

# Penryn College



## 2009 Annual Report

A. **Scholars:**

i) **Class of 2008 Results:**

The Class of 2008 were a wonderful group who have made a huge impact in all spheres of College life. They were the guinea pigs and being the first group to write the National Senior Certificate. However, they rose above all expectations and produced results that have surpassed everything they have done during their five years at the College. No other group has ever achieved what they have managed to do and they deserve our congratulations.

**Overall results were as follows:**

- All 97 passed. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> straight year since we first had matrics in 1998 that this has been achieved at the College;
- 94% of the group passed for Degree study. All others passed for Diploma study with none achieving only a School Leaving Certificate;
- There were 150 distinctions in total from 97 scholars. This is a ratio of 1.55 : 1;
- The average mark across all subjects and for all scholars was 67.8%;
- 16 scholars achieved A averages, 25 achieved B averages and 33 achieved C averages;

**Scholars who achieved 4 distinctions and above were as follows:**

<b>Eight Distinctions</b>	Melissa Wicht and Wouter van Rooyen;
<b>Seven Distinctions</b>	Topaz Booysen (average of 91%); Vicky Milne and Dominique Peel;
<b>Six Distinctions</b>	Kevin Coertzen and Kara Lankers;
<b>Five Distinctions</b>	Libby Bell; Johann Eybers; Matthew Lutz; Shaun Moropa and Esmarie Strydom;
<b>Four Distinctions</b>	Jennifer Clark; Camilla Paiva and Greg Pingo.

ii) **Matric special awards:**

**Congratulations to all our 2009 matrics on their fine achievements during the academic, cultural and sporting year. Special awards were awarded:**

<b>Dux Scholar</b>	Gaby McMurray
<b>Enos Mabuza Character Award</b>	Graydon Theron
<b>St Stithians Commemorative Perseverance Award</b>	Jonty Barry
<b>The DHR Forrester Leadership Shield</b>	Colin Saffy
<b>The Eagle Award</b>	Katie Hall and Gaby McMurray
<b>The Judy Spencer Good Fellowship Award</b>	Megan Spangenberg
<b>Sportsman of the Year</b>	Nicholas Morgan
<b>Sportswoman of the Year</b>	Megan Bremner

**Honour Awards were presented to the following scholars:**

Fiona Christensen	Exceptional commitment to cultural activities
Adu Gumede	Exceptional commitment to cultural activities
Katie Hall	Exceptional Leadership as Head of Service committee
Colin Saffy	Exceptional Leadership as Head of SRC
Ludwig Spies	Exceptional achievement in both the Science and Afrikaans Olympiad
Graydon Theron	Exceptional Leadership skills as Head boy of the College
Shafee Verachia	Exceptional Leadership as Head of Transformation Committee

iii) **Scholarships – 2009:**

Daniel Buchner (Penryn Prep)	General Scholarship
Petúr Erendsson (Cowan House)	Academic Scholarship
Nonthando Nonyane (St Peters)	Academic Scholarship
Nonsikelelo Riba (Nelspruit Primary)	Academic Scholarship
Joshua Nel (Riverview Prep)	Academic Scholarship
Jason Chandler (Penryn Prep)	Sporting Scholarship
Nicholas Kotze (Summerhill Prep)	Sporting Scholarship
Marius Erasmus (Nelspruit Primary)	Leadership Scholarship

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

<b>Heads of College</b>	Fundile Dimba and Lando Mavimbela
<b>Head of SRC</b>	Megan Bense

**Heads of House**

<b>Goshawk</b>	Toni Mclagan and Peet van Staden	<b>Harrier</b>	Nicola Ferri and Michael Ferreirinha
<b>Kestrel</b>	Ashley Steyn and Ryan Bromfield	<b>Kite</b>	Antoinette Sengwayo and Chris Triegaardt

**Heads of Committee****Community Service****Environmental****Social****Transformation & Diversity**

Taneth Germishuys

Bruce Thomson

Bunny Chauke

Feni Pule

**Cultural****Outdoor Pursuits****Spiritual**

Ahrel Kouatcho

Dalene van Staden

Wentzel Burger

**Committee Members**

Nonny Nkambule

Rochelle Grobler

Dylan Bosman

Thato Mojapelo

Vukosi Ngomane

Shaun Muller

Dean MacFarlane

Ade Mchunu

Sam Innes

Monica Graupner

Jessie Burgess

Toni Stokes

Jessica Bower

Chris Morgan

Candice Thevenau

Hauke Ziessler

Chloë Bell

Erica Cuna

Robyn Mitchell

Shakira Minty

Celia Sutton

**Head of Hostels**

Wentzel Burger

**Hostel Heads****Waterberry:**

Wentzel Burger and Katherine Tomlinson

**Mahogany:**

Riyaadh Razak and Vusi Ngomane

**Marula:**

Duncan Roberson and Charissa Lawrenson

**Acacia:**

Feni Pule and Toni Stokes

**Kiaat:**

Nathi Mkhonto and Tanita McCullough

v) **Academics, Science Expos and Olympiads:**

- Matsa Molefe was awarded the Top Achiever Award for St Peters Gr 7 in 2008;
- David Snaddon, as a result of achieving a high score in the South African Computer Olympiad, has been invited by the UCT Algorithm Circle to attend training in basic to advanced algorithms;
- **First Round of the Computer Olympiad:-**  
**Juniors** Patrick Manicom (1<sup>st</sup>); Tiago da Silveira (2<sup>nd</sup>); Mark-John Lange (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
**Seniors** Jarryd Putter (1<sup>st</sup>); David Snaddon (2<sup>nd</sup>); Conrad Mönning (3<sup>rd</sup>).
- **Second Round of the Computer Olympiad:-**  
**Juniors** Mathys Ellis (1<sup>st</sup>); Patrick Manicom (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Tiago da Silveira (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
**Seniors** Jarryd Putter (1<sup>st</sup>); Christiaan van der Merwe (2<sup>nd</sup>) and David Snaddon (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- David Snaddon became the first Senior Penryn scholar **ever** to finish in the Top 100 scholars in South Africa in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Senior Mathematics Olympiad;
- Ludwig Spies was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Mpumalanga and South Africa in the Afrikaans First Additional Language Olympiad. He was also placed 8<sup>th</sup> in South Africa in the National Life Science (Biology) Olympiad;
- **Mintek Provincial Competition:** Ryan Cauldwell, Ludwig Spies and Gaby McMurray represented Penryn at the annual Mintek Provincial Competition and were placed 1<sup>st</sup> with Rob Ferreira 2<sup>nd</sup> and Uplands College 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ryan Cauldwell and Ludwig Spies were both selected to be part of the Mpumalanga Provincial Team at National's later this year. Nine provinces competed against one another with each team consisting of six members, three of whom were from previously disadvantaged schools;
- **National Science Olympiad:** Ludwig Spies (7<sup>th</sup> in the country) in the 70% – 79% range, Fiona Christensen (18<sup>th</sup> in the country) and Joshua Mather-Pike (19<sup>th</sup> in the Top 150 in the country) in the 60% - 69% range;
- **Sub-Regional Science Expo:**  
**Gold:** Julianie Stapelberg; Tracy Shaw; Susan Aling; Aliza Liebenberg; Kirstin Swanepoel; Nathan Cook; Andrea Cook; Richard Hay; Hayden Cuthill and Nicholas Peel  
**Silver:** Romario Gonsalves; Byron Card; Daniel Schormann; Jessica Middleton; Megan Prowling; Robyn Schormann and Simi Gumede  
**Bronze:** Cassandra Mönning; Jason Card; Jared de Cunha and Courtney Saayman
- **Regional Science Expo:**  
**Best High School Project** Robyn Schormann and Simi Gumede  
**Gold:** Robyn Schormann; Simi Gumede; Jason Card; Jared de Canha; Nathan Cook; Andrea Cook; Hayden Cuthill; Nicholas Peel; Julianie Stapelberg; Richard Hay; Jessica Middleton; Megan Prowling; Daniel Schormann; Romario Gonsalves and Byron Card  
**Silver:** Tracy Shaw; Susan Aling and Kirstin Swanepoel
- **National Science Expo:**  
Robyn Schormann and Simi Gumede **Gold** Astronomy and Space Science  
(Robyn and Simi were also awarded the South African Radiation Protection Society Award and CBI-electric award for their project)  
Hayden Cuthill and Nicholas Peel **Silver** Offsetting carbon emissions using indigenous trees  
Andrea and Nathan Cook **Bronze** An environmentally-friendly and efficient way to vote
- **JSE Investment simulation:** Romario Gonsalves, Miki von Ketelhodt, Rory David and Byron Card participated in the JSE Investment simulation competition and were the overall National Best Investors for the month of July
- **United Nations Model Debate Competition:** Penryn College represented by Tessa Ware and Peet van Staden and our partner school, Mthombo High School represented by Rhino Khosa and Hlengiwe Mdhuli were the winners of the Provincial competition.

