

Penryn College



2008 Annual Report

A. PMR.africa Mpumalanga Leaders and Achievers Awards:

Where Penryn College was handed the Diamond Arrow Award for the highest rated Private School in Mpumalanga on an overall rating of 4.53 out of a possible 5.00 in the Business Sector: Private Schools in Mpumalanga. We have been second for 3 years and moved up this year. This award is given after some 5,000 opinion makers / CEO's and MD's of firms and top government officials in the Province are approached and asked to rank Institutions according to the strength of their brand and the impact they have on the economy of the Province. Well done everyone for everything you have done to achieve this. What a wonderful acknowledgement of our efforts

B. Scholars:

i) ***Class of 2007 Results:***

- 100% pass rate and the best results ever achieved at Penryn College. General statistics for the group were as follows:
- University Exemption 87.23%
- Number of distinctions 117 (52% of Class of 2007)
- Average across all subject 63.13%

Table of Scholars with the most distinctions were:

7	6	5	4
Howard Saffy	Geoffrey Clark; Mark Richards	David Ferreirinha; Thandi Fourie; Izelle Hoppner; Jonathan Jones; Jaco "Papsak" Joubert	Christiaan Bense; Rhyan Solomon; Robert Vinson
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Cathy Burgess; Louise Coertzen; Gail Drury; Lungi Mabuza; Ningi Makondo; Arno Pienaar; Hansie Zietsman	Matthew Bell; Byron Bielich; Matthew Cremer; Andrew Herbert; Jaco "Kite" Joubert; Zonke Maduna; Tsebo Mashile; David Spratt; Patricia Young	Maxene Adams; Matts Blom; Steven Bosman; Louis Bothma; Garth Bowen; Michelle Bunting; Clare Campbell; Robert Garden; Anel Goosen; Justin Hearne; Ashley Hourigan; Elaine Joubert; Tanele Matsebula; Brad Mitchell; Philip Moffett; Jean Moore; Siyanda Nkosi; Antoinette Pelser; Carmen Walters; Tamlyn Wilson; Nomthi Windvoel; Wendzile Zwane	

ii) ***Matric special awards:***

Congratulations to all our 2008 matrics on their fine achievements during the academic, cultural and sporting year. Special awards were awarded:

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| Dux Scholar | Topaz Booysen |
| Enos Mabuza Character Award | Dominique Peel |
| St Stithians Commemorative Perseverance Award | Olivia McMurray |
| The DHR Forrester Leadership Shield | Rupert Robinson |
| Eagle Award | Esmarie Strydom |
| Sportsman of the Year | Gregory Pingo |
| Sportswoman of the Year | Nomkhosi Nkosi |

Penryn Colour Awards are awarded to scholars for achievement across a number of spheres. These were awarded to:

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| Penryn Honours | Rupert Robinson |
| | Topaz Booysen |
| | Esmarie Strydom |

iii) **Scholarships – 2009:**

Bryan Pingo (Penryn Prep)	Sporting Scholarship
Dean Myhill (Penryn Prep)	General Scholarship
Aliza Liebenberg (Penryn Prep)	Sporting Scholarship
Danya Maree (Penryn Prep)	Academic Scholarship
Sheresse Busschau (Bergland)	General Scholarship
Fiona Moya (Nelspruit Primary)	Leadership Scholarship
Costa Tsobanoglou (Nelspruit Primary)	General Scholarship
Charnell Rikhotso (Numbi Primary)	General Scholarship
Sihle Gili (St Peter's)	Leadership Scholarship

