

Penryn College



2010 Annual Report

A.

Scholars:

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Class of 2009 Results:

There were 102 Gr 12 scholar's who matriculated in 2009. All of them passed, which is the 12th straight year (since the first matric group in 1998) that this has been achieved. We were justly proud of them. They achieved 144 distinctions (or an average of 1.42 per scholar) and an average result per subject per scholar of 65%. 53 scholars in the group achieved at least one distinction. Outside of the A symbols there were 188 B's, 166 C's and 157 D's. 88% of the group achieved results that enable them to enroll for a Bachelor's degree.

Scholars who achieved 4 distinctions and above were as follows:

Eight Distinctions	Gaby McMurray (her average mark was 88%)
Seven Distinctions	Katie Hall. (her average mark was 87.9%); Jessica Middleton
Six Distinctions	Chanel Eksteen; Claudia Middleton (her average mark was 83.1%); Colin Saffy (his average mark was 80.4%); Ludwig Spies (his average mark was 82.4%) and Christiaan van der Merwe (his average mark was 82.5%)
Five Distinctions	Ryan Cauldwell (his average mark was 80.5%); Fiona Christensen (her average mark was 82.9%) Andy Fisher (her average mark was 82.4%); Chloë Fletcher; Marelize Martitz (her average mark was 82.4%) and Jade Manicom
Four Distinctions	Roxy Goncalves-Borrgeiro, Adu Gumede, Lulama Ngobeni, David Snaddon, Simphiwe Stewart and Adrienne Zeeman
Three Distinctions	Lungi Mbenyane
Two Distinctions	Mareli Blom, Megan Bremner, Mitchell Dart, Chelsea Mandy, Chevaughn Olen, Damone Pillay, Nicole Shrosbree, Graydon Theron, Michelle Tobias and Monique Walters
Top 1% in the country	Gaby McMurray (Afrikaans and Life Orientation), Katie Hall (Life Sciences and Visual Art), Chanel Eksteen (Afrikaans), Ludwig Spies (English and Afrikaans), Marelize Maritz (Afrikaans), Chevaughn Olen (Afrikaans) and Ziningi Mapalala (SiSwati)

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Matric special awards:

Special awards for academic, cultural and sporting endeavor in the 2010 Matric group were awarded to:

Dux Scholar	Rochelle Grobler
Enos Mabuza Character Award	Michael Ferreirinha
St Stithians Commemorative Perseverance Award	Kellen Scheffer
The DHR Forrester Leadership Shield	Taneth Germishuys
The Eagle Award	Dalene van Staden
The Judy Spencer Good Fellowship Award	Fundile Dimba
The Community Service Award	Nicola Ferri and Michael Ferreirinha
The Kings Constantine Round Square Medal	Ashley Steyn
Sportsman of the Year	Bruce Thomson
Sportswoman of the Year	Antoinette Sengwayo

Honours Awards were presented to the following scholars:

Nicola Ferri	-	for exceptional leadership as Head of Harrier House
Michael Ferreirinha	-	for exceptional leadership as Head of Harrier House
Ashley Steyn	-	for exceptional leadership as Head of Kestrel House
Tanya Germishuys	-	for exceptional leadership and initiative as Head of the Service Committee
Dalene van Staden	-	for exceptional leadership and initiative as Head of the Outdoor Pursuits Committee

The highest award a Penryn Scholar can be awarded is a Penryn Honours award.

One was awarded this year to Peet van Staden who has in his time with us achieved Honours for Cultural, Full Colours for Academics, Sport, Applied Academics and Leadership and a Penryn Full Colours.

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Grade 08 Scholarships (2011) have been awarded to:

Jenah Arguile	Academic	(Penryn Prep)
Nadia Breytenbach	Academic	(Penryn Prep)
Rebecca Buchner	Academic	(Penryn Prep)
Aimelee Richter	Academic	(Waterford – Swaziland)
Sabine Scholle	Academic	(St Peters)
Angus McQueen	Academic	(Summerhill Prep)
Leila Christensen	Sport	(Penryn Prep)

Corlizema de Jager	Sport	(Riverview Prep)
Nozi Magagula	Sport	(Nelspruit Primary)
Jaime Myhill	Sport	(Penryn Prep)
Carla Olivier	Sport	(St Peters)
Michael Shum	Sport	(Penryn Prep)
Daniel van Heerden	Sport	(Penryn Prep)
Tevin Mhlongo	Sport	(White River Primary School)
Cyprian Nkomo	Sport	(White River Primary School)
Samantha De Araujo	Sport	(Prep School)
Lara Hare	General	(Uplands Prep)
Bonga Khoza	Leadership	(Nelspruit Laerskool)
Penang Shirindza	Leadership	(Malelane Primary School)

Grade 09

Samantha Lovett	Sport	(Benoni High)
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iv) **Scholars Executive and Committee members (2011) were recently elected. Congratulations to :**

Head Boy	KG Mphachoe	Head Girl	Natasha Ashley
Head – SRC	Jed Theron		

Heads of House

Goshawk	Khensani Mabuza and Tim Biggs	Harrier	Kirsten de Wet and Fufu Dimba
Kestrel	AK Godi and Mark Woods	Kite	Tessa Ware and Kyle Gibbons

Heads of Committee

Social	Katy Begg	Spiritual	Jonty Wakefield
Community Service	Sammy Hammond	Outdoor Pursuits	René Niemand
Cultural	Lelo Kubhayi	Environmental	Geoff Shein
Transformation and Diversity	Gugu Makhubele		

Committee members

Tamsin Ballantyne	Nick Bowen	Keenan Collett	Louise Engelbrecht
Shea Fletcher	Matthew Greeff	Coert Jordaan	TK Kgapane
Maria Kostakis	Michal-Mare Linden	Ngwato Mamiane	Ryan Mandy
Thami Mdhului	Gift Mona	Tania Muller	Lindo Nkosi
Mikhail Pheiffer	Jaco Scheepers	Zinhle Shabalala	Telene van Wyk
Anthon Wessels			

Heads of Hostels

Hostel Head Boy	Ngwato Mamiane	Hostel Head Girl	Lindo Nkosi
Acacia	Kyle Gibbons and Telene van Wyk	Marula	Michal-Mare Linden and Mikhail Pheiffer
Mahogany	Bruce Ngozo and Tania Muller	Waterberry	Ngwato Mamiane and Lindo Nkosi
Kiaat	Junior Senoko and TK Kgapane		

v) **At the beginning of 2010 – Scholar Representative Committee representatives by tutor groups were:**

	Goshawk	Harrier	Kestrel	Kite
Grade 8	Thembeke Shongwe Johan Malan	Nelsie Sibozza Akani Mabaso	Jemima Louw Hogan Antia	Danielle dos Reis Roelof Coertze
Grade 9	Amy Davison Eric Fernandes	Andrea Koch Ndzalama Dumisa	Thuli Mathebula Richard Hay	Erin Slingerland Mokgeti Machete
Grade 10	Jade Negrao Lloyd Radebe	Thandeka Mavimbela Wihann de Graaf	Megan Prowling Gershwin Brown	Chante dos Reis Caleb Linden
Grade 11	Mixo Mathebula Tim Biggs	Rene Niemand Coert Jordaan	Tshepiso Kgapane Mark Woods	Kristy Richards Jed Theron

vi) **We have had a wonderful year in academic achievement Science Expos and Olympiads. Some highlights were:**

World Maths Day: A total number of 65,292 questions by Penryn scholars were answered with 60,035 of them being correct. The following scholars were in the Top 10 at Penryn:- Alexander Watt (2,910); Jed Theron (2,641); Coert Jordaan (2,407); Jess Maclaurin (2,399); Jonty Wakefield (1,958); Rainard Schultz (1,786); Jaco Scheepers (1,239); Luke Abbot (1,116) Kyle Gibbons (1,000) and Dalene van Staden (929). Alexander Watt and Coert Jordaan proceeded to Level 2.