They competed in the National competition held in Cape Town in October. Peet van Staden was nominated as a member of the South African team at the International United Nations Model Debate Competition in New York next year;

- **Afrikaans Provincial Olympiade:** Our Grades 10 to 12 scholars took part in the Afrikaans First Additional Language Afrikaans Olympiade. 16 out of the Top 20 in Mpumalanga came from Penryn College.

B. **Sport:**

i) **Athletics:**

- Ayandze Mohale; Benny Gondwe; Megan Prowling; René Niemand, Shannon Crook and Thabiso Nkwenyane qualified to attend the Sub-Regional Athletics trials;

- **Time trial results:**

<b>Fastest boy</b>	Byron Card (Kite) – 12.16	<b>Fastest girl</b>	Megan Prowling (Kestrel – 17.07
<b>Fastest boy</b>	Jean-Jacques Jordaan (Harrier) – 12.13	<b>Fastest girl</b>	Tracy Shaw (Goshawk) – 15.34
<b>Fastest boy</b>	Ryan Bromfield (Kestrel) – 11.49	<b>Fastest girl</b>	Tessa Ware (Kite) – 16.38

- **Inter House Athletics:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kite (861); 2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrel (846); 3<sup>rd</sup> Goshawk (795.5); 4<sup>th</sup> Harrier (716.5)

**Junior Victrix:** Megan Prowling      **Junior Victor:** Bryan Pingo

**Senior Victrix:** René Niemand      **Senior Victor:** Jed Theron

**New and Equaled records:**

Girls U15 1500m	Roxanne Baker	Girls U16 1500m	Natasha Ashley
Girls U16 Long Jump	René Niemand	Girls U16 Shotput	Shannon Crook
Girls U16 Javelin	Shannon Crook	Boys U16 400m	Jed Theron
Boys U19 Shotput	Dirk Neethling	Boys U19 Discuss	Dirk Neethling

ii) **Cross country:**

Results were as follows:

<b>Senior Boys:</b>	Geoffrey Shein (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Ryan Bromfield (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Jonty Wakefield (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	<b>Junior Boys:</b>	Jean-Jacques Jordaan (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Byron Cark (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Richard Hay (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
<b>Senior Girls:</b>	*Natasha Ashley (1 <sup>st</sup> ) *Tie *René Niemand *Tie Dalene van Staden (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	<b>Junior Girls:</b>	Roxanne Baker (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Andrea Koch (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Megan Prowling (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
<b>House results:</b>	1 – Harrier      2 – Kite	3 – Kestrel      4 - Goshawk	

iii) **Swimming:**

**Inter House Swimming Gala:**

Goshawk 1<sup>st</sup> (550), Harrier 2<sup>nd</sup> (390), Kite 3<sup>rd</sup> (364) and Kestrel 4<sup>th</sup> (322). Kite won the Spirit Trophy

Junior Victor Ludorum	Dean Myhill	Junior Victrix Ludorum	Zoë Venter
Senior Victor Ludorum	Byron Bremner	Senior Victrix Ludorum	Dalene van Staden

28 records were broken and the results were:

ITEM	BOYS	ITEM	GIRLS
Jnr Boys IM 100m	Dean Myhill	Jnr Girls IM 100m	Zoë Venter
Snr Boys IM 100m	Byron Bremner	Snr Girls IM 100m	Dalene van Staden
U14 Boys 50m Butterfly	Dean Myhill	Open Girls 50m Butterfly	Dalene van Staden
U16 Boys 50m Butterfly	Byron Bremner	U14 Girls 50m Backstroke	Zoë Venter
U14 Boys 50m Backstroke	Dean Myhill	U15 Girls 50m Backstroke	Cezanne Moolman
U16 Boys 50m Breastroke	Byron Bremner	Open Girls 50m Backstroke	Dalene van Staden
Open Boys 50m Breastroke	Mariano Croublet-Savon	U14 Girls 50m Breastroke	Zoë Venter
U14 Boys 50m Crawl	Dean Myhill	U16 Girls 50m Breastroke	Kirsten de Wet
U16 Boys 50m Crawl	Byron Bremner	U14 Girls 50m Crawl	Christine Grobler

U16 Boys Medley Relay	Goshawk
Open Boys Medley Relay	Goshawk
U16 Boys Crawl Relay	Goshawk
Open Boys Crawl Relay	Goshawk

U15 Girls 50m Crawl	Cezanne Moolman
U16 Girls 50m Crawl	Sammy Hammond
Open Girls 50m Crawl	Dalene van Staden
Open Girls Medley Relay	Goshawk
U14 Girls Crawl Relay	Kestrel
Open Girls Crawl Relay	Goshawk