iv) **Scholars Executive and Committee members – 2009:**

Heads of School	Graydon Theron and Roxanne Goncalves-Borrageiro
Head of SRC	Colin Saffy
Heads of House	Clarisse Bezuidenhout and Megan Spangenberg (Goshawk)
	Adu Gumede and Luke Murray (Harrier)
	Marelize Maritz and Matt Mametja (Kestrel)
	Fiona Christensen and Dirk Neethling (Kite)
Heads of Committees	Simphiwe Stewart (Cultural)
	Nathan Webb (Environmental)
	Franscois Koch (Outdoor Pursuits)
	Katy Hall (Service)
	Gaby McMurray (Social)
	Lungi Mbenyane (Spiritual)
	Shafee Verachia (Transformation and Diversity)
	Malcolm Brole; Megan Bremner; Nick Morgan and Ziningi Mapalala (Ethos)
Committee Members	Jonty Barry; Ryan Cauldwell; Lauren Conradie; Andy Fischer; Sam Hammond; Lester Lindsay; Aunty Lubisi; Karabo Malele; Josh Mather-Pike; Graeme McChesney; Claudia Middleton; Ayandza Mohale; Lulama Ngobeni; Chevaughn Olen; Damone Pillay; Debbie Potgieter; Nicole Shrosbree; David Snaddon; Khutso Theledi; Monique Walters and Adrienne Zeeman
Head of Hostels	Karabo Malele
Heads of Hostel	Debbie Potgieter and Lester Lindsay (Acacia); Karyn Misquitta and Lesego Moguerane (Kiaat); Ben Viljoen (Mahogany); Purdey Robertson and Sam Hammond (Marula); Rachele Potgieter and Thabang Madonko (Waterberry)

v) **Science Expos and Olympiads:**

- **Computer Olympiad Round 1:** Christiaan van der Merwe, Anton Spear, David Snaddon, Conrad Monnig, Jarryd Putter and Jessica Maclaurin qualified for the first round of the Computer Olympiad
- **Computer Olympiad for Juniors (Round 2):** Jarryd Putter (1st); Jessica Maclaurin (2nd); Dalene van Staden (3rd)
- **Computer Olympiad for Seniors (Round 2):** David Snaddon (1st); Rupert Robinson (2nd); Mitch Dart (3rd). David Snaddon was placed 2nd in the Province out of 2,714 participants
- **Mintek 2008 Regional Competition for Science, Maths and Geology:** Simon Gunn, Matthew Booth and Ryan Cauldwell won the Provincial team competition
- **District Science Expo:** Penryn was awarded the Trophy for the best participating high school. Nathan Cook and Hayden Cuthill were awarded the best overall and high school project trophy
The following scholars achieved Gold, Silver or Bronze Medals at this event:
 Nathan Cook and Hayden Cuthill (Gold); Julianie Stapelberg (Gold); Jessica Middleton (Gold); Katy Begg (Gold); Nicola Ferri (Gold); Ashley Steyn (Gold); Robyn Schormann (Gold); Rene Niemand (Gold); Sammy Hammond and Tamsin Ballantyne (Gold); Amy Clark (Silver); James Buckland (Silver); and Jesse Spratt (Bronze)
- **Regional Science Expo:** The following scholars participated in the Mpumalanga Regional Science Expo. All the Gold medalists went through to the National Science Expo
Special Awards: Best Energy project – Julani Stapelberg; Best Contribution to fruit production – Ashley Steyn
Gold medals: René Niemand, Julani Stapelberg, Sammy Hammond and Tamsin Ballantyne, Nicola Ferri, Ashley Steyn, Robyn Schorman, Katy Begg, Jesse Spratt, Jessica Middleton and Nathan Cook
Silver medal: James Buckland
Bronze medal: Amy Clark, Rupert Robinson and Donovan Thomson
- **National Science Expo:** Julianie Stapelberg and Robyn Schormann (Gold); Jesse Spratt (Bronze). Robyn Schormann was awarded a special award from the SA Institute of Electrical Engineers Gr 8, 9 & 10 for her project **"Heating water using microwave instead of geyser"**
- **Afrikaans Olympiad:** The following scholars participated in the Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal Olympiad. Out of 3,501 participants, the results were:- Ludwig Spies (86%) – he was placed 7th in South Africa and 1st in Mpumalanga; Daleen van Staden (82%) – she was placed in the Top 100 in South Africa and 3rd in Mpumalanga; Mareli Maritz (80%) and Chevaughn Olen were placed in the Top 100 in South Africa and 4th in Mpumalanga; Christiaan van der Merwe, Topaz Booyesen, Maguerite du Preez, Chris Triegaardt and Peet van Staden were placed in the Top 20 in Mpumalanga and achieved an average of 78% or above