Marula Wine Making and Tasting

As part of the Grade 12 Physical Science curriculum, scholars are required to brew their own Marula wine. The following recipients qualified as renowned Marula wine makers:

First place was shared by two groups: (a) **Maroela Blitz** - Lindo Magagula; Jessica Maclaurin; Neville Smith and Mariano Croubleton Savon;
(b) **Maroulavous** - Taneth Germishuys; Michael Ferreirinha; Toni Mclagan and Chris Triegaardt.

Second place: **Umgana Wine** - Celia Sutton; Robyn Mitchell and Megan Glen.

Third place: **African Zing** - Kim Crook, Ashley Steyn and Anis Khalili.

Computer Olympiad – First round:

Juniors Caleb Linden (1st); Juan Hanekom (2nd) and Rory David (3rd) at Penryn
Seniors Patrick Manicom (1st); Jessica Maclaurin (2nd) and Jarryd Putter (3rd) at Penryn

Computer Olympiad – Second round:

Jarryd Putter (1st); Peet van Staden (2nd); Patrick Manicom (3rd) and Rory David (4th) at Penryn

Computer Olympiad – Final round:

Jarryd Putter and Peet van Staden tied for first place in Mpumalanga in the Computer Olympiad Second Round
Conrad Mönning was the only candidate from Mpumalanga to be placed nationally in the National Top 11 Applications Computer Olympiad;

Informatics Olympiad

The Standard Bank/CSSA Computer Olympiad is an annual competition to identify, encourage and reward **programming skills** among high school learners. The competition attracted 38 000 entries for the First Round this year. Fifteen learners were invited to take part in the Final Round which took place at the University of Cape Town on 2 and 3 October – **Jarryd Putter and Peet van Staden** were part of these top 15.

Office Applications Olympiad - OAO – Second Round results

Mönning	Conrad	1
Maclaurin	Jessica	2
Martin	Ayrton	2

No less than 6 318 learners registered.

Eleven learners were invited to take part in the Final Round which will take place in Cape Town on 4 February 2011 – **Conrad Mönning** was the only candidate from Mpumalanga to be placed nationally in the National Top 11 Office Applications Olympiad.

Minquiz Science Competition - 2010:

Teams from schools entered in one of two categories, namely Gold (disadvantaged schools) and Platinum. The Penryn Team consisted of **Jarryd Putter, Taneth Germishuys** and **Chris Triegaardt**. Jarryd received the trophy for the winner of the Platinum Category, and was the only competitor to receive a Certificate of Distinction for his written test. In the Platinum Category Oral Competition, Penryn was placed first, with Uplands second and Hoerskool Volksrust third. The team received a trophy as well as a donation of R1,400 for the school. Jarryd and Taneth were also chosen to represent the Province at the National Minquiz competition after which Jarryd Putter was placed Nationally in the Top 10.

Afrikaans Olympiade:

Dalene van Staden came first in Mpumalanga in the Afrikaans Olympiad with 92%;
Johan Jooste placed 1st in Mpumalanga Junior Afrikaans Olympiad with 88%;
4 Penryn scholars placed in Top 100 Nation wide: Johan Jooste (88%); Jessica Phyffer (87%); Reinard Sholtz (86%); Nadia Venter (84%). 15 Scholars from Penryn were placed in the Top 20.

Maths Olympiad – Second Round:

The following scholars achieved above average at the second round of the Maths Olympiad:
Michael Ferreirinha; Mark Woods; Jarryd Putter; Jonty Wakefield; Dalene van Staden; Conrad Mönning; Dylan Parfitt; Willem Barnard; Peet van Staden; Damin Go; Kagiso Mphachoe; Taneth Germishuys and Mark-John Lange.

Mpumalanga Ehlazeni Regional Science Expo:

Gold - Caroline Buckland: "The swing pump"; **Jared de Canha:** "Unplugged"; **Andrea Koch and Ashleigh Walker:** "Small Scale Hydro Electric Generator"

Bronze - Cameron Marshall and Jason Hogg: "A Solar-Powered Water Desalinators"; **Gert Botha:** Gasification Power Generation"; **Roelien Joubert:** "Are people sustaining their Immune systems to the fullest?"; **Richard Hay:** "Is the Cow dung battery viable for Africa?"

Special Award (Eskom Energy Project) was made to Jared de Canha.

National Eskom Science Expo:

The following scholars represented the region at the National Science Expo at the University of Pretoria:

Caroline Buckland and Jared De Canha were awarded Bronze Medals at the National Science Expo.

National Science Olympiad 2010:

Tessa Ware achieved 1st place in Mpumalanga and 63rd nationally, in the Life Sciences Olympiad written in March 2010. She was one of 100 top achieving scholars who were invited to participate in a Science Focus Week in Pretoria, hosted by SAASTA.

Other high achievers who obtained bronze certificates for their participation in the Science Olympiad were: Feni Pule, Monica Graupner, Shakira Minty, Taneth Germishuys, Mark-John Lange, Siya Mlangeni, Megan Prowling, David Ferreirinha, Megan Bense, KG Mpachoe, Duncan Roberson, Hauke Ziessler, Lando Mavimbela, Youlendree Appasamy, Keenan Collett, Nathan Cook and Astrid Kouatcho.

Maths Olympiad:

Lunga Mnisi was the top provincial performer in the second round of the Maths Olympiad for Juniors. Well done to him.

Model United Nations Debating:

Penryn competed in the Model United Nations representing France, debating the issue of "Sovereignty and the responsibility to Protect". Simi Gumede did the Formal Caucus and Robyn Schormann the Closing Statement. Our Opening Statement was done by Tsepile Sambo and the other formal Caucus speaker was Patricia Zitha from our Penreach Partner School – Fundinjobo High. Twenty seven 'countries' were represented by schools from Mpumalanga. The debate took place at the legislature at Mpumalanga Government Building. Peet van Staden was one of 12 delegates from South Africa representing the South African team at the United Nations Debating Competition in New York.

Inter House Academic Top 10: 1st Harrier ; 2nd Goshawk; 3rd Kite and 4th Kestrel

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Sport:

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Athletics:

Our athletes competed at the Lowveld High School Meeting and the results were: -

Megan Prowling 1st - Girls U/16 Long Jump, 2nd - 100m; Andrea Koch 3rd - Girls U/15 1500m; Aliza Liebenberg 3rd - Girls U/15 200m, 4th - 400m; Bryan Pingo 2nd - Boys U/15 200m, 3rd - Long Jump; Thabiso Nkwenyane 3rd - Boys U/16 200m; Khensani Mashaba 3rd - Boys U/16 High Jump; Duncan Makhubu 4th - Boys U/17 High Jump and Shannon Crook 1st - Girls Open Shot-put.

