumalo; Storme Spearpoint; Zubair Verachia.

Head of Hostels
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Rupert Robinson
Peach Nkuna and Willem Burger (Waterberry); Matthew Booth (Bushwillow);
Angela Brown and Alistair Brooke (Mahogany); Ross Leslie and Ricci Christen
(Marula); Kgopong Mametja and Camilla Paiva (Acacia); Damian de Sousa and
Nokhutula Mkhonta (Kiaat).

Science Expos and Olympiads

- **Computer Olympiad for Juniors (Round 1):** Jarryd Putter (1st); Jessica Maclaurin (2nd); Gryff David (3rd);
- **Computer Olympiad for Seniors (Round 1):** David Snaddon (1st); Arno Pienaar and Christiaan van der Merwe (2nd); Andrew Herbert and Rupert Robinson (3rd);
- **District Science Expo:** Penryn was awarded the Trophy for the best participating high school. Our scholars were awarded 10 Gold, 11 Silver and 2 Bronze medals;
- **Regional Science Expo:** Penryn College hosted the Regional Science Expo recently. The following scholars who were awarded medals: Keenan Collett (Bronze); Tessa Ware, Matthew Greeff; Sabrina Pillay; Genna Shrosbree; Willem Barnard (Silver); Jarryd Putter, Emily Aling, Ashley Steyn, Ludwig Spies, Katie Hall, Gaby McMurray, Claudia Middleton, Peet van Staden, Dalene van Staden, Megan Bremner, Michelle Wakefield, Kirsten de Wet (Gold). Kirsten de Wet won the best project at Expo. The Gold medalists went through to the National Science Expo. Penryn was awarded the trophy for the Best Participating High School in Mpumalanga;
- **National Science Expo:**
 - Gold:** Peet van Staden; Daleen van Staden
 - Silver:** Ashley Steyn, Katie Hall, Gaby McMurray
 - Bronze:** Jarryd Putter
- **Participation:** Michelle Wakefield and Megan Bremner
- Mark Richards and Howard Saffy were members of the Mpumalanga team that participated in the Mintek competition for Science, Maths and Mineralogy;
- International Science Expo: Esmari Strydom, Stephen Drury and Katie Hall from Penryn and Sibusiso Maseko from Hlanganani High School (Penreach Partner School) attended the International Science Expo;
- **National Science Olympiad**
 - 50 – 59%:** Gail Drury, Mark Richards, Olivia McMurray, Peter Shin, Libby Bell, Johann Eybers and Kara Lankers;
 - **Bronze Certificate (62% average in the Biology examination, 284th Nationally):** Wasa Chundu;
 - **Silver Certificate (70% average in the Biology examination, 39th Nationally and 3rd in Mpumalanga):** Thandi Fourie and David Ferreirinha;
 - The Gr 10 Dramatic Arts scholars were invited by the Working for Water programme to do a dramatic presentation for Weedbuster Week, where they were invited to perform their presentation for a national Working for Water convention in Johannesburg.

Sport

Athletics

- 15 Learners participated in an athletics meeting at Lowveld High School where out of the 8 trophies, Penryn won 4 – Louise Coertzen – Senior Girls Field and Track Trophy, René Niemand – Junior Girls Field Trophy and Rupert Robinson – Senior Boys Track Trophy;
- Louise Coertzen participated in the USASSA Athletics Competition and her overall placing in South Africa was 100m Hurdles (8th); Javelin (5th); Long Jump (4th). She also participated in the ASA SA Championships for Youth and Junior Athletes and was placed Javelin (4th); Long Jump (5th); 100m Hurdles (6th);
- Michael Ferreirinha, Brandon Whitaker, Coert Jordaan, Dalene van Staden, Sammy Hammond and David Ferreirinha were selected for the Mpumalanga team to participate in the SA Athletics Biathlon Championships;
- 35 Penryn scholars and staff participated in the Van Wettens Nite 3, 5 and 10km Race;
- **Interhouse athletics:** Kestrel (1st); Harrier (2nd); Goshawk (3rd) and Kestrel (4th)