C. Sport:

i) **Athletics:**

- A squad of Penryn athletes were invited to participate in a meeting held at Nelspruit Hoërskool. Due to their good performances, the following then participated in the Sub-region Athletics meeting :- Geoffrey Shein (1500m), Rupert Robinson (200m) and Rene Niemand (Long Jump)
- Scholars who participated in the Ehlanzeni Athletics Circuit Trials were: - Matthew Greeff (3000m U16 – Bronze); Ayandza Mohale (1500m U19 – Bronze); Rupert Robinson (100m @ 200m U19 – Silver); René Niemand (Long Jump U15 – Gold); Geoffrey Shein (1500m U15 – Gold). René Niemand (Long Jump U15 0 1st) and Rupert Robinson (100m and 200m U19 – 2nd) at the Regional Athletics meeting
- After an initial washout the Inter House athletics turned into a wonderful and exciting event. It was wonderful to see Gr 12 scholars at the event
Results were:- **Kite** (1st) 855.5 **Kestrel** (2nd) 802.5 **Harrier** (3rd) 708.17 **Goshawk** (4th) 703.84
Harrier were awarded the Spirit Trophy

Individual awards were:

Junior Victrix Ludorum René Niemand **Junior Victor Ludorum** Bennie Gondwe
Senior Victrix Ludorum Megan Bense **Senior Victor Ludorum** Liam Hollyoak

The following athletes broke or equaled the following records at the Inter House meeting:

Item	Scholar
BU16 4 x 100m Relay	Kite
BU19 100m	Rupert Robinson
BU19 200m	
BU19 400m	
BU19 Shotput	Dirk Neethling
GU14 100m	Megan Prowling
GU14 200m	Astrid Kouatcho
GU14 800m	Roxanne Baker
GU14 4 x 100m Relay	Kite
BU14 200m	Benny Gondwe
BU14 400m	
BU14 Shotput	Otto Buchner
BU14 4 x 100m Relay	Kite
GU15 400m	Rene Niemand
GU15 Long Jump	
B U15 400m	Duncan Makhubu
GU16 100m	Megan Bense
GU16 400m	
GU16 1500m	Dalene van Staden
BU16 400m	Sakhile Mdhuli
BU16 800m	Geoffrey Shein
BU16 High Jump	Bruce Thomson

ii) **Cross country:**

Inter House Results

Senior Boys:

Colin Saffy (1st)
Donovan Walters (2nd)
Michael Ferreirinha (3rd)
Chanel Eksteen (1st)
Dalene van Staden (2nd)
Marelize Maritz (3rd)

Junior Boys:

Geoffrey Shein (1st)
Kyle Gibbons (2nd)
Jonathan Wakefield (3rd)
Rene Niemand (1st)
Natasha Ashley (2nd)
Tracy Shaw (3rd)

Senior Girls:

Junior Girls:

iii) **Swimming:**

- **Inter House Gala** is always a wonderful event to kick the year off. Results were: 1st Goshawk, 2nd Kite, 3rd Harrier and 4th Kestrel. Harrier won the Spirit Trophy
Junior Victrix Ludorum Cezanne Moolman **Junior Victor Ludorum** Byron Bremner
Senior Victrix Ludorum Dalene van Staden **Senior Victor Ludorum** Peet van Staden
- **Inter High Gala** which Penryn won for the fourth consecutive year. Out of 16 relay races, Penryn won 14. We also won the Junior Boys and Girls and Senior team Trophies. Cezanne Moolman was Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum and Dalene van Staden, Senior Girls Victrix Ludorum
- Penryn scholars and staff members participated in the **Midmar Mile**
- **The following swimmers were selected to represent Mpumalanga and participated at the Nationals:-** Peet van Staden, Rochelle Grobler, Dalene van Staden, Cezanne Moolman, Nonhle Matsebula, Byron Bremner, Mariano Croublet, Sammy Hammond, Kara Burger, Megan Bremner and Michelle Tobias

- **The following swimmers participated at the Junior and Senior National Swimming Competition:-** Peet van Staden, Rochelle Grobler, Dalene van Staden, Cezanne Moolman, Nonhle Matsebula, Byron Bremner, Mariano Croublet, Sammy Hammond, Kara Burger, Megan Bremner and Michelle Tobias. Megan Bremner captained the team. Cezanne Moolman broke MP records and received a Bronze medal in the 50m Fly
- Michelle Tobias won 2 Gold and 1 Silver and Cezanne Moolman 2 Gold and 2 Bronze medals in the Level 2 section of the Senior National Swimming Competition
- Dalene van Staden was placed 12th in the 5km SA National Open Water Championships
- **Mpumalanga Top Schools Gala 2008:**