Inter House Athletics results:

Goshawk (1st); Harrier (2nd); Kestrel (3rd) and Kite (4th)

Junior Victor: Daniel Buchner (Kite)
Senior Victor: Bruce Thomson (Goshawk)

Junior Victrix: Alicia Liebenberg (Harrier)
Senior Victrix: Megan Prowling (Kestrel)

Records broken or equalled:

Megan Prowling (G16 High Jump 1.35 – 1.40); Khensani Mashaba (B16 High Jump 1.68 – 1.71); Rory David (B16 High Jump 1.68 – 1.69) and Darrin Curle (U15 Boys Javelin – 40.91).

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Cross country:

Inter House Cross Country results:

Senior Boys: 1st – Byron Card; 2nd (tie) – Geoff Shein and Matthew Greeff
Junior Boys: 1st – Daniel Buchner; 2nd – Richard Hay; 3rd – Munyaradzi Mwaruta
Senior Girls: 1st – Tracy Shaw; 2nd – Natasha Ashley; 3rd – Megan Prowling
Junior Girls: 1st – Andrea Koch; 2nd – Danielle van der Merwe; 3rd – Kirstin Swanepoel

House results were: 1st – Kestrel 2nd (tie) – Goshawk and Kite 4th – Harrier

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Swimming:

Bruce Thomson and Toni McLagan were the 2010 Swimming Captains.

Inter House Swimming

Junior Victrix

Zoë Venter
Angelique Liebenberg

Junior Victor

Dean Myhill
Nicholas Kotze

Senior Victrix

Cezanne Moolman
Daleen van Staden

Senior Victor

Byron Bremner
Mariano Croublet and
Otto Buchner

Records	22 records were broken	Name	Time	House
1	Jnr Girls IM 100m	Z. Venter	1:10,35	Go
2	Jnr Boys IM 100m	D. Myhill	1:03,97	Ha
3	Snr Girls IM 100m	D. van Staden	1:10,66	Go
4	Snr Boys IM 100m	B. Bremner	1:04,75	Go
8	U15 Boys 50m Butterfly	D. Myhill	28:09	Ha
9	U16 Girls 50m Butterfly	C. Moolman	31:81	Ke
12	Open Boys 50m Butterfly	B. Bremner	28:18	Go
15	U15 Girls 50m Backstroke	Z. Venter	33:85	Go
16	U15 Boys 50m Backstroke	D. Myhill	30:52	Ha
17	U16 Girls 50m Backstroke	C. Moolman	33:53	Ke
20	Open Boys 50m Backstroke	B. Bremner	31:27	Go
22	U14 Boys 50m Breastroke	N. Kotze	34:53	Ke
23	U15 Girls 50m Breastroke	Z. Venter	38:94	Go
24	U15 Boys 50m Breastroke	B. Pingo	35:72	Go
31	U15 Girls 50m Crawl	Z. Venter	29:03	Go
32	U15 Boys 50m Crawl	D. Myhill	25:99	Ha
36	Open Boys 50m Crawl	B. Bremner	25:11	Go
39	U15 Girls Medley Relay	Goshawk	1:06,25	Go
47	U15 Girls Crawl Relay	Goshawk	59:60	Go
49	U16 Girls Crawl Relay	Kestrel	59:77	Ke
52	Open Boys Crawl Relay	Goshawk	49:97	Go

Points

Boys

1. 235 Goshawk
2. 225 Harrier
3. 184 Kite
4. 174 Kestrel

Girls

- 261 Goshawk
- 240 Harrier
- 165 Kestrel
- 145 Kite

Total 1st - Goshawk (496); 2nd - Harrier (465); 3rd - Kestrel (339) and 4th - Kite (329)

Spirit Trophy Kestrel

Inter High Swimming Gala

Penryn won the Inter High Gala for the sixth consecutive year. The results were:

Boys	Penryn	303 points	2 nd
	Uplands	308 points	1 st
Girls	Penryn	336 points	1 st
	Uplands	290 points	2 nd
Overall	Penryn	639 points	1 st
	Uplands	598 points	2 nd

Junior Victrix

Zoë Venter
Cezanne Moolman

Junior Victor

Dean Myhill
Byron Bremner

Senior Victrix

Senior Victor

Records broken in the following events by Penryn scholars were:

Girls u15 200m IM:	Zoë Venter	Boys u15 200m IM:	Dean Myhill
Boys u15 50m Butterfly:	Dean Myhill	Girls u16 50m Backstroke:	Cezanne Moolman
Boys u14 50m Breast stroke:	Nicholas Kotze	Girls Open 50m Crawl:	Sam Hammond
Boys u15 200m Medley Relay:	Kyle van Rensburg, Bryan Pingo, Dean Myhill and Herman Thormahlen		

General swimming achievements:

- Zoë Venter was placed 1st in the Girls 12 – 14 years 800m freestyle, Girls 14 years 200m and Girls 14 years 400m freestyle at the SA Level 3 Swimming Championships. She was represent Central Gauteng at the SA Nationals Swimming Champs
- Dean Myhill was selected to represent Central Gauteng at the SA Youth Swimming Championships and Swimming South Africa National Swimming quad
- GJ Richter was selected to represent the Mpumalanga School Swimming team
- Dean Myhill, Zoë Venter, Kyle van Rensburg and Nicholas Kotze participated in the SA Level 3 Swimming Championships and Herman Thormahlen in the Level 2 Championships
- Zoë Venter and Cezanne Moolman participated in the SA Open Swimming Championships at the Senior National level and Dean Myhill at the SA Youth National Championships
- GJ Richter was selected to participate in the Swaziland Swimming Championships and competed in the Swazi Nationals Swimming event. He swam 12 events and won 5 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. He was awarded a Bronze medal for 3rd Place Victor Ludorum. He was selected by the Swaziland National Swimming Association as the Senior Swimmer of the year for the season 2009/2010
- Dean Myhill and Zoe Venter were selected to represent Central Gauteng at the Irish Youth Long Course Championships as part of the South African National Youth Swimming Squad in Ireland. Teams from Ireland, UK, Egypt and South Africa participated in the championships
- KPMG Swazi Mile: The following scholars participated and did well in the event:- GJ Richter (2nd B13-30); Jared de Cahnha (9th B13 -30); Aliza Liebenberg (1st G13-30); Angelique Liebenberg (2nd 13-30); Alexi de Wet (3rd G13-30) and Mrs Allison Williams (1st women 31+).
- Kyle van Rensburg was awarded the trophy for the Mpumalanga Senior Swimmer of the Year
- GJ Richter was selected by the Swaziland National Swimming Association as the Senior Swimmer of the year for the season 2009/2010
- Kyle van Rensburg won the Senior Victor Ludorum and Best Performance Award at the Valencia Summer Swimming Gala
- Zoë Venter won gold in the 3km Ladies Open at the Sun City Open Water Event and was placed 31st in the 1500m Ladies where she was awarded a silver medal
- Dean Myhill was selected to represent the South African Swimming Squad at an event in Sau Paulo, in Brazil in October. He was placed in the following events – 1500m freestyle (6th); 400m freestyle (9th); 400m Individual Medley (9th); 200m freestyle (16th) and 100m freestyle (15th).