Senior Victor Ludorum Graydon Theron
Junior Victor Ludorum Liam Hollyoak

Victrix Ludorum Storme Spearpoint
Victrix Ludorum Rene Niemand

Records broken at Inter House Athletics:

Item	Athlete	Item	Athlete
GU14 High Jump	Rene Niemand	GU16 1500m	Dalene van Staden
GU14 Long Jump	Rene Niemand	BU16 400m	Graydon Theron
GU Shotput	Shannon Crook	BU16 High Jump	Wayne Kennett
BU14 200m	Jed Theron	BU16 Shotput	Dirk Neethling
BU14 400m	Jed Theron	BU16 Discus	Graydon Theron
BU14 800m	Jed Theron	GU 19 800m	Dominique Peel
BU14 1500m	Geoff Shein	BU 19 800m	David Ferreira
BU15 400m	Liam Hollyoak	BU 19 1500m	Ayanda Mohale
GU16 800m	Dalene van Staden		

Inter House Cross Country Results

The Inter House Cross Country took place after the Grade 12 Valediction Service.

Senior Girls	Dominique Peel Nikita Schurink Debbie Potgieter	Senior Boys	Ayandza Mohale Rupert Robinson Nicholas Morgan
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Junior Girls	René Niemand Natasha Ashley Dalene van Staden	Junior Boys	Geoff Shein Jed Theron Matthew Greeff
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Swimming

- Inter House Swimming Gala is always a wonderful event to kick the year off. Results were: 1st Goshawk, 2nd Harrier, 3rd Kite and 4th Kestrel.
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| Junior Victrix Ludorum | Dalene van Staden | Junior Victor Ludorum | Bruce Thomson |
| Senior Victrix Ludorum | Megan Bremner | Senior Victor Ludorum | Graeme Tilly |
- Byron Bremner, Sammy Hammond, Kara Burger, Peet van Staden, Megan Bremner, Dalene van Staden and Rochelle Grobler represented the Mpumalanga Swimming team and qualified for the Junior National Competition;
 - Dalene van Staden was placed 4th (200m Individual Medley); 6th (50m Butterfly); 6th (100m Butterfly) in the U15 SA Swimming Championships;
 - 50 scholars and staff members participated in the Midmar Mile;
 - Penryn won the Inter High Gala for the third consecutive year. The results were Penryn 630; Uplands 544; Lowveld High 269; Barberton 146 and Bergvlam 103. Dalene van Staden won the Junior Victrix Ludorum;
 - Dalene van Staden participated in the SA Swimming Championships and was awarded Mpumalanga Colours for Biathlon;
 - Rochelle Grobler (GU15 Backstroke - Bronze); Peet van Staden (BU15 Backstroke – Gold); Dalene van Staden (GU15 Backstroke – Silver); Megan Bremner (GU16 Backstroke – Silver); Samantha Hammond (GU14 Backstroke – Gold) and Byron Bremner (BU14 Backstroke – Silver) won events at Mpumalanga Top Schools Gala. Penryn College was the Top High School Girls and Boys Team and Sammy Hammond won the Senior Victrix Ludorum trophy.

Rugby

- Rupert Robinson and Spe Nhlenyama selected to represent U18A and U18B Mpumalanga sides respectively. This is a first for Penryn;
- 1st and 2nd Rugby teams made it through to regional play-offs this year;
- For the second consecutive year the 2nd team won their league.

Boys Hockey

- Gregory Pingo, Thato Mojapelo and Karabo Malele were selected for U18 and U16 Boys Mpumalanga Hockey;
- 1st and U16 Boys Hockey, 1st and 2nd Rugby and 1st Netball all made it through to regional play-offs this year;
- Boys Hockey Sunday League finished first in the Mens Second League.