- **Penryn Relay Gala:** against Uplands College, Lowveld High and Barberton High Schools. Penryn won 20 races and Uplands 5. Lowveld and Barberton High Schools had no 1<sup>st</sup> places.
- **Mpumalanga High Schools Swimming team:** (U/14) Dean Myhill; Kyle van Rensburg; Herman Thormählen; Christine Grobler; Zoë Venter. (U15-16) Byron Bremner; Cezanne Moolman; Sammy Hammond; Kirsten de Wet. (U17-19) Peet van Staden; Mariano Croublet-Savon; Dalene van Staden; Rochelle Grobler. Megan Bremner was selected to represent Mpumalanga Swimming for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in succession. She was elected as Captain for the second consecutive year;
- **Midmar Mile:** Penryn was placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Top 20 Schools, with 54 swimmers who participated in the open water swim. Ms Joubert and Mr Swart chaperoned the group of swimmers; Penryn College won 28 out of the 40 races at the Lowveld High School Gala;
- **Inter High Gala:** Penryn College won the Inter High Gala for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The overall results were as follows: Penryn 1<sup>st</sup>; Uplands College 2<sup>nd</sup>; Hoërskool Nelspruit 3<sup>rd</sup>; Hoërskool Barberton 4<sup>th</sup>; Bergvlam 5<sup>th</sup> and Lowveld High 6<sup>th</sup>: Penryn won the Girls, Boys and Combined Trophies. Individual awards were:
 

<b>Junior Victrix</b>	Zoë Venter	<b>Junior Victor</b>	Dean Myhill
<b>Senior Victrix</b>	Dalene van Staden	<b>Senior Victor</b>	Byron Bremner

 Dean Myhill, Dalene van Staden, Michelle Tobias, the U14 Boys 200m Medley Relay, U14 Girls Freestyle Relay, Open Girls Freestyle Relay and Open Boys Freestyle Relay teams broke records at the Inter High Gala. Some of these records were nearly 30 years old;
- The following swimmers competed in the SA High Schools Swimming Championships and were placed:
 

Zoë Venter:	800m Free (Open Age) – Bronze; 400m Free – Silver; 200m Free – Gold and 100m Free 4 <sup>th</sup> place
Christine Grobler:	50m Free 6 <sup>th</sup> place
Dalene van Staden:	100m Fly 5 <sup>th</sup> place; 200m IM 4 <sup>th</sup> place; 50m Fly 10 <sup>th</sup> place
Dean Myhill:	400m Free 6 <sup>th</sup> place; 200m Free 8 <sup>th</sup> place; 100m Free 6 <sup>th</sup> place and 800m Free 9 <sup>th</sup> place
Byron Bremner:	50m Breast 10 <sup>th</sup> place
- Dean Myhill and Zoë Venter participated in the SA National Level 3 Age Group Championships in Sasolburg. Dean swam 9 events and received Silver in the 1500m Freestyle. Zoë swam 11 events, made 7 finals and received Bronze in the 100m Freestyle, Silver in the 400m Freestyle and Gold in the 200m and 800m Freestyle
- The following scholars participated in the Telkom South African National Swimming Championships and were placed: A Nationals - Zoë Venter and B Nationals - Christine Grobler, Cezanne Moolman, Dean Myhill and Daleen van Staden. Dean made it into three A-finals out of nine races, with four top-10 finishes: 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1500m freestyle; 6<sup>th</sup> in 800m freestyle, 4<sup>th</sup> in 400m freestyle and 7<sup>th</sup> in 200m butterfly. Zoë, who was one of the youngest in the tournament, swam two of her personal bests with her highest place being 10<sup>th</sup> in the 800m freestyle. Christine made the A final in the 50m Butterfly and earned a 6<sup>th</sup> place. Cezanne did well and finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the 50m freestyle and Dalene finished 8<sup>th</sup> in her A final in the 200m IM;
- **Swimming FINA World Cup:** Dean Myhill and Zoë Venter qualified to swim in the FINA World Cup;
- Zoë Venter was invited to participate in the **World Cup Swimming Championship** in Berlin. She was one of a group of girls who have been earmarked for possible candidates for the 2012 London Olympics and was accompanied by Mandy Loots (3 times Olympian) who served as her mentor whilst travelling with the official SSA delegation;
- **Top Mpumalanga Schools Gala Results:**

Top High School	Penryn College (681 pts)
Top High Schools Boys Team	Penryn College (255 pts)
Top High School Girls Team	Penryn College (349 pts)
Best Performance Boys	Byron Bremner (50m Freestyle: 791 points) (Penryn)
Best Performance Girls	Zoë Venter (Girls 200m Individual Medley: 687 points) (Penryn)
Junior Victrix Ludorum	Marnè van Aarde and Heike Thormahlen (Penryn Prep)
Senior Victor Ludorum	Dean Myhill (Penryn)
Senior Victrix Ludorum	Daleen van Staden (Penryn)

iv) **Rugby:**

- Very good season having won both 1<sup>st</sup> team Derby matches this year. U14 and 1<sup>st</sup> teams qualified for provincial play-offs;

v) **Girls Hockey:**

- **The following Hockey girls were selected to represent Mpumalanga Girls Hockey:** Bunny Chauke; Antoinette Sengwayo (U18); Mantombi Ntuli (U16B) and Tessa Ware (U16);
- **Ladies and Mens Hockey League (2<sup>nd</sup> Division):** 1<sup>st</sup> in Ladies League (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)

vi) **Boys Hockey:**

- **The following Hockey boys were selected to represent Mpumalanga:** Geoffrey Shein (U16A); Jason Hogg (U16A); Nicholas Peel (U16A); Ryan Innes (U16B); Bruce Thomson (U18B); Karabo Malele (U18); Thato Mojapelo (U18); Matthew Shum (U14); Dean Myhill (u14 – Captain) and Ndzalama Dumisa (U14);
- **Mens Hockey League: Boys** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Men's League (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)

vii) **Netball:**

- A group of 8 Netball players ranging from the U14 through to 1<sup>st</sup> team level attended a coaching clinic at Raloka, Pretoria. They were awarded the title of "Team of the Week" and were also commended for their rendition of the school song;
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Netball team made it through to the **Enhlanzeni Regional Netball playoffs**
- René Niemand, Lando Mavimbela and Khensani Mabuza were selected to represent the Lowveld U19 Netball team at the South African Nationals.

viii) **Tennis:**

- Bruce Thomson, Mark Wood and Chris Graupner were selected to represent Mpumalanga U18 at the IPT Tennis Tournament;
- Mark Woods and Christopher Graupner participated in the U16 Lowveld Junior Tennis Championships
- Boys 1<sup>st</sup> team beat Nelspruit Hoërskool for the first time in the school's history;
- **Penryn Tennis Championships results were:**