Top Schools Gala

Congratulations to the Penryn Swimming team who participated in the Mpumalanga Top Schools Gala held at Penryn in October. Penryn was awarded the Best Team overall, the Best Boys and Best Girls Team. Zoë Venter received the Victrix Ludorum and Dean Myhill the Victor Ludorum Trophies.

Midmar Mile A successful open water swim was had by all, and we had 50 swimmers represented.

Penryn / Uplands Derby

Penryn hosted the Derby on our own fields for the first time. Rock climbing too was introduced as part of the sporting programme for the first time.

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Rugby:

Ahrel Kouatcho (U18A), Sakhile Mdluli (U18A) and Michael Nkosi (U16A) were selected to represent Mpumalanga Rugby.

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Girls Hockey:

- The following girls were selected to represent Mpumalanga Girls Hockey:
U18A – Antoinette Sengwayo; U19A – Bunny Chauke.
- Sammy Hammond who has been selected to represent Mpumalanga Hockey at the South African Country Districts Tournament ;
- U15 Girls Hockey - our u15 Girls participated in the Mpumalanga playoffs where they won 1 and lost 3 of their games;

vi)

Boys Hockey:

The following boys were selected to represent Mpumalanga Boys Hockey:
U18A - Thato Mojapelo and Bruce Thomson; U16A – Bryan Pingo, Dean Myhill and Ryan Innes; U16B – Brandon Zeeman
U14 – Daniel Buchner and U14 Ehlanzeni – Jacques Niemand.

- vii) **Netball:**
The U15 and U16 Netball Girls went to Sportisimo where they attended a course presented by Dr Elsje Jordaan, a former Captain of the Springbok Netball team.
- viii) **Tennis:**
- Chris Graupner (U16) and Mark Woods (U18) finished first in the Lowveld Junior Closed 2 Tennis Championships;
 - Jayden Raubenheimer was placed 4th in the U14 age group Lowveld Junior Tennis Championships;
 - Mark Woods who has been selected to participate in the SA Inter Provincial Tennis Tournament;
 - Penryn Boys 1st Tennis team lost by 1 point in the Mpumalanga Schools Finals.
- ix) **Golf:**
Penryn Golf team – Bruce Thomson (Captain), Mikhail Pheiffer, Etienne Geldenhuys, Wade Mostert and Liam Hollyoak were placed in the A section of the High Schools' League and although tough, players enjoyed the challenge and competitive golf. Penryn 1st were placed 3rd at the end of the season.
- x) **Squash:**
Chris Triegaardt (U19A); Seth Meyer (U16A) and Katy Begg (U16B) were selected to play at the SA Country Inter Provincial Schools Squash Tournament in Bloemfontein.

Inter House Squash

Overall points:	Goshawk and Kite (8 points each)	Harrier and Kestrel (6 points each)
Tie break – amount of games won:	Kite (1 st) – 38 games Kestrel (3 rd) – 20 games	Goshawk (2 nd) – 27 games Harrier (4 th) – 19 games

- xi) **Cricket**
Boys
Mikhail Pheiffer was selected for the Swaziland National U19 cricket team which will take part in the U19 World Cup Qualifier. Jason Chandler was selected to represent the Mpumalanga U15 Cricket team.

Girls

Aliza Liebenberg and Chané Scheepers were selected to represent Ehlanteni Girls Cricket.

- xii) **Mountain biking**
Mathew Schofield completed the Clarence 50km Mountain Bike Race in a time of 2h30 min. He was placed 6th in his age group

Interschool Mountain Bike race

A fun-filled event was held at Uplands. Mathew Schofield did exceptionally well, leading the team before his chain broke in the 5th lap. Mathew finished third overall.

The points standing after the first round was Lydenburg on 80 points, Uplands on 64 and Penryn on 58. Penryn's top Sub-Junior Boy was Jacques Niemand who was placed overall 6th and top Sub-Junior Girl was Robin Anderson who was placed 4th overall. The top boys in the Youth were Mathew Schofield in 4th position and Cameron Marshall in 5th position. The top Youth girl was Caroline Buckland in 5th position overall.

The second leg of the Mpumalanga SPUR Mountain Bike Series was held at Penryn with a total number of 221 riders entering the competition. Penryn results were:

Sub-Junior category:	Robyn Anderson(4 th); Jacques Niemand (8 th) and Stephan Marshall (11 th)
Youth category:	Mathew Schofield (2 nd); Kirsten Gillespie (3 rd); Andrea Cook (4 th) and Emma Swartz (5 th); Brandon Zeeman (7 th); Cameron Marshall (9 th); Roelof Coertze (10 th); Aidan Jackaman (19 th) Nathan Cook (21 st); Shaun Gillespie (23 rd) and Reghardt Jacobs (25 th)
Junior category:	Justin Hood (8 th); Jason Hogg (11 th) and Jesse Spratt (16 th).

The following scholars participated in the Das Auto Mountain Bike race in White River and were placed: Justin Hood (2nd – Junior Men) and Mathew Schofield (2nd – Youth Men).

The following scholars were awarded Provincial Colours at the recent Mountain Biking Inter-schools competition:- Robyn Anderson (Sub Junior - 2nd overall); Kirsten Gillespie (Youth - 3rd overall) and Mathew Schofield (Youth - 2nd overall).

The following scholars participated in the Schools MTB Nationals recently: Cameron Marshall, Brandon Zeeman (20th overall), Justin Hood, Ryan Innes, Robyn Anderson (5th overall), Mathew Schofield (6th overall). Penryn as a team was placed 9 out of 18 school entries.

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

Sport Tour results:

1st Girls Hockey – St Mary’s Festival (Johannesburg)

Our girls played very well against some top hockey schools in South Africa and improved their ranking order by 10 places ending 18th out of 28 participating schools. Notably results were wins against Affies, Wykeham Collegiate and Our Lady of Fatima. They also drew against Kingsmead.

1st Boys Hockey – York Festival (George)

Results improved against schools that had defeated them heavily in the past. Notable wins were against St Dominics (2 – 1) and Port Rex (3 – 0).

1st Netball – St Andrews Festival (Johannesburg)

Achieved a creditable 5th in the Plate Division. Lando Mavimbela was elected as one of the Top Best 7 Players of the Tournament. Notable results were against St Johns (Pietermaritzburg), Uplands, Bridge House, Durban Girls, St Peters and Cornwall Hill. They also drew against St Annes and Jeppe.

1st XV Rugby – Potch Boys High Festival (Potchefstroom)

The team won one game and lost in the last move of the game against Potch Boys.

U16 Boys Hockey – St Albans Festival

This was a first time event for our boys where they performed very well, beating St Stithians, Cornwall Hill and Parktown Boys.

U16 and U15 Girls netball – coaching clinics (Westrand)

Wonderful skills learning curve for all which will benefit them greatly this season.