Girls Hockey

- Louise Coertzen (Captain) and Nomkhosi Nkosi represented U18A Girls Mpumalanga Hockey;
- U16, U15 and U14 Girls Hockey teams made it through to regional play-offs this year;
- Louise Coertzen has been selected to represent SA U21 Hockey against the touring U21 Australian side in 4 test matches;

Netball

- Khensani Mabuza was selected for U14 Mpumalanga Netball;
- 1st Netball made it through to regional play-offs this year;

Tennis

- Marks Woods (No 1 U14 seed); Chris Graupner (No 2 U14 seed); Bruce Thomson (U16 No3 seed) and Monica Graupner (U16 No 7 seed) participated in the Mpumalanga Tennis Trials;
- Bruce Thomson and Mark Woods were awarded Mpumalanga Junior Tennis Colours.

Overall results since the start of the winter sports season were:

Sport Code	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
Rugby	43	22		21
Boys Hockey	43	21	10	12
Girls Hockey	56	25	20	11
Netball	41	21	3	17
Girls Tennis	6	3		3
Boys Tennis	7	3		4

Cricket

- Ryan Atkinson substituted for the Cheetah Cricket 1st League Team in a match against the Senior Puma side;
- Jaco Scheepers represented the U15A Mpumalanga Action Cricket Squad;
- Our 1st XI Cricket side made it through to the Provincial playoffs. They played Hoërskool Secunda in the quarter-finals on Friday, beat them and then played HTS Middleburg in the semi-finals on Saturday. They unfortunately lost the semi-finals. This is the first time that Penryn College has made it so far in the 1st cricket league;
- Shafee and Zubair Verachia have been selected to represent Mpumalanga during the December holidays

Other

- Coert Jordaan selected to represent the Gauteng North Triathlon team at the 2007 South African Triathlon Championships;
- Dalene van Staden who earned Mpumalanga Colours for her participation in the Biathlon Championships;
- Fiona Christensen, Matthew Phyffer, Chris Trichardt and Michelle Wakefield participated in the SA Country Schools Squash Tournament as Mpumalanga representatives;
- Wade Mostert was awarded Half Colours for representing the SA Golf foundation Mpumalanga Division;
- Christopher Wilken and Kiara Raschke represented South Africa United World Haedong Kumdo and All Tang Soo Do World Championships as in Amsterdam, Holland. Christopher won TWO Gold medals;
- Jessica Sussens was placed 1st and Kelly Christen 2nd in an Equestrian competition held at Mataffin Riding School;
- Willem Barnard who has had some wonderful achievements in Off-Road Bicycle Races;
- Kelly Hammond, Kelly da Silva, Genna Shrobbree; Nicole Shrobbree; Taneth Germishuys who qualified for the South African Solo Energy Dancing Championships, winning their divisions in Mpumalanga;
- René Niemand and Marelize Maritz qualified for the Mpumalanga Gymnastics Team;

Sport Tours and Festivals

- During the April holidays, our 1st Boys and Girls Hockey and Rugby teams toured down to Cape Town. The 1st Netball, a combination 2nd and 3rd Rugby, Boys and Girls Hockey participated as an invitation side in the Co-Ed Independent Schools Sports Festival hosted by Uplands College. The U15 Rugby participated in a Rugby Festival in Gauteng
- We have received an unprecedented number of invitations for sports festivals and tours next year;
- St Stithians participated in the Uplands/Penryn/St Stithians Winter Sport Festival. A chance to test ourselves against opposition from elsewhere with some very good results;
- Boys 1st Hockey beat Cornwall Hill 5-1. No mean feat considering Cornwall Hill had finished 1st in the Tswane league.