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runners-up</b>
<b>Boys Singles</b>	Bruce Thomson	Christopher Graupner
<b>Girls Singles</b>	Shea Fletcher	Tracy Shaw
<b>Boys Doubles</b>	Bruce Thomson and Mark Woods	Christopher Graupner and Michael Ferri
<b>Girls Doubles</b>	Shea and Chloe Fletcher	Katy Begg and Sammy Hammond
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	Christopher Graupner and Tracy Shaw	Mark Woods and Shea Fletcher

ix) **Golf:**

- Ryan Woolley was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the A-Division of the Sabie River Bungalow Golf Club Championships. He was the only Junior in the event;
- Penryn were the winners of the Lowveld High Schools B Division – Gross and winners of the Lowveld High B Division – Nett. The best staff player was Mr Barry;
- Ryan Woolley was selected to represent Mpumalanga at a quadrangular Golf Tournament;
- Penryn College undertook a golf tour to the North-West Province. 10 boys had the wonderful opportunity to play the following courses: Magaliespark, Lost City (at Sun City) Rustenburg and the Jack Nicklaus signature course at Pecanwood. The highlight of the tour was the round at the world famous Gary Player course at Sun City. To actually walk the fairways where the Ernie Els' of the world have walked was truly memorable. The player of the week was Robert Uren with a combined average net score of 70. Another star of the week was Mr Paul Viljoen who shot a 34 on the back nine of Pecanwood. A number of golf balls were lost but wonderful memories were made.

x) **Squash:**

- Matthew Phyffer (U19); Chris Triegaard (U19); Jonathan Wakefield (U16); Ryan Mandy (U16); Fiona Christensen (U19); Michelle Wakefield (U19 and Katy Begg (U16) represented the Mpumalanga Squash team;
- Matthew Phyffer participated in the U19 Inter Provincial Squash Tournament where he represented the South African Country Districts as No 1 in the B team.

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

- **Highlights of winter sports festivals were:**  
1<sup>st</sup> **Girls Hockey** drawing with Pretoria Girls High School and Herschel from Cape Town;  
1<sup>st</sup> **Netball** beating Durban Girls College and Roedean from Johannesburg;  
**U15 Rugby** beating St Andrews College, Grahamstown and being unbeaten at ISRF;  
1<sup>st</sup> **Boys Hockey** being unbeaten and at Treverton Festival;  
1<sup>st</sup> **Rugby** being unbeaten and beating Sutherland High School at Treverton Festival;  
**Penryn** was awarded the Most Captivating Rugby award.  
Thato Mojapelo (most goals); Franscois Koch (best tackler) and Jed Theron (most tries) achieved individual awards at their festivals;  
Lando Mavimbela was awarded a place in the "All Stars Team" for her sportsmanship, skill and participatory spirit.

**Cricket:**

- Our Boys first Cricket side attended a cricket clinic in KZN, gaining worthwhile experience and insightful tips into their game. Especially noteworthy were the wins over Free State School of Cricket Excellence and the South African Christian Schools Team;
- Ryan Innes (\* vs Generaal Hertzog), Bryan Pingo (vs Uplands) and Michael Chandler (\* vs Uplands), scored their first 100s and Michael Ferri took 5 for 15 against Generaal Hertzog; (\* - not out)
- Michael Chandler, Ryan Innes and Otto Buchner were selected for the second round of trials for the U15 Mpumalanga cricket team;
- Jason Chandler and Hogan Olbrich were selected for the third round of trials for the U14 Mpumalanga cricket team;
- Ndzalama Dumisa, Michael Chandler and Shafee Verachia who have been selected for the Mpumalanga final cricket trials.

**Soccer:**

• **St Peter's Soccer Festival:**

- **Girls:** All matches went very well with the girls reaching the quarter finals where they drew 2 all. In the penalty shoot-out, Penryn lost to 5 – 4 to St Peters;
- **Boys:** Boys had a very good festival even though they lost all their matches.

**Sport Tour results:**

**vs Cornwall Hill**

<b>Hockey</b>	1st	1	2	<b>Netball</b>	1st	22	23	<b>Girls</b>	1st	1	1	
	2nd	2	1		2nd	11	10		2nd	0	1	
	u16A	5	0		u16A	10	17		3rd	3	1	
	<b>Boys</b>	u16B	2		1	u16B	21		3	u16A	1	0
	u14A	3	0		u15A	9	2		u15A	1	1	
	U14B	2	1		u15B	8	9		u15B	0	1	
<b>Rugby</b>	1st	36	10		u14A	11	12		<b>Hockey</b>	u14A	2	1
	2nd	41	3		u14B	7	10		u14B	0	0	
	u15	12	22									
	u14	59	0									

**Cornwall Hill 1st Team Festival**

Girls		P	O
<b>Hockey</b>	Heron Bridge	5	0
	Redhill	3	0
<b>Netball</b>	Cornwall Invitation	13	7
	Redhill	10	19
	St Mary's DSG	15	11
	St Peter's	12	19

vs St Stithians

	Penryn	St Stithians	P	O
<b>Rugby</b>	1st	1st	3	26
	u15A	u15A	0	13
	u14A	u14A	0	23
	2nd	2nd	0	43
	3rd	u16A	3	27
	u15B	u15B	17	12
	u14B	u14C	34	0

	Boys	Penryn	St Stithians	P	O
<b>Hockey</b>	1st		2nd	9	0
		2nd	3rd	1	2
		u16A	u16A	3	4
		u16B	u16B	5	1
		u14A	u16B	10	1
		u14B	u14B	0	2

xii) Overall sport results were:

	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAW	WIN %
<b>Hockey Boys</b>	1st	17	13	1	3	76%
	2nd	7	2	3	2	29%
	u16A	12	9	1	2	75%
	u16B	5	5	0	0	100%
	u14A	10	8	0	2	80%
	u14B	4	1	3	0	25%
<b>Hockey Girls</b>	1st	20	8	7	5	40%
	2nd	8	5	2	1	63%
	3rd	5	2	3	0	40%
	u16A	7	5	1	1	71%
	u15A	8	6	1	1	75%
	u15B	5	2	3	0	40%
	u14A	7	5	1	1	71%
	u14B	5	1	1	3	20%
<b>Rugby</b>	1st	13	10	2	1	77%
	2nd	10	5	5	0	50%
	3rd	6	1	5	0	17%
	u15A	13	9	4	0	69%
	u15B	5	4	1	0	80%
	u14A	9	7	2	0	78%
	u14B	4	2	2	0	50%
<b>Cricket Boys</b>	1	4	0	4		0%
	2	3	0	3		0%
	u15	4	2	2		50%
	u14	2	1	1		50%
<b>Soccer Boys</b>	1	4	0	4	0	0%
	u15	4	3	1	0	75%
<b>Soccer Girls</b>	1	4	3	0	1	75%
	u15	4	2	1	1	50%

<b>Netball</b>	1st	<b>11</b>	7	4		64%
	2nd	<b>5</b>	0	5		0%
	u16A	<b>4</b>	2	2		50%
	u16B	<b>4</b>	3	1		75%
	u15A	<b>4</b>	1	3		25%
	u15B	<b>3</b>	1	2		33%
	u14A	<b>5</b>	0	5		0%
	u14B	<b>3</b>	1	2		33%
<b>Cricket Girls</b>	1st	<b>2</b>	2			100%

xiii) **Annual Sports Awards Dinner:**

The following scholars who were awarded trophies:

<b>Sportswoman of the Year</b>	Megan Bremner	Mpumalanga Swimming 5 years, Mpumalanga Swimming Captain, Penryn team Captain
<b>Sportsman of the Year</b>	Nick Morgan	Mpumalanga Schools, Mpumalanga Men's, Penryn Men's League Team Captain