FNB U15 Independent Schools rugby Festival

We mention this event separately as we hosted the festival to much acclaim. We hosted nearly 400 participants who played 24 games in 3 days. Penryn emerged from the event with a big, warm smile on her face. Our boys did particularly well beating St Albans and Parktown Boys and playing really well against St Benedicts.

xii) **Overall sport results were:**

		TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAW	WIN %
Hockey	Boys	1st	13	5	7	1	38%
		2nd	8	3	1	4	38%
		u16A	11	8	2	1	73%
		u16B	4	2	1	1	50%
		u14A	5	4	1	0	80%
Hockey	Girls	1st	20	10	7	3	50%
		2nd	10	5	3	2	50%
		u16A	7	4	3	0	57%
		u16B	7	4	3	0	57%
		u15A	8	5	2	1	63%
		u15B	4	3	0	1	75%
		u14A	7	1	4	2	14%
		u14B	5	2	3	0	40%
Netball		1st	24	10	11	3	42%
		2nd	6	1	5		17%
		u16A	6	2	4		33%
		u16B	5	3	2		60%
		u15A	4	0	4		0%
		u15B	5	3	2		60%
		u14A	6	0	6		0%
		u14B	4	3	1		75%
Rugby		1st	13	4	9	0	31%

		2nd	10	2	7	1	20%
		3rd	8	2	6	0	25%
		u15A	13	11	2	0	85%
		u15B	4	2	2	0	50%
		u14A	9	7	1	1	78%
		u14B	6	0	5	1	0%
Cricket	Boys	1st	12	5	6	1	42%
		2nd	6	2	4		33%
		u15	10	6	4		60%
		u14	4	1	3		25%
Cricket	Girls	1st	3	1	2		33%
		u15	1	1	0		100%
Soccer	Boys	1st	11	5	6	0	45%
		u15	6	5	0	1	83%
		TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAW	WIN %
Soccer	Girls	1st	10	5	3	2	50%
		u15	5	3	2	0	60%

Hockey League results

Boys Hockey	1st	Placed 4th in league
	2nd	Placed 3rd in league
	u16A	Placed 2nd in league
	u16B	Placed 3rd in league
	u14	Placed 2nd in league

xiii) **Annual Sports Awards Dinner: Sports Awards Dinner**

These awards are made to the player who has made to the most significant contribution to that sport, both on and off the field. They recognise sporting prowess and achievement, as well as a player's commitment to their team. The awards are decided on by the respective coaches, in consultation with the Director of Sport. The awards were as follows:

Rock Climbing	The Manicom/Nel Trophy for the Most Improved Climber The Jacobs Trophy for the Strongest Climber	Jessica Maclaurin Patrick Manicom
Cricket – Boys	The Spear Bat for Senior Cricketer of the Year The Innes Trophy for the Junior Cricketer of the Year	Bruce Thomson Jason Chandler
Cricket – Girls	The Senior Cricketer of the Year – donated by 2010 parents The Junior Cricketer of the Year – donated by 2010 parents	Kirsten de Wet Aliza Liebenberg
Hockey – Boys	The Ferreirinha/Thomson Trophy for Contribution to Boys Hockey in the 1 st XI and Mens League	Shaun Muller
	The Pingo Trophy for the Senior Boys Hockey Player of the Year The Tilly Trophy for the Junior Boys Hockey Player of the Year	Ryan Bromfield Daniel Buchner
Hockey – Girls	The Ferri Trophy for the Senior Girls Hockey Player of the Year The Middleton Trophy for the Junior Girls Hockey Player of the Year	Antoinette Sengwayo Celmari Wessels
Netball	The Bethwaite Trophy for the Senior Netball Player of the Year The Hammond Trophy for the Junior Netball Player of the Year	Khensani Mabuza Wilke Blom

Rugby	The Wicht Trophy for the Senior Rugby Player of the Year The Olivier Trophy for the Junior Rugby Player of the Year	Jaydin Bowen Michael Nkosi
Soccer – Boys	The Senior Boys Soccer Player of the Year The Junior Boys Soccer Player of the Year	Jason Hogg Katlego Mashile
Soccer – Girls	The Senior Girls Soccer Player of the Year The Junior Girls Soccer Player of the Year	Ashley Mabuza Joy Ntoni
Tennis	The Boys Singles Champion The Girls Singles Champion The Boys Doubles Champions The Girls Doubles Champions The Mixed Doubles Champions	Shea Fletcher Bruce Thomson & Mark Woods Shea Fletcher & Tracy Shaw Mark Woods & Shea Fletcher

The Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year

The Penryn College Sportswoman of the Year for 2010 is **Antoinette Sengwayo** – Mpumalanga Schools Hockey, Penryn 1st Hockey team Captain, and 1st Team Netball.

The Penryn College Sportsman of the Year for 2010 is **Bruce Thomson** – Mpumalanga Schools Hockey, Penryn 1st team Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, Rugby and Golf, and 1st team captain for Cricket and Swimming.

The **Coach of the Year Trophy** was awarded to the coach who embodies the Spirit, Ethos and Goals of Penryn College, to whom winning is not an end in itself, and who encourage pride in their school and a love for their sport, as well as values of sportsmanship and fair play; who improves the skills of players, making them not just better players but also better people; and by his or her conduct, sets a good example for our scholars. The recipient this year is **Paul Viljoen** who is the first XV coach.

xiii)

Chess:

Inter House Chess

The Inter House Chess tournament was played in a format of a Round robin. Each house was represented by a team of ten players. Results were Kestrel (1st); Harrier (2nd); Kite (3rd) and Goshawk (4th).

Board prizes were: Refentjie Mashao (1); Mark-Jon Lange (2nd); Akani Godi (3rd); Lungello Njamelo (4th); Unathi Ndamaso, Edgar Mashele and Mark Woods (5th); Daniel Schormann (6th); Quinton Hanekom (7th); Tamara Shava (8th); Mauritz Lombaard (9th) and Keith Ncube, Dalene van Staden and Vusi Vilakasi (10th).

Friendly Chess Tournament vs

Sybrand van Niekerk Sybrand 7 points and Penryn 3 points. Refentjie Mashao, Mark-Jon Lange and Tamara Shava won their boards;

Uplands College Penryn 10 points and Uplands 2 points;

Bergvlam Penryn 5 points and Bergvlam 5 points

Chess League Tournament

Two teams of 10 scholars participated in Chess League Tournament held at Hoërskool Nelspruit. The 1st Chess team played against Bergvlam, NHS, Lydenburg and Barberton coming second to NHS. Penryn then went on to beat Rob Ferreira in the playoffs, achieving an overall third place in the tournament, out of ten participating schools. Refentjie Mashao shared the Board 1 prize with his Rob Ferreira opponent and Zander Boshoff received the Board 4 prize. The 2nd Chess team played against Sybrand van Niekerk, Nelspruit Hoërskool and Rob Ferreira in the B League, where they achieved third place in this League.

Refentjie Mashao, Siya Mlangeni and Luke Abbot were invited to participate in the De Goede Top 10 chess tournament which is presented by Mpumalanga Chess Union and serves as a selection criterion for Provincial Colours. They were then selected to play in the Mpumalanga Lowveld U/18 Chess team at the National Chess Championships in December.