Cultural

- First Inter House Chess Tournament was played with the results being Kite 12; Kestrel 8; Harrier 7 and Goshawk 3;
- Refentjie Mashao was placed first in the Chess Top 20 U16 age group competition;
- The Inter House Debate was an exciting and verbal battle of wits in which Shafee Verachia 'floored' his opponents with his heartfelt (and amusing) conviction which stirred the audience to his side. Natasha Ashley and Tessa Ware, two Grade 8 scholars were commended for their hearty rebuttal in the face of stiff senior opposition. Winning House was Kite, with Goshawk second, Harrier third and Kestrel fourth;
- A number of scholars participated in a 24-hour Harry Potter read-a-thon
- **Inter-House plays** were spectacular. The plays are solely scholar driven. Winning House was Kite, with Goshawk second, Harrier third and Kestrel fourth. Best Actress and Actor were Libby Bell and Geoffrey Clark. Jaco Joubert (Best Character role) and Angela Kostakis (Best Supporting Actress);
- **Inter House Public Speaking** competition results were: Kite (1st); Goshawk (2nd); Harrier (3rd); Kestrel (4th).
Individual Senior House: 1st Tamlyn Wilson (Kite) 2nd Geoffrey Clark (Harrier)
3rd Sharee Verachia (Kestrel) 4th Greg Pingo (Goshawk)
- Individual Junior House:** 1st Tessa Ware (Kite) 2nd Natasha Ashley (Goshawk)
3rd Gugu Makhubela (Harrier) 4th Kestrel
- **Reunion Exchange:** A group of scholars and Mr and Mrs Schoeman participated in the Reunion Exchange during the October break. This is a wonderful opportunity for our scholars to experience different cultures out of their own environment;
- **Overseas tour:** A group of 16 scholars and 2 teachers toured around Europe and the UK They were taken on a whirl-wind tour though around London to Buckingham Palace, St James' Park, the Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the Thames River, ending the day off with a spectacular West End Show – The Lion King. In 15 days the group managed to travel through 7 countries, including Belgium, Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, France and Switzerland. They were also able to visit the world's smallest country, the Vatican, where the Pope lives. Other tour highlights included standing before famous works of art like the Mona Lisa, the Statue of David and the Sistine Chapel, cruising down famous rivers on hired boats and seeing ancient buildings like the Coliseum and Notre Dame Cathedral. Many of the other travelers commented on how polite and well-mannered the Penryn scholars were and this made us proud to represent Penryn College and South Africa. An Educator from Australia who toured with the group sent through to me the following comments:

"We recently had the privilege of spending 15 days with 16 of your students. First thoughts were 'we've come away to get a break from our own teenagers at home!' These thoughts were dismissed from day 1. The behavior of the students has been so impressive, their manners impeccable, and some younger enthusiasm has made this tour very special for us all. I could only hope that Australian school children would leave this same impression when travelling overseas. Congratulations to your two teachers for their management of the students."

Standard Bank Eisteddfod

- **Group Improvised Advert** - Bianca Brower (Prestige)
- **Group Improvised Story** – Olivia McMurray, Greg Pingo and Dominique Peel (Prestige)
- **College Choir** – 1st is Choral (High School) Section (Gold)
- **Light Music Section** – Nathi Khoza (Prestige A++ and Trophy for 1st place); Lungi Mabuza (A+ and 3rd place)
- **Classical Vocals and Classical Vocal competitive sections**– Tessa Ware (Prestige and won the trophy for 1st place);
- **Classical Instrumental** - Dalene van Staden (A++);

Afrikaans:

- **Gr 8** – Patrick Manicom (A); René Niemand (A); Tessa Ware (A); Jaco Scheepers (A+); Marius Fischer (A++ - Prestige);
- **Gr 9** – Lizanne Snyders (A); Kim Crook (A); Dalene van Staden (A); Elena van Staden (A); Celia Sutton (A+); Celeste Kotze (A+); Peet van Staden (A++ - Prestige);
- **Gr 10** – Ludwig Spies (3 Prestige); Rochelle Grobler (A+); Damone Pillay (A+);
- **Gr 11** - Mae-Lee Uys (A+); Nicole von Berg (A+); Marguerite du Preez (A+); Sabine Brink (A+); Rupert Robinson (A++ - Prestige); Gideon Stemmet (A++ - Prestige); Esmarie Strydom (A++ - Prestige);
- **Gr 12** – Ningi Makondo (A); Louis Bothma (A+); Jaco (Papsak) Joubert (A++ - Prestige)
- **Gr 10 Spreekkoor (Choral Choir)** – A++ - Prestige;
A special word of congratulations to Mrs du Toit who was congratulated by the judges for her excellent coaching;
- Celia Sutton and Bronwen Hunt whose posters for the “Praat Afrikaans” competition were selected for the final round;
- Penryn Scholars invited to participate in the Standard Bank Eisteddfod Gala Evening were: Tessa Ware (Classical Music Vocal and Vocal); Nathi Khoza (Light Music and Vocal); Ludwig Spies (Monologue); Nicole Ferri (Hip Hop); Katie Hall, Gaby McMurray and Roxanne Borrageiro (Vocal); Nikita Schurink, Laura Burden, Carmen Walters, Monique Walters and Angelique Potgieter (Ballet);
- Kyle Dickerson, who is the youngest person in South Africa to achieve his Licentiate of Photographic Society of South Africa in colour Prints. He had two Highly Commended photos in The Shell Wildlife Competition in London in his age group and also won the Fuji film Schools Competition in Colour Prints in 2006 and 2007.