Top High School	Penryn College
Top High Schools Girls Team	Penryn College
Best Performance Boys	Byron Bremner (1 st); Dean Myhill (3 rd)
Best Performance Girls	Cezanne Moolman (1 st); Zoë Venter (2 nd) and Christine Grobler (3 rd)
Junior Victor Ludorum	Dean Myhill
Records broken	Megan Bremner – GU17-19 200m Individual Medley

iv) **Rugby:**

- 1st Rugby side made it through to Provincial playoffs, but were unfortunately defeated by Piet Retief
- 2nd Rugby side were Provincial winners for the third year in a row
- Rupert Robinson was the first Penryn scholar to represent Mpumalanga at the Craven Week
- Sphe Nhlenyama was selected to represent the U18B Mpumalanga Academy
- Arhel Kouatcho represented the Mpumalanga (Grant Khomo) U16 side. He has also been selected for the Mpumalanga Schools Elite Rugby Training Squad

v) **Girls Hockey:**

- Nomkhosi Nkosi was selected to represent the Mpumalanga U18 and Ladies Provincial Hockey Teams and Bunny Chauke U16
- U15 Girls Hockey played in the Mpumalanga 7-a-side Hockey Tournament recently. In the pool matches they drew 0–0 with Nelspruit Hoërskool and beat Standerton High School (6–0) and Lydenburg (8-0). They then beat Standerton 3-1 in the semi- finals, and went on to beat Nelspruit Hoërskool 1-0 in the Finals. This is the first time we have achieved this kind of result in girls hockey. Well done to Ms Stuart and Natasha Ashley, Tamsin Ballantyne, Katy Begg, Shannon Crook, Kirsten de Wet, Shea Fletcher, Sam Hammond, Tania Muller and Mantombi Ntuli

vi) **Boys Hockey:**

- U14 Boys were Provincial winners. We have been provincial champions at this level for the last three years;
- Gregory Pingo represented the U18 Mpumalanga Hockey team

vii) **Netball:**

- The 1st **Girls Netball** team participated in a course facilitated by Elize Kotze, a former Springbok player and coach and currently the coach of Tukkie's first team
- Khutso Theledi and Palesa Sibuyi were selected to participate in the Mpumalanga Final U18 trials

viii) **Tennis:**

- Christopher Graupner (U14), Bruce Thomson (U16) and Mark Woods (U16) were selected to represent Mpumalanga Junior teams

ix) **Golf:**

- Penryn Golf Team toured to Sun City, Lost city, Magaliespark and Rustenburg where they were able to play on the Gary Player, Lost City, Magaliespark, and Rustenberg Golf Courses
- Liam Hollyoak, Wade Mostert, Robert Uren and Ryan Woolley participated in the A-division of the Lowveld Golf Region, Happily they Penryn won the Nett League
- Robert Uren (Gr 11), participated in South Africa's largest amateur golf tournament – the Sanlam CANSA Golf Challenge Regional Finals. He was the youngest participant on the day and achieved an amazing score winning the B-Division for men
- Ryan Woolley was awarded U14 Mpumalanga Colours for Golf

x) **Squash:**

- Matthew Phyffer (U16), Jonty Wakefield (U16), Chris Triegaard, Fiona Christensen (U19) and Michelle Wakefield (U19) were selected to represent the Mpumalanga Squash Team at the SA Country Schools Inter-Provincial Squash Tournament

xi) **Boys and Girls Sport Tours:**

Boys and Girls 1st Hockey York Easter Festival in George:

Boys 1 st vs	Score	Girls 1 st vs	Score
Westering	2-0	Westering	1-1
St Dominics	1-1	Hudson Park	0-1
Muir	2-3	Milnerton	0-0
Hudson Park	0-0	Somerset	0-0
Port Rex	2-2	York Invitation	0-6
Outeniqua	0-0	York	2-1
York	0-6	Pinelands	1-0

Girls Hockey – St Mary’s Festival:

- The **1st Girls** Hockey team participated in the St Mary’s Hockey Festival. They played all their matches on astro-turf fields and the competition was tough. The girls learned new skills and have returned to school motivated and eager to try their newly learned skills out
- The **U15 Girls** Hockey team participated in the Amajuba Sport Week held in Volksrust