**Cricket**

The Spear Bat for Open Cricketer of the Year:

Shafee Verachia

The Innes Trophy for the Junior Cricket of the Year:

Michael Chandler

**Hockey - Boys**

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

Nick Morgan

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

Bryan Pingo

**Hockey - Girls**

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

Bunny Chauke and Antoinette Sengwayo

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

Sam MacFarlane

**Netball**

The Bethwaite Trophy for the Senior Netball Player of the Year:

Marelise Maritz

The Hammond Trophy for the Junior Netball Player of the Year:

Zethu Shube

**Rugby**

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

Franscois Koch

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

Otto Buchner

**Soccer - Boys**

The Senior Boys Soccer Player of the Year:

Michael Msibi

The Junior Boys Soccer Player of the Year:

Lloyd Radebe

**Soccer - Girls**

The Senior Girls Soccer Player of the Year:

Antoinette Sengwayo

The Junior Girls Soccer Player of the Year:

Monette Bezuidenhout

**Tennis**

Boys Singles Tennis Champion:

Bruce Thomson

Girls Singles Tennis Champion:

Shea Fletcher

Boys Doubles Tennis Champions:

Bruce Thomson and Mark Woods

Girls Doubles Tennis Champions:

Shea and Chloë Fletcher

Mixed Doubles Tennis Champions:

Chris Graupner and Tracey Shaw

**Eagle Trophies were handed to players from all sporting codes who have represented the First Team on 50 occasions. In the case of Swimming, a recipient must have represented Mpumalanga team for 4 years, and have represented the school team in their Matric year:**

<b>Cricket</b>	Malcolm Brôle	<b>Hockey</b>	Nick Morgan and Nathan Webb
<b>Swimming</b>	Megan Bremner	<b>Soccer</b>	Ayandza Mohale
<b>Rugby</b>	Ryan Cauldwell, Malcolm Brôle, Dirk Neethling		

**Provincial play-offs** – 9 teams qualified for these:- 1<sup>st</sup> Rugby; 1<sup>st</sup> Girls Hockey; 1<sup>st</sup> Boys Hockey; 1<sup>st</sup> Netball; U15 Girls Hockey; U16 Boys Hockey; U14 Boys Hockey; U15 Rugby and U14 Rugby. All provided good opposition to Highveld teams and 2 sides, U16 Boys hockey and U14 Boys Hockey were Provincial Champions. This is by far the most successful season we have ever had. Well done to all for their enthusiasm and efforts. Incidentally this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year running that the U14 Boys Hockey side were awarded this trophy as a result of a draw against Secunda.

C. **Cultural:**

i) **Gr 12 Drama Arts class Educational Trip:**

“**There is hope**” - that is the message of the play “**Tsepang**” by Lara Foot Newton and also the meaning of “**Tsepang**”. The Grade 12 Dramatic Arts class had the privilege of seeing this play at the Market Theatre which was followed by a symposium in which the scholars were able to question the playwright, set designer and actors. They were also shown an extract of “**Waiting for Godot**” directed by Foot Newton and were able to discuss the directing of “**Equus**”. All of these texts are matric networks this year;

**Cultural Evening:** An evening of wonderful and diverse talent organized by Simphiwe Stewart. Results were - Seth Meyer (1<sup>st</sup>); Khosi Mabuza (2<sup>nd</sup>); Margo Naude (3<sup>rd</sup>); Jessica Bower (4<sup>th</sup>); Tessa Ware and the band that never sleeps (5<sup>th</sup>); Adam Helberg (6<sup>th</sup>); Vukosi Ngomane and Khosi Mabuza (7<sup>th</sup>) and Mojo and Gugu (8<sup>th</sup>). Seth Meyer’s song was played on MPower FM.

ii) **Chess:**

- Refentjie Mashao who was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Sabie Open Chess Tournament in the U20 age group;
- **Mpumalanga Lowveld High School Chess League Tournament:** was hosted at Penryn College. 110 scholars from 7 schools in the Lowveld region enjoyed a day of hard-fought competition and the renewing of friendships. The Penryn College team participated in the A League and learnt a great deal. The B League was won by Sybrand van Niekerk. The Penryn team were represented by - Refentjie Mashao (C); Zander Boshoff; Akani Godi; Siya Mlangeni; Liso Mpofo; Unathi Ndamase; Lungelo Njamelo; Luke Abbot; Quieten Hanekom and Charné Shaw. Thank you to Mrs Grout for co-ordinating the tournament;
- **Chess team** played in a friendly Chess Tournament vs Uplands College, winning 11 of 12 matches;
- A group of 6 boys participated in the **High School Junior Chess League Tournament**. Refentjie Mashao and Luke Abbot won 2 out of 4 games and Siya Mlangeni won one and drew one;

iii) **Inter House Quiz Results:**

The SRC Exec organized an exciting and fun Inter House Quiz. Results were:

- Kite – 1<sup>st</sup> (95 points); Goshawk - 2<sup>nd</sup> (90 points); Kestrel 3<sup>rd</sup> (60 points) and Harrier 4<sup>th</sup> (0).

iv) **Inter House Debating:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kite (81%); 2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrel (72%); 3<sup>rd</sup> Goshawk (67%) and 4<sup>th</sup> Harrier (50%)

v) **Inter House Plays and School Production:**

**Inter-House plays:**

- The plays are solely scholar driven. Individual awards were, Ebenhaezer Dibakwane (Best Actor); Gugu Makhubela (Best Actress); Jess Middleton (Best actress in a comedy role); Natasha Ashley (Best actress in a character role); Arhel Kouatcho (Best supporting actor) and Debbie Potgieter (Best supporting actor). The best play was adjudged to be that of Goshawk 1<sup>st</sup>; Kite was 2<sup>nd</sup>; Harrier 3<sup>rd</sup> and Kestrel 4<sup>th</sup>;

**School Production:**

- A wonderful play titled “The Quiche of Death”;

vi) **Standard Bank Eisteddfod:**

**Prestige and Trophy Winners:**

**Vocal Competition** Tessa Ware (3<sup>rd</sup> time in a row)      **Guitar and own composition** Adam Helberg

**Dance:**

**Dance solos** Kelly Hammond (5 dances, 1A+; 2A++); Danielle van der Merwe (A++); Chante Klopper (A++); Costa Tsobanoglou (A++ 100%); Candice Thevenau (A++); Gabby de Gouveia (A)

**Group dances:**

**Girls Group Dance A++** Gabby de Gouveia; Thami Mdhului; Vania da Silva; Kelly da Silva

**Gifts Girls B+** Mphatso Banda, Michelle Peddie, Ntsako Hlabangwane, Michelle Maduana, Lindiwe Khoza, Gabby de Gouveia; Michel Mare-Linden; Damin Go; Kim Blume

**Gr 8 Boys Group A+++** Costa Tsobanoglou; JJ Simelane; KG Mashile; Mokgeti Machete; Raymond Taiwe; Khensani Mashaba; Mthunzi Mncube