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Cultural:

i)

Inter House Quiz Results:

Results were Goshawk (1st); Kestrel and Kite (tied 2nd) and Harrier (4th)

ii)

Inter House Debating and Public speaking:

Debating

1st – Kite; 2nd – Goshawk; 3rd – Harrier and 4th – Kestrel

Public Speaking

Senior Geoffrey Shein (1st); Natasha Ashley (2nd), Gugu Makubela (3rd) and Richard Hay (4th).

Junior 1st – Kirsten Swanepoel 2nd – Jared da Canha 3rd – Ashleigh Walker

House results were: 1st – Kite 2nd – Goshawk 3rd – Harrier 4th – Kestrel

iii)

Inter House Plays and School Production:

Inter House Plays

An evening of drama and lights in a number of different ways. And also an evening of firsts – all scholars had to attend for the first time and also for a first time the using technology and multi-media. What talented scholars we have.

Results were: Kite (1st); Goshawk (2nd); Harrier (3rd) and Kestrel (4th).

Individual awards: Richard Hay (Best Actor); Tessa Ware (Best Actress); Walter Senoko (Best Actor in a comedy role); Maria Kostakis (Best Supporting Actor/Actress) and Natasha Ashley (Best Actor in a character role). Well done to Mrs Spratt and her organizing committee. It was a wonderful evening indeed.

School Production

Aladdin – a pantomime, directed by Mrs Rowena Spratt with the following scholars playing a lead roles superbly – Danielle van der Merwe (Aladdin), Geoff Shein (Widow Twanky), Natasha Ashley (Wishy Washy), Jonty Wakefield (Abanaza), Katy Begg (Won Tun), Fufu Dimba (Genie of the Lamp), Richard Hay (Genie of the Ring), Stacey Booth (Princess), Jesse Spratt (UInspector Chu), Daniel Schormann (Emperor), Shannon Mitchell (Empress), Shalese Curle (Ting Ming), Fufu Dimba (Praise Singer).

iv)

Inter House results

Term 1: Goshawk 1st; Harrier 2nd; Kite 3rd and Kestrel 4th

Term 2: Goshawk 1st; Harrier 2nd; Kite 3rd and Kestrel 4th

Term 3: Goshawk 1st; Harrier (2nd); Kestrel 3rd and Kite 4th.

Inter House Triathlon

Junior girls: 1st Harrier; 2nd Goshawk; 3rd Kestrel; 4th Kite

Junior boys: Harrier 1st; Kestrel 2nd; Goshawk 3rd; Kite 4th

Senior girls: 1st Kestrel; 2nd Harrier; 3rd Goshawk; 4th Kite

Senior boys: Kite 1st; Goshawk 2nd; Kestrel 4th; Harrier 4th

Overall score: 1st – Harrier; 2nd – Kestrel; 3rd – Goshawk and 4th – Kite

Inter House Winter sports

Goshawk – 1st with 66 points; Harrier – 2nd with 58 points; Kestrel – 3rd with 54 points and Kite 4th with 50 points

v)

Choir festival

Penryn hosted Choir Festival featuring three top choirs from the Lowveld – Lowveld High School, Uplands College and Penryn College Choirs for the first time;

vi)

Standard Bank Eisteddfod

Symbols are awarded in the following categories:- A++ (Prestige 95+); A+ (Gold 85 – 94); A (Gold 80 – 84); B+ (Silver 75 – 79); B (Silver 70 – 74) and C (Bronze <69)

Eisteddfod Dance 2010 results

Dance

Junior Girls

B+: Nothando Nonyane; Fafa Chakanya; Nomzamo Khoza; Nomfundo Sikonela; Kirsten Gillespie; Teagan Campbell; Gaelle Robertson; Elssa Pereira; Leane van Zyl; Kirsten du Pont; Chante de Sousa; Phumla Mahlinza and Tinyiko Mayinga.

Duet

A++: Taneth Germishuys; Monica Graupner; Costa Tsobanoglou and Benny Chiloane

A+: Taneth Germishuys; Monica Graupner; Mthunzi Mncube; Mokgeti Machete; Sja Nkosi; Chante Klopper; Candice Thevenau and Sherese Busschau

Solo

A++: Costa Tsobanoglou; Benny Chiloane; Monica Graupner; Danielle van der Merwe and Duncan Makhubu
 A+: Danielle van der Merwe; Chante Klopper and Candice Thevenau
 B+: Gabby de Gouveia.

Prototype

A+: JJ Simelane; Mthunzi Mncube; Mokgeti Machete; Katlego Mashile; Costa Tsobanoglou and Benny Chiloane

Amplified

A+: Mthunzi Mncube; Katlego Mashile; Siyabonga Matsebula and Karabo Dlamini

Senior Boys

A+: Rowan Arendse; Gift Mona; Fundisa Dimba; Kagiso Mphachoe and David Bakker

Fresh Impact

A++: Costa Tsobanoglou; Benny Chiloane; Khensani Mashaba and Hogan Antia

Flawless

A++: Mokgeti Machete

Senior Girls

B: Michelle de Gouveia; Natasha Khumalo; Michal-Mare Linden; Gabby de Gouveia; Thami Mdhului and Damin Go

Grade 10 Boys

B+: Gugu Shongwe; Bruce Ngozo and Junior Senoko

Music**Piano Solo**

Jared de Canha (A+); Nicole Potgieter (A+) and Chantel Sethosa (B+)

Guitar Solo

Adam Helberg (A+); Erin Slingerland (A+); Susan Aling (A) and William Garnett-Bennett (A)

Own composition

Adam Helberg (A+); Seth Meyer (A+) and Nicole Potgieter (A)

Trumpet Solo

Mpumelelo Qwabe (A)

Flute Solo

Emily Aling (A)

Vocal Solo

Dillon Parfitt (B+)

Bands

"U-Turn" – Dillon Parfitt and William Garnett-Bennett (A+) and "The Cast" – Seth Meyer, Daniel Grout, Justin Hood, Michael hall, Michael Harper and Susan Aling (B+)

Penryn Ensemble

Mpumelelo Qwabe; Angeliq Liebenberg; Jesse Henderson; Cassandra and Conrad Mönning (A).