Results were as follows:

Vs	Result	vs	Result	vs	Result	vs	Result
Sasol	2 - 0	Stofberg	4 - 0	Centurion	0 - 0	Evander	0 - 1
Barberton	1 - 0	Brits	0 - 2	Volksrust	1 - 1	Frikkie Meyer	1 - 0

Boys Hockey and Rugby vs St Stithians:

Hockey		
1	0	8
2	1	4
u16A	0	5
u16B	3	3
u14A	1	0
u14B	6	0

Rugby		
1	3	8
2	0	14
3	0	57
u15A	5	25
u14A	5	10
u14B	0	5

Rugby:

- Participated in the Independent Schools Rugby Festival at St Benedicts where they won all three games convincingly against Thomas More, St Andrews Bloemfontein and St Henry’s, Durban

Cricket:

- 1st XV participated in the Sportweni Sports School for pre-season coaching
- Liso Mpfu, Jed Theron, Malcolm Brole and Shafee Verachia were selected for final trials. Jed Theron and Shafee Verachia were selected to represent Mpumalanga U15 and U17 respectively

Soccer:

- Willem Burger was voted man of the match against Benoni on the Soccer tour to the Reef and has been invited to participate in trials for Kaizer Chiefs

xii) **Overall sport results were:**

	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAW
Hockey	1	15	6	4	5
Boys	2	5	2	2	1
	u16A	5	2	2	1

	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAW
	u16B	4	2	0	2
	u14A	5	4	0	1
	u14B	3	2	0	1
Hockey	1	22	7	10	5
Girls	2	5	5	0	
	3	2	2	0	
	u16A	5	2	2	1
	u16B	2	2	0	
	u15A	19	11	4	4
	u15B	3	3	0	
	u14A	6	3	3	
	u14B	5	3	2	
Rugby	1	11	10	1	
	2	9	7	1	1
	3	4	2	1	1
	u15	8	2	6	
	u14A	8	2	6	
	u14B	2	1	1	
Cricket	1	8	4	4	
Boys	2	7	6	1	
	u15	4	2	2	
	u14	6	5	1	
Soccer	1	9	5	4	
Boys	u15	5	3	2	
Soccer	1	9	5	1	3
Girls	u15	5	2	1	2
Tennis					
Boys	1	3	2	1	
	2	6	3	3	
	3	5	2	3	
Girls	1	2		2	
	2	4		4	
	3	3	1	2	
Average			54%	34%	12%

xiii) **Annual Sports Awards Dinner**

The following scholars who were awarded trophies:

The Spear Bat for Open Cricketer of the Year:

The Innes Trophy for the Junior Cricket of the Year:

The Pingo Trophy for the Open Boys Hockey Player of the Year:

The Tilly Trophy for the Junior Boys Hockey Player of the Year:

The Ferri Trophy for the Senior Girls Hockey Player of the Year:

The Middleton Trophy for the Junior Hockey Player of the Year:

The Wicht Trophy for the Open Rugby Player of the Year:

The Olivier Trophy for the Junior Rugby Player of the Year:

The Open Boys Soccer Player of the Year:

The Junior Boys Soccer Player of the Year:

The Open Girls Soccer Player of the Year:

The Junior Girls Soccer Player of the Year:

Boys Singles Tennis Champion:

Girls Singles Tennis Champion:

Ryan Atkinson

Jed Theron

Graeme Tilly

Under 14 Team

Dominique Peel

Natasha Ashley and Shannon Cook

Sphe Nhlenyama

Jed Theron

Rupert Robinson

Desmond Phala

Accolade Ubisi

Jessica Middleton

Bruce Thomson

Shea Fletcher

chosen to deliver the Conference statement. Many friendships were forged and they returned much wiser and richer for the experience

iii) **Environmental action at Penryn:**

- The care of the environment has always been one of the pillars of our mission statement. We are now poised to fulfill this objective with the help of a group of concerned parents that have joined Council to set up the LEAF Committee;
- Penryn's Recycling depot has been set up and despite a few hiccups, it doing well. The depot is situated at the entrance of the school