**Gr 9 Boys Group A+++** Gugu Shongwe; Romario Goncalves, Duncan Makhubu; Lloyd Radebe; Mbuso Mathe

**Senior Boys Group A+++** Fundile Dimba; Fundisa Dimba; KG Mphachoe; Rowan Arendse; David Bakker; Liso Mpofo; Feni Pule; Ivo Mogne; Gift Mona

**Girls Group A++** Kelly da Silva; Michelle de Gouveia; Natasha Khumalo; Thami Mdhului

<b>Modern Dance Group</b>	Emma Swartz achieved a Prestige award as part of this group
<b>Musical Instruments and Vocal:</b>	
<b>Penryn Choir</b>	Were placed second with an 82%. They sang outstandingly!!
<b>Guitar</b>	Erin Slingerland (B+); Dillon Parfitt (A++); Adam Helberg (A++)
<b>Flute</b>	Cassandra Mönning (A, A+)
<b>Piano</b>	Tessa Ware (2A+); Jared De Canha (A+)
<b>Penryn Ensemble</b>	A+
<b>Penryn Rock Band</b>	A+
<b>Bass</b>	William Garnett-Bennett (A+)
<b>Vocal Duet</b>	Tessa and Graham Ware (A++)
<b>Classical Vocal</b>	Accolade Ubisi (A+)
<b>Duet – Light Music</b>	Sakhile Shongwe and Khosi Mabuza (A+)
<b>Light Music Individual Vocal</b>	Hlobile Makukule (A+); Lando Mavimbela (A+); Carmen Cilliers (A+); Lindo Magagulga (A); Tswelo Malibe (B+); Vukosi Ngomane (B+)
<b>Dance:</b>	Kelly Hammond achieved 4 Prestige (A++) and 1 A+
<b>Songwriting Trophy:</b>	Seth Meyer (A++); Tessa Ware (A+)
<b>Light Music (Vocal):</b>	Khosi Mabuza (A+); Kristen Hutton (A+); Charnel Rikhotso (A); Gugu Makhubele (A); Sakhile Shongwe (A); Lindiwe Khoza (A); Kulani Ngomane (A); Comfort Phiri (A)
<b>Group Dramatization:</b>	Natasha Ashley; Tamsyn Ballantyne and Katy Begg (Prestige)
<b>Small Group Poetry:</b>	Natasha Ashley; Tamsyn Ballantyne and Katy Begg (Prestige)
<b>Prepared Public Speaking:</b>	Natasha Ashley; Tamsyn Ballantyne and Katy Begg (Prestige)

#### **Classical Instrumental Innibos Competition:**

Aliza Liebenberg (A+) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Danya Maree (A+) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

- Emma Swartz, was part of a modern dance group of 17 girls who were chosen to dance at the Gala evening;
- Megen Venter earned a B+ for Country/Gospel and A for Pop/Rock singing categories

#### **Eisteddfod Gala Evening:**

<b>Group Dramatisation A++</b>	Ndzalama Dumisa, Sine Mazibuko, Mthunzi Ncube, Hogan Olbrich, Bryan Pingo; JJ Simelane, Costa Tsobanoglou, Ryan Wicht, Danielle van der Merwe; Ashleigh Walker; Monette Bezuidenhout; Simi Gumedede; Astrid Kouatcho; Andiswe Phiri; Samantha MacFarlane; Robyn Schormann; Natasha Ashley; Tamsin Ballantyne and Katy Begg
<b>Group Dramatisation A+</b>	Nonhle Matsebula; Comfort Phiri and Zethu Shube; Patrick Manicom and Jonathan Wakefield
<b>Public Speaking A++</b>	Nicholas Peel
<b>Choral Verse A++</b>	David Bakker; Stacey Booth; Nicholas Bowen; Kirsten de Wet; Jaime Harvey; Tshepiso Kgapanne; Nombulelo Kubhayi; Khensani Maenga; Gugu Makhubele; Mixo Mathebula; Tanya Misquitta; Gift Mona; Kristy Richards; Walter Senoko; Zinhle Shabalala and Melissa van Heerden;
<b>Group Mime A++</b>	David Bakker; Nicholas Bowen; Kirsten de Wet; Zinhle Shabalala; Stacey Booth; Jaime Harvey; Mixo Mathebula; Melissa van Heerden; Walter Senoko; Gift Mona; Tanya Misquitta; Kristy Richards; Nombulelo Kubhayi; Tshepiso Kgapanne; Gugu Makhubele and Khensani Maenga
<b>Small Group Poetry A++</b>	Natasha Ashley; Tamsin Ballantyne and Katy Begg
<b>Small Group Poetry A+</b>	Patrick Manicom and Jonathan Wakefield
<b>Dramatised Poetry A</b>	Stacey Booth
<b>Undramatised Poetry A+</b>	Stacey Booth and Melissa van Heerden
<b>Monologue</b>	Kelly Christen (A++); Genna Shrosbree (A++); Candice Thevenau (A+); Ande Mchunu (A+); Charissa Lawrenson (A+); Accolade Ubisi (A+); Robyn Mitchell (A+); Peet van Staden (+); Elena van Staden (A); Nicole Kerswill (A); Petar Stepanovic (A); Cindy Dlozi (A); Gina Monni (A); Kim Crook (A); Chloe Bell (A) and Kirsty Mac Neillie (A)

#### **Eisteddfod Gala Evening for Dance:**

The following scholars participated in the Gala evening for Dance:

<b>Solo</b>	Costa Tsobanoglou; Kelly Hammond; Candice Thevenau and Chante Klopper
<b>Group Dance</b>	David Bakker; Fundisa Dimba; Rowan Arendse; Fundile Dimba; Kagiso Mphachoe; Gift Mona; Ivo Mogne; Liso Mpofo and Feni Pule

#### **D. Other:**

##### **i) Annual Field Trip:**

The format of the camps this year were:

Grade 8	Blydepoort and surrounds
Grade 9	Fanie Botha Hike
Grade 10	Johannesburg and surrounds
Grade 11	Graskop – Personal growth experience
Grade 12	Grade 12 scholars wrote their Preliminary Exams

ii) **Round Square African Regional Conference:**

- **Nairobi Kenya:** Penryn College has been sending scholar delegates to the Junior and Senior Round Square Conferences for the past three years. This year, the Junior Conference was held at Brookhouse International School in Nairobi. Penryn representatives were Mrs Allison Hay, Mr Sandile Mabuza (Council representative), Tessa Ware, Monette Bezuidenhout, Julianie Stapelberg, Jessica Middleton, Felicia Mkhathshwa, Margo Naude and Sam MacFarlane. Seventeen schools from various parts of Africa, plus Canada College and the International School of Jordan were represented. Activities included debating and discussion various issues within their Barazzas (groups). An interesting and thought provoking United Nationals Debate rounded off these discussions. Delegates were taken into the slums of Nairobi to do community service, which was a truly humbling experience. Various other adventure and environment activities, were also organized. Our scholars received much applause for their gum boot dance (thanks to Mr Given Mashabane's coaching);

**Stanford Lake College:** A group of 6 scholars, accompanied by Ms Katherine Porter and myself participated in the Senior Round Square Conference for the African Region hosted by Stanford Lake College during the mid-term break. The theme of the conference was "A new look at the environment". As always, this was an enriching and diverse understanding of different cultures, experienced by the scholars by participating in debates, group work and community service to name just a few. Please refer to the information circular sent out as an attachment with the Circular 12. We are hosting the Junior Conference next year at Penryn and look forward to this with anticipation;

**Round Square Quiz evening:** the Committee have raised enough funds to build a kitchen for the Simunye Drop Off Centre in Nelspruit.