Electric Guitar Solo

Adam Helberg (A++)

Drama**A++**

Gugu Makhubele and Nombulelo Kubhayi

A+

Jonathan Wakefield; Patrick Manicom; Gift Mona; Tswelopele Malibe; David Bakker and Ntombezinhle Shabalala

A

Nicholas Bowen; Walter Senoko; Tshepiso Kgapanne and Tessa Ware

B+

Katy Begg; Tamsyn Ballantyne; Natasha Ashley; Mixo Mathebula; Margo Naude; Stacey Booth and Kirsten de Wet

B

Khensani Mabuza; Tanya Misquitta; Jaime Harvey and Melissa van Heerden

Choral verse

Grade 10 (A++)

Group Mimes**A++**

Andiswe Mabunda; Luke Knibbs van Dam; Simi Gumede and Shalese Curle

A+

Michelle Maduana, Nkula Nqana; Tsepo Ngwenyama and Romario Gonsalves
 Sakhile Shongwe; Marang Makwetla; Portio Nkosi and Ashley Mabuza
 Robyn Schormann; Samantha MacFarlane; Monette Bezuidenhout and Sarah Hulett
 Thandeka Mavimbela; Khosi Mabuza; Comfort Phiri and Nicole Ravencroft
 Shannon Mandy; Rae Dunn; Megan Prowling and Lucy Nelson
 Ebenhaezer Dibakwane; Daniel du Plessis; Andrew Neves and Chad de Aguiar

Poetry**A++**

Lindiwe Khoza, Astrid Kouatcho and Zethu Shube

B

Anele Mabuza

Storytelling**A++**

Danielle van der Merwe

Trophy winner

Adam Helberg for his own composition

Solo acting

Danielle van der Merwe achieved an A++ Prestige Award and represented Penryn College at the Gala Evening

Gala and Prestige evening After being invited to audition by the Standard Bank Eisteddfod Committee the following Penryn scholars were invited to perform. The Penryn Boys Dance group, Astrid Kouatcho, Zethu Shube and Danielle van der Merwe

D. **Other:**

i) **Annual Field Trips:**

The format of the trips were:

Gr	Activity	Co-ordinator
8	KwaMadwala Private Game Reserve	Mrs Colleen Schurink and Mrs Rowena Spratt
9	Fanie Botha Hike	Mr Thomas Barry
10	Johannesburg	Mrs Isabel de Beer
11	Growth Camp	Mrs Louise Visser
12	Prelim examinations at school	Ms Marietta Pienaar

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

We hosted the Round Square Regional Conference for the first time. This was indeed very exciting as there were representatives from as far as Namibia, Ghana and Kenya. The scholars were engaged in activities all related to the six ideals of Round Square which are Service, Adventure, Environmental activities, Internationalism, Democracy and Leadership. We had approximately 350 scholars and staff at Penryn and were widely acclaimed for our efforts.

African Regional Round Square Conference – Cape Town

Penryn attended the African Regional Round Square Conference hosted by St George's School, Cape Town. The Guest Speaker, Riaan Manser, recounted his bicycle travels through Africa and his kayak trip around Madagascar. Highlights of the Conference included a trip to Robben Island for a very enlightening tour around the prison as well as a visit to Nelson Mandela's cell and a hike to the lighthouse at Cape Point. The delegates met and interacted with like-minded scholars from all over Africa as well as delegates from the King's School in Jordan.

Scholar Exchange

Penryn College is involved in a number of exchange programmes. Our first Round Square International Exchange Student arrived this term. Rachael Martins from Alice Springs, Australia stayed in Marula Hostel and was hosted by members of the Penryn family. Monette Bezuidenhout flew down to Cape Town to spend 2 weeks at St Cyprians College.

4th Annual Interact / Round Square Quiz Evening

The aim of the evening was to raise funds for the Uthingo Primary School, our community project this year, and to have loads of fun. This was a great success.

Round Square International Conference

The International Round Square Conference was hosted by the Regents School in Pattaya in Thailand. Eight scholars attended this event together with two teachers and Mr Theron. Penryn College was accepted as a Full Global Member. Highlights were fabulous speakers and a complete focus on service. We took copious notes as we host this event in 2012.

iii) **Presidents Award:**

Fanie Botha Hike - A group of 6 scholars hiked the Fanie Botha Hike, a distance of 80 km which was hiked over a period of 4 days and 3 nights. A second group of 4 hiked from Lydenburg to Nelspruit.

Blyde River Hike - A group of 11 scholars hiked the Blyde River Hike, a distance of 33km which will be hiked over a period of 3 days and 2 nights.

iv) **Alumni :**

The following past scholars have been invited to join the Golden Key Club after being in the top 15% of academic achievers in their field of study - Melissa Wicht, Andrew and David Ferreirinha, and Dominique Peel – University of Pretoria.

Dayne Botha (Class of 2007) who is currently studying at the UFS in Bloemfontein has been invited to join the Golden Key Club after achieving 5 distinctions at the end of his first year. He is currently in the top 15% of his course in South Africa.

David Spratt was selected as a reserve for the South African Country Districts Hockey team. He was also awarded the Most Promising Player Award at the recent SACD Tournament.

Nicholas Bloch finished top of his year in the Architecture faculty at UCT.

- v) **Community Service:**
CANSA Relay for Life – both staff and scholars participated in the fundraiser for cancer.

A group of scholars namely, Caro Picardo da Sousa, Michal-Mare Linden, Tessa Ware and Tanya Misquitta visited the Silver Seniors Club in White River and served tea and lunch to the 'Golden Oldies'.

Haiti fundraising – Scholars of Penryn raised R10,000.

Service LEAP Fundraiser – 5-a-side Soccer Tournament

The 5-a-side soccer tournament in which 5 teams (including 3 girls teams) took part. A total of 32 matches were played. The final match between "Mafuta for Life" and "Bafana Bestayela" was a tightly contested one with "Bafana Besatyela" being the overall winners. A special mention must go to the "Gossip Girls" who were the only girls' team to make it through to the quarter finals. Winners of the Best Dressed team were "The Gym Class Heroes".

Grove Super Spar Schools Challenge

Penryn College won the Grove Super Spar competition in which schools in the Nelspruit area accumulated points by making purchases at the Grove Super Spar. We were awarded the sum of R20,000. Taneth Germishuys, Head of Community Service was the driving force behind the competition. The prize money went towards the Haiti fund.

The Community Service Committee held a raffle for a weekend away to a luxury guest house in Kaapsechoop to raise money for a new classroom at Uthingo, an underprivileged school in Karino. Karika Spangenberg won the draw.

Another initiative by the Community Service Committee was the collection of food parcels for underprivileged children. Over 200 parcels were made-up, of which the majority went to Uthingo.

Our Interact Group (Service Leap) went and painted Qedusizi a place of safety in Kanyamazane where our scholars painted the roof and walls. It was a wonderful opportunity to help in improving the drab environment of children in need.

A group of 17 scholars, together with Mrs Theron and Ms Porter visited a feeding scheme outside of White River where they read, played and helped feed young children. The group will be going back later in the year to begin the upgrading of the facilities as part of their community service. **Budget Rental** sponsored a Quantum to transport our scholars and staff members.

- vi) **Reunion Exchange:**
A group of 11 scholars travelled to Reunion Island where they were hosted by Reunion scholars who have been to and hosted by Penryn scholars on an exchange programme.

Two Rotary scholars from Germany are here on a 5-week exchange programme.

- vii) **Rock Climbing:**
A group of scholars, ranging from Grade 5 to 12 have attended rock climbing trips throughout the year. They have been able to apply their skills, under the careful guidance of Gavin Wingrave, on the crags at Waterval Boven and Sabie. Teams were entered into the Derby for the first time and Penryn emerged victorious on both occasions. Log books have been introduced and climbers can now record their successful climbs and keep a skills inventory. We are looking forward to the possibility of a climbing league next year.

- viii) **Scuba Diving**
The following scholars qualified as NAUI Scuba Divers:
Ashley Steyn, Khensani Mabuza, Kirsten Zweers, JJ Jordaan, Nick Kidd, Cameron Marshall, James Buckland, Aidan Jackaman and Hayden Cuthill.