iv) **Alumni Dinner:**

- With great excitement and much planning our first Alumni Dinner was held. Mr Simon Hurry (founding teacher) Gerhard de Bruin (first Head Boy) were guest speakers

v) **Scholar Imbizo:**

- We introduced a Scholar Imbizo where scholars are given the opportunity to highlight issues they would like to discuss or debate, through their SRC. This is chaired by Mr G Theron

vi) **Reunion Exchange:**

- We have had two groups of scholars participating in the Reunion Scholar Exchange

vii) **Penryn College Biathlon:**

- **Seniors** 1st Grade 11 – Goshawk 2nd Grade 10 – Goshawk 3rd Grade 10 – Kite
- **Juniors** 1st Grade 9 – Harrier 2nd Grade 9 – Kite 3rd Grade 8 - Kestrel

viii) **Falconry Club:**

- Mr. Van Rensburg, Gideon Stemmet (Falconry club chairman) and three D grade falconers (Nadine Whittal and Justin Hood) attended the Limpopo Falconry Club's field meet. Penryn Students were exposed to different types of falconry. They witnessed Cilla, a 26 year old African Hawk Eagle hunting at night and Black Sparrow-hawks and African Goshawks flown at various quarry during the day. The Penryn falconers also gained insight into the world of falconry with regards to hunting techniques, equipment, husbandry and general bird management.
- Gideon Stemmet has been graded as a B-grade Falconer. This is a first for Penryn College

ix) **Out of school activities and achievements:**

- Katie Hall, Gaby McMurray and Claudia Middleton who successfully completed the Grade 8 Performance Arts in the Trinity Guildhall Advanced Level Graded Examination in Drama through the Trinity College, London with Merit;
- Megan Bremner and Michelle Wakefield has their research project "Visual versus Auditory" published in the INSTOPP (Institute for Occupational Therapists in Private Practice) Newsletter
- Dean Macfarlane completed his A license in skydiving. He is now qualified to jump at any 'drop zone' without the supervision of an instructor
- James Gunstone earned his pilot license to fly solo
- Marelize Maritz is placed 7th At the South African National Gymnastic Championships

x) **General:**

- Ramon Thomas spoke to parents and scholars on MXit and Facebook
- Rev Storey launched our transformation campaign at Penryn College. His thought provoking and inspiring speech and axiom of **to listen is to love; to love is to give; to give is to be happy** is a challenge to us, One and All, to work towards making a difference in our own community. This was followed by staff workshops and a workshop for the Gr 11 group
- We conveyed our thanks and appreciation to Messrs David Schroenn and Bill Carter, outgoing Penryn Trustees for their hard work and commitment to Penryn for the development of Penryn and Penreach
- HIV testing has been done and will continue next year
- Representatives from the SRC and Mrs Spratt participated in the 'Court Day' hosted by the Correctional Services on Friday. An eye-opening experience for all who participated in the day

F. **Staff news:**

- Penryn staff were all involved in the Transformation Workshop which was facilitate by Mrs Fatima Osmond
- Mrs Phutumile Dumisa is appointed as CEO of Penreach
- Staff who are leaving the College at the end of this year are:
 - Ms Danielle Beer (de Villiers) who has resigned to join her husband in Maputo
- Staff who will be joining us next year are:
 - Mrs Robyn Henderson joins us from St Peter's in the English Department
 - Ms Donne Heathcote joins us from Uplands College, where she completed her Internship. She joins us in the Mathematics Department

G. Council and Sub-Committee News

i) **Penryn Parents Association**

- "Picnic under the stars" – great new fundraiser
- Christmas Market was held in the Community Centre. This is such a joy to have on campus
- PPA Gala Dinner was different this year with an International theme
- Penryn Golf Day was a wonderful success once again

ii) **Standards & Excellence**

- Transformation process introduced and implemented into the school

iii) **Facilities**

- New buildings built this year:-
 - Two locker shelters
 - Grade 7 T-pavilion
 - Two new classrooms
- Go ahead given by Facilities and Development committee for upgrading of bathrooms
- Building of new rugby/soccer, netball fields
- Tennis and netball courts have been resurfaced
- Fence – in the process of finalizing the type of fencing and where this is required

A wonderful, blessed and joyous year. Thank you one and all for your contributions, and here's looking forward to more of the same in 2009.