- **European trip:** A group of 15 scholars and 2 teachers toured around Europe and the UK during the October holidays. Despite a rather sleepless night on the plane, we arrived in London big-eyed and excited. Mr and Mrs de Beer took us on a whirl-wind tour though around London to Buckingham Palace, St James' Park, the Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the Thames River. In the following 15 days we managed to travel through 7 countries, including Belgium, Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, France and Switzerland. We were also able to visit the world's smallest country, the Vatican, which is the headquarters of the Catholic Church, and the residence of the Pope. Other tour highlights included standing before famous works of art such as the Mona Lisa, the statue of David and the Sistine Chapel, cruising down famous rivers on hired boats and seeing ancient buildings such as the Coliseum and Notre Dame Cathedral. The weather was absolutely perfect with not a drop of rain or snow in all the time they were travelling. Many of the other travellers commented on how polite and well-mannered the Penryn scholars were, and this made us proud that they represented the College and South Africa as well as they did. Thank you to Mr and Mrs de Beer for the organization and planning that went into to the planning of the trip and for chaperoning the scholars.

iii) **Christian camps:**

- **Christian Union Camp:** Term 3 ended on a spiritual high for a large group of scholars. The Scripture Union Trendsetters conducted a week's mission on campus. This culminated with a camp at Ekukhanyeni. Each class had two periods with the team during the week.

iv) **Alumni :**

- Reece Dabner (Class of 2008) selected to represent the Rhinos U20A rugby team;
- Brian Dunkley (Class of 2005) was awarded his Bachelor of Arts Information Science and Multi Media Degree;
- Natalie Beckenstrater (Class of 1998) who participated in the 2009 South African Triathlon Championships which involves a 1.6 km open water swim, 40 km cycle and a 10km run. Natalie completed the triathlon in an overall time of 2 hrs 24 min giving her a 5<sup>th</sup> position.. In 2008 she obtained a second position at the South African Duathlon Championships in Bloemfontein awarding her South African Colours and entitling her the opportunity to represent South Africa at the World Duathlon Championships in Rimini, Italy.
- Louise Coertzen (Class of 2007) was selected to represent the U21 South African Hockey side.
- **"The Adventures of Toby"** which incorporates "Monsters and Me", "Making Friends" and the new Adventure – "Crunch Time" which has been directed by ex-Penryn scholar, Daniel Snaddon (Class of 1998) had screenings at Nu-Metro country-wide.

v) **Transformation process:**

- Shafee Verachia whose portfolio is Head of Transformation and Diversity and his committee did a wonderful job in setting up and running workshops from Grades 6 to 11. A lot of positive feedback was given from scholars;
- A set of workshops where scholars spoke about more personal experiences. The next step was to challenge the scholars on how this is manifest. Starting with the Grade 11 group, the question "*If we are a transformed group, what would we look like?*";
- The Transformation and Diversity Committee presented a paper on the transformation process at Penryn at the SAHISA Conference in Swaziland;
- Mr David Knowles and two other staff members from St Stithians visited Penryn to find out more about the transformation process.

vi) **Reunion Exchange:**

- We hosted a group of 50 Reunion Exchange students from Bras Panom High School, Reunion Island. Penryn scholars in turn will participate in an exchange programme;
- As part of the Edulink Exchange Programme, a group of twenty scholars accompanied by Mrs Hay went over to Reunion Island. Over a two year period Penryn scholars host students from various schools around the Island and in return they are sent to Reunion Island for a week. Evenings are spent with individual host families giving them the opportunity to learn and appreciate the Creole culture. Strong and meaningful friendships were formed

vii) **Penryn College Biathlon:**

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

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

- Michael Chandler and Christopher Graupner were selected to participate in the trials for the South African Action Cricket U/16 team;
- René Niemand was selected to participate in the SA Biathlon Championships held in Cape Town as part of the Mpumalanga team;
- Kiara Raschke (Sparring – Gold; Forms – Gold) and Matthys Ellis (Sparring – 4<sup>th</sup> Place; Forms – 4<sup>th</sup> Place) in the South African Championships for Tang So doo Martial Arts. Kiara was selected to represent the National team at the World Championships in Poland and Matthys the President's Development Team;
- Kelly Hammond who has been selected as a National finalist in the South African Championships of the Performing Arts 2009. She qualified in the Dance and Modelling Divisions. Kelly Hammond who participated in the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles during the July holidays. Kelly was crowned as the Junior Grand Model with 3 overall awards for casual, swim wear and photographic modeling. She was also awarded 3 Gold and 1 Silver Medal for Modeling, 1 Gold and 2 Silver and 2 Bronze for Dancing and was acknowledged in the Entertainment Industry. Kelly was also chosen to participate in the Gala Showcase event;
- Murray Millin who has been selected to represent the W.S.K.F. at the SA Championships
- Geoff Shein who has been selected to participate in the Maccabiah Games in Israel in the 800m and 3000m in June.
- Kelly Hammond was chosen as a National finalist for the South African Championships of the Performing Arts. Furthermore, Kelly has also been chosen as a member of the Team South Africa to attend the World Championships of the Performing Arts in Los Angeles, California;
- Michael (U16) and Jason (U14) Chandler who have been selected to represent the Action Cricket Protea teams to represent South Africa at the World Cup Tournament to be held in Brisbane, Australia;
- Susan Aling, Ryan Mandy and Carmen Celliers have been awarded prizes after participating in the Riverside Mall Children's Art Festival. The school has been given prize money to the value of R5,000 and this will be used to install a much needed water basin and display boards in the Art room;
- Fiona Christensen and Adu Gumede successfully completed the Grade 8 Trinity Guildhall Advanced Level Examination in Performing Arts with distinction. The girls presented a theme "A voice of Africa", that demonstrated their skill in a variety of performing arts;
- Willem Barnard who participated in and won the Astro Incredible Space Race Competition by achieving the highest points in the competition;
- Marelize Maritz who was awarded her Mpumalanga Colours for Gymnastics. She will be participating in the South African Championships in September.
- Samantha Innes and Charne du Plessis competed in 4 events in which she represented the Mpumalanga A team and 1 event in the Mpumalanga B team. Samantha came first in the Championship Show Jumping, second in Showing, fourth in Working Riding and First in Equitation achieving two Gold medals and one Silver. Samantha Innes has also been approached to enter the Dressage Elementary Level as a possible Junior South African representative. Celia Sutton competed in 3 events in which she represented the Mpumalanga B team;
- Cassandra Mönning who achieved a distinction for her Grade IV UNISA Flute Exam.