General

- Matric Dance is held in the Community Centre for the first time;
- Due to change in our field trip activities, an optional hike was offered to Grade 10 scholars who hiked the Fanie Botha Hike during the school holidays. While another group of teachers and scholars hiked the Otter Trail;
- Electronic circulars and reports are sent out to parents for the first time this year. The response has been very positive ;
- Due to the change in our field trip activities, an optional hike was offered to Grade 10 scholars. Two groups hiked the Fanie Botha Hike;
- Field trips format changed slightly this year:
 - Grade 08 Blydepoort and surrounds – Social responsibility and environmental activism
 - Grade 09 Fanie Botha Hike – Outdoor Adventures
 - Grade 10 Johannesburg and surrounds – Cultural exposure – Lion King, African Umojo, Constitutional Hill amongst others
 - Grade 11 Graskop – Personal growth and leadership camp
- Katie Hall, Adu Gumede, Mes Allison Hay and Celeste Schoeman represented Penryn at the African Round Square Conference in Cape. Delegates from Nigeria, Kenya, Namibia and various parts of Southern Africa were present;
- **The Interact Club** at Penryn has twelve members, Katie Hall (President), Gaby McMurray (Vice-president), Megan Spangenberg (Treasurer), Claudia Middleton (Secretary), Laura Burden, Dalene van Staden, Peet van Staden, Fional Christensen, Stephanie Ashley, Alistair Brooke, Nicole Shrosbree, Willem Barnard and Michael Ferreirinha (Members) who have been involved in raising funds for charities that they have identified. Members have organized fundraisers such as Music, Arts and Culture evenings, Shavathons and Civvies Days. They hosted Interactors from John Masefield School, Ledbury UK and arranged that they visit Penreach schools in Pienaar and Kamagugu, school for the disabled in Nelspruit where they painted murals and planted trees. As part of their Community Service at the end of this year, they plan to start a vegetable garden for Kamagugu School.

Staff news:

- Ms Danielle de Villiers joined the permanent staff in English and Life Skills department;
- Ms Tumi Makheta joined us as Junior Art Teacher;
- Ms Catherine Avery joined us as a first year Teacher in the English department;
- Mr Given Mashabane moved into academic ranks as an Intern;
- Mrs Joyce Mnisi moved from Cleaning staff to Photocopy Technician;
- Mr Mike Drummond joined the Admin department as Director of Administration and Finance;
- Ms Joan Durrant substituted for Ms Marieta Pienaar in the Maths department and stayed the year;
- Ms Lanese Nagel married Mr Robin Gibbs;
- Mr Grant and Mrs Rhian Nel became proud parents of Matthew;
- Ms Fikile Nwenya was appointed as receptionist;

- Mr Greg Theron is re-elected as SAHISA Executive Chair;
- Mr Andrew Collie is elected as representative on the IEB Assessment Committee
- Mr Gary de Beer joined us from Lowveld High as Technology Teacher;

Staff Development

- High School staff attend IEB User Group Conferences in Gauteng and Natal where the requirements for assessment of all subjects and learning areas are discussed in detail;
- High school and prep staff attended a Time Management Course facilitated by Mr Owen Roberts at the start of Term 1. At the start of Term 2 staff attended staff development facilitated by Karl du Preez on Moral Development in Children and Term 3 Mrs Antoinette Cook facilitated a workshop on Emotional Intelligence;
- High School and Prep Heads attended the SAHISA Conference in Grahamstown;
- Mr Theron attended the ICP Conference in New Zealand where one of the issues highlighted at the Conference was the worldwide concern regarding morality in children;
- Senior staff exec attended a Transformation Workshop facilitated by Rev Alan Storey recently.