x) **General:**

- **Ryan Cauldwell** was awarded a Full Bursary to study Chemical Engineering at a University of his choice in South Africa. Ryan was one of seventeen selected out of a group of 2,500 applicants;
- Founders day was a wonderful occasion Mr Dlamini, our Guest Speaker, left us with a challenge to "*dream bigger dreams, dare to climb higher mountains and to move the human race forward. That we as Penryn College, are to rise up and own the future! The world is at your feet!*". Mr Dlamini's speech can be accessed by clicking on the website link - <http://196.35.23.3/mod/resource/view.php?id=860>;
- **CANSA**  
Elena van Staden, Celeste Kotze, Nombulelo Khubayi and Melissa van Heerden were recognized for their efforts in raising funds for the CANSA Association of South Africa at the recent CANSA Debutantes Ball. Candice Thevenau was invited as an

Honorary Debutante. Penryn College was awarded certificates by the CANSA Association of South Africa for being placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Debutante Project Teamwork and for being placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Debutante Project Fundraising; Cancer Shav-a-thon raised over R3,500; CANSA Debutants also arranged with Hi-Tech to 'kidnap' the 1<sup>st</sup> team captains. Scholars had to pay R5 for the release of their mates;

- **PMR Awards**

The Annual PMR Awards were held recently at which Penryn College was awarded the Gold Award for the Private School Sector. We received this for doing the most in this sector over the last 12 months to stimulate growth and development in Mpumalanga. Congratulations to the Penryn Family – One and All. Penryn continues to thrive because of our parents commitment and input into College.

- **IQAA Evaluation**

A lot of meaningful input was given and information gleaned from scholars, staff and parents. An excerpt from the report "*The dimensions and quality of Penryn's special achievements and its realizing of ideals of the Penryn Vision Statement are special. Penryn is a very bright beacon light on that hill.*"

E. **Staff news:**

- **Judy Spencer:** an erstwhile and much loved Head of English at Penryn passed away after a long illness. Her quick wit and sharp sense of humour, her care for her scholars, her knowledge of English and concern for Penryn will be remembered with great fondness;

**We say goodbye to:**

- Mrs Joan Durrant who substituted for Mrs Colleen Schurink while she was away on long leave;
- Mrs Dora Stalmans who is retiring from teaching. Thanks to her for the wonderful contribution she made to Arts and Culture at Penryn;
- Mr Hennie Odendaal who leaves us as an academic intern to join the family business. We thank him for his efforts.
- Congratulations to Mr Andrew Collie and Ms Tarryn Pitallo who will be celebrating their marriage during the December holidays. We wish you both happiness and God's richest blessings in this new season of your lives;

**New staff who will be joining the College next year:**

- Mr Mvuyo Maduna is joining the English Department. Mr Maduna hails from King David High School, Linksfield where he has been teaching English Home Language for the past three years. He has an Med from Wits;
- Mr Pieter Booysen, who is joining the Afrikaans Department. Mr Booysen has been a Housemaster for 10 years at St Albans, where he taught Afrikaans, and was heavily involved in extramural activities, in particular Hockey and Golf;
- Mrs Michele Booysen, is joining the Visual Arts Department. Mrs Booysen hails from Pretoria Girls High School, where she was Head of Department. She is also an enthusiastic sports coach. Their two children entre the Prep next year;
- Mr Craig McIlrath, who is joining the Human Sciences Department. He has a MEd in Education and a rich experiences at St Johns and Uplands Prep. He is an accomplished sports coach;
- Mr Michael Meidinger, Ms Mbali Mkhathswa and Mr Lucky Lubisi who join us as Interns next year;

**Management Restructuring 2010:**

- **History:-** As you know a number of discussions have been held concerning the management structures of Penryn College / Penreach over the past few years. The first of these culminated in a separate structure for the Penreach organisation under the executive leadership of Mrs Phutumile Dumisa the CEO, where previously this fell under the role of the Executive Head of the College. The Prep Head however, continues to report to the Executive Head. Following staff appraisals and the IQAA report, another round of workshops / discussions, with staff and Council, was convened to look at the structure of management within the College itself. A number of promotions have been made from within the staff body. Most notably, Mr Grover who retires in July next year, has decided to stand down as Deputy. Mr Andrew Collie (erstwhile Director of Learning) fills this position. A new management level is that of Grade Director and it gives me great pleasure to announce as Grade Directors, Mr Gary de Beer, Mr Thomas Barry, Mrs Colleen Schurink, Mr Paul Viljoen and Mrs Louise Visser as the first staff members in these positions. The Heads of House remain unchanged and bring stability, wisdom and knowledge to the new structure. They are also rededicated to this task with many new ideas. Conveners of Committees are also new appointments and fill support roles to existing structures or specialist roles where a dedicated staff member is needed. Staff filling these positions are listed below. A document with job specifications, accountability structures and responsibility lines will be issued in the new year.

<b>Executive Head</b>	Greg Theron	
<b>Deputy Head</b>	Andrew Collie	
<b>Chaplain</b>	Fred Celliers	
<b>Grade Directors</b>	8	Gary de Beer
	9	Thomas Barry
	10	Paul Viljoen
	11	Louise Visser
	12	Colleen Schurink
<b>Director of Boarding</b>	Marieta Pienaar	
<b>House Heads</b>	Goshawk	Helen Ashley
	Harrier	Pam Stuart
	Kestrel	Ashleigh Ernstzen
	Kite	Hilton Gordon
<b>Convenors</b>	Academic Support	Nicola Joubert
	Computer Support	Lenee Stapelberg
	Cultural	Rowena Spratt
	Equipment	Given Mashabane
	Penryn Online	Isabel de Beer
	Presidents Award	Katherine Porter
	Round Square	Allison Hay
	Service	Angela Theron
	Social	Linda Janse van Rensburg
	Sport Support	Dalene van den Berg
<b>Goshawk Tutors</b>	Chrisna Hoffman	
	Donne Heathcote	
	Gunther Swart	
	Kim Cook	
	Piet Booysen	
<b>Harrier Tutors</b>	Judy Liebenberg	
	Julie Arguile	
	Mvuyo Maduna	
	Renee Comins	
	Robyn Henderson	

<b>Kestrel Tutors</b>	Carol Grout
	Celeste Schoeman
	Hannes v d Berg
	Kirsty Gray
	Michelle Booysen
<b>Kite Tutors</b>	Caroline Kouatcho
	Craig McIlrath
	Ilze Coertze
	Mattie Coetzee
	Olympia Ngomane
<b>Interns</b>	Given Mashabane
	Gunther Swart
	Lucky Lubisi
	Mbali Mkhatswa
	Michael Meidlinger

F. **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
- **PPA Jazz Evening** - an evening with a wonderful difference.

ii) ***Standards & Excellence:***

- Transformation process introduced and implemented into the school

iii) ***Facilities:***

- New fields were built and upgraded;
- Bathrooms were upgraded;
- Tennis and netball courts were resurfaced;

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.