General:

- Website was officially re-launched recently;
- Kiaat Boarding House was officially opened at Founders' Day.

Penryn Parents Association

- Christmas Market was held in the Community Centre for the first time. Wonderful venue
- PPA Gala Dinner was held at Nou's Toeka. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Bursary Fund entirely;
- Barn Dance – wonderful fun family fundraiser;
- Penryn Press was launched;
- Penryn College Eagle Mascot – Swoop was introduced and launched
- Official opening of new tuckshop at the start of Term 2;
- Penryn Golf Day was a wonderful success once again;
- PPA installed filtered chilled water fountains throughout the whole school.

Standards & Excellence

- Penryn Courtesy Charter is launched. First value that was looked at was treating each others' property with respect. The first manner we looked at was the greeting of outsiders to the College. We also looked at bullying in the College
- Mr Paul Harris, Chair of Penryn Trust, officially launched the Transformation process at Founders' Day where he introduced the step along the journey of community stewardship dictated by our Mission Statement.

Facilities

- Community Hall was recognized by the Mpumalanga Institute of Architects as an outstanding example of architecture in the Province and was one of two buildings to achieve a merit award;
- The go-ahead has been given to build lockers for next year. Positions have been identified and building will start shortly;
- Swimming pool filtration and heating pumps were installed and pool upgraded;
- Tree Squirrels, Vervet monkeys, Large spotted Genets, Spekes Hinged Tortoise, Serval, Red Duiker and Caracal are all seen on or close to the campus;
- 31 snakes are caught and safely relocated in Term 1

In conclusion

- Moms in Touch complete their 16th year as the spiritual heartbeat of the College;
- 540 Scholars next year with waiting lists everywhere;
- Staff joining the College next year are:
 - Mrs Kim Cook – English Department (from Lowveld High School). Honours graduate and hockey coach. Hugely enthusiastic and exciting teacher;
 - Mr Paul Viljoen – EMS and Business Economics (from Brackenfell High School Cape Town). Double graduate – Psychology and Commerce, WP Rugby selector and First team cricket coach;
 - Mr Conan Olivier – Head of Sport (from Wits where he was Director of Sport and ran the rugby club for 15 years);
 - Ms Katherine Porter – Biology and Natural Science Department (from Brescia House Johannesburg). South African Rowing, Captain of Gauteng U18 Hockey, also Provincial life saving;
 - Ms Nicola Joubert – Biology and Natural Science Department (from Rustenburg Girls). MSc Science, HoD. Very enthusiastic and capable teacher;

- Mrs Sjoukje du Toit retires as Head of Afrikaans, but according to the revised policy is retained on contract in the department;
 - Mrs Dora Stalmans will move from Business Economics to Arts and Culture Department;
 - Mrs Delene van den Berg from Rob Ferreira High School who will be joining the Maths department. She is Mpumalanga's Convener of Netball and a caring and committed teacher;
 - Mrs Angela van Rij from Uplands College as IT Engineer. Hugely experienced. I look forward to her work with the network;
- Staff who are leaving at end of 2007:
- Ms Catherine Avery leaves us for St Stithians' Girls College;
 - Ms Robyn Darwent to travel overseas;
 - Mr Julius Bhila who has been the Network Engineer for the last 7 years has been offered a similar job in Johannesburg for a corporate. This is a wonderful development. We wish him well;
 - Mrs Judy Spencer who is taking a well-deserved retirement. The educational impact she has had on innumerable scholars and the sound foundation she leaves in a solid English department are legendary. Her profound ability to empathise with the individual needs of each scholar in her care is a quality that will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered. We release her into her golden era with every best wish for the restful and happy season she has earned.

A wonderful, blessed and joyous year. Thank you one and all for your contributions