- ix) **Out of school activities and achievements:**
Tessa Ware (Singing) and Kelly Hammond (Dance and Modelling) qualified as National finalists for the SA Performing Arts competition.

Kelly Hammond, Danielle de Villiers and Tessa Ware competed in the South African Championships of Performing Arts. Kelly received 2 Gold and 2 Silver medals for dancing and 1 Bronze for modeling. She qualified as a member of the SA Team to attend the World Championships in Los Angeles.

Danielle van der Merwe participated in the South African Performing Arts Championships where she received a Silver medal for Age 13 to 15 Open Acting where she competed against 55 other contestants.

Dominique Rheede van Oudtshoorn was awarded Honours with Distinction for her Novice Solo in Latin American Dance Examination.

Danielle van der Merwe qualified as a National finalist for the South African Performing Arts for 6 dance styles and 5 acting events.

The following scholars were selected to represent the Lowveld at the South African Karate Championships, where they were awarded: Murray Millin – Kata (Silver) and Kumete (Bronze); Brandon Piner – Unisen Kata (Gold); Juliana Stapelberg – Kata (Silver) and Kumete (Silver).

Jonathan Vieira took first place and is currently the SA Men's Gold Panning Champion. Jonathan participated in the World Gold Panning Championships held in Zlate Hory, Czech Republic where he successfully in the Traditional Batau section and was the only South African to reach the final in this category in which he was placed 26th out of all participating countries.

Costa Tsobanoglou was invited to participate in the 2010 World HipHop Dance Championships in Las Vegas.

Danya Maree achieved 83% for her UNISA Grade 4 Piano exam.

Kelly da Silva and Dominique van Rheede van Oudtshoorn were selected to participate in the International Team and Solo Dance competition in Reunion.

Coert and JJ Jordaan were selected to represent the Mpumalanga Biathlon team.

Charne du Plessis who participated in the SANEF Horseriding show and was placed 1st in the Welcome Stakes 80/90cm; 2nd in the 2 phase 80/90cm; 6th in the 80/90cm competition and 3rd in the Equitation.

Danielle van der Merwe was selected to represent Mpumalanga at the Vodadome in the SATCH South Africa African Talent Search.

Anthon Wessels and Rosco Bekker participated in the Ermelo 3 Gun League and were place first and second respectively.

JJ Jordaan who has been selected to represent the Mpumalanga Team at the ASA Cross Country Championships.

Samantha Hammond represented Mpumalanga Ladies League at the South African Country Districts.

Jessica Frankish and Charne du Plessis were selected to represent Mpumalanga at the Inter Provincial Equestrian competition.

Ewald Erasmus was placed first overall in the Grand Prix 3 Hobie Cat regatta. He was invited to participate in a regatta held in Tanzania. Ewald was placed 5th in the provincial BYC Open Regatta and first in the youth sailor.

Jess Frankish participated in the Super Series Horse Show in Swaziland where she was placed 1st and 3rd in Dressage; 1st in Equitation; 2 x 1st in Show Jumping and competed in the National Schools League.

Abigail Thrush who was placed 4th as part of the Mpumalanga team at the SANEF (Equestrian) Championships.

Danielle van der Merwe participated in the SATCH National Talent contest and received 4 Gold medals for acting and one gold (with Honours); 3 Silver and 2 Bronze for Dance and 2 Gold and 1 Silver for Modelling.

Natasha Ashley, Katy Begg, Tamsin Ballantyne, Patrick Manicom and Jonty Wakefield who excelled in the Grade 8 Trinity Guildhall Advanced Level Examination in Performing arts. They achieved the highest marks nationally.

Lindy Wolhuter passed the Royal Academy of Dance Vocational Graded Examination in Dance with Distinction.

x)

General:

Founders' Day

Cllr Lassy Chiwayo, Mayor of Nelspruit, was our Guest Speaker who said that we have the power to achieve anything that you want to through dedication and that this is what our Founders' have achieved. Mrs Phutumile Dumisa, CEO of Penreach informed our parent body about the wonderful work that Penreach is doing in the community in upgrading the skills of teachers, who then in turn have an impact on their scholars. The Soccer Tournament, which followed the Service had a jovial atmosphere and was thoroughly enjoyed by scholars and parents.

E.

Staff news:

We said goodbye to:

Mr Craig McIlrath who was appointed as Headmaster of Felixton Prep in Richards Bay.

Mrs Sjoukje du Toit who left the College at the end of the term 1. She joined us in 1996 as the Librarian at a time when assemblies were held in her classroom (which was the library which is now Mr van der Berg's classroom). She had been hugely instrumental in contributing towards the growth of the College. During the 14 years that she has been with us "Mevrou" ran the finest Afrikaans First Additional Language department in the country.

Mr Geoff Grover retired as Deputy Head of the College in July 2010. He joined us in January 2005. Not only was Mr Grover the Deputy Head, he also taught Geography and Human and Social Science. He joined the staff as Estate Manager in August 2010.

Mr Montagu Schoeman resigned as Estate Manager in May 2010. He was instrumental in growing beautiful grounds and fields. He left to start his own business ambitions.

We say goodbye at the end of 2010 to:

Mrs Caroline Kouatcho who leaves to follow her business ambitions. She joined the College in January 1998.

Mrs Chrisna Hoffman who will be joining her husband in Pietermaritzburg.

Ms Mbali Mkhatswa (Academic Intern) who will continue her career in Accounting as an intern at KPMG.

New staff who will be joining the College next year:

We embarked four years ago on a journey that looked to increase the size of the College from 580 (consisting of 4 classes of 29) to 625 (consisting of 5 classes of 25). Accordingly the College grows to about 600 next year and 625 in 2012. One of the main reasons for doing this is attracting the richness of opportunity that only comes from a bigger staff. Each individual enters with their own dreams, talents and style and once they are in Penryn is all the richer for it. And the process of appointing staff (while challenging) is always energizing and exciting.

A number of new staff have been appointed onto the staff next year. They are as follows:

- Ms Laura Dugmore will be joining the Maths department. She has just completed her BSc Degree at Stellenbosch;
- Mrs Jade Gibson will be joining the Maths and Science departments. She is from Wynberg Girl's High School in Cape Town;
- Mr Jabulane Mashabane will be joining the SiSwati Department. He is from Ngodini High School, Kabokweni;
- Ms Laurie Mountjoy will be teaching French Second Additional Language and will be replacing Mrs Kouatcho;
- Mrs Janette Rottcher, an accomplished musician will be joining the Music Department. She is from Nelspruit;
- Ms Iana Tavares will be joining the English department and has been teaching at Mondeor High School in Johannesburg;
- Mr Cuan Tarr will be joining the Dramatic Arts and LO departments. He has been doing an Internship at Michaelhouse;
- Mrs Wendy van der Merwe will be joining the Life Orientation department and Assistant Boarding House parent. She is from Fairmont High School in Cape Town;
- Mrs Liv Scorgie will be joining the Business Studies and Accounting departments. She is from White River and has been at Penryn for the past term where she has substituted in Ms Stuart's position, who has been away on long leave.

F.

Facilities:

New fields – we are delighted to finally start playing on these this year. What a difference they have made.

Change rooms and sport pavilion - are looking wonderful. What a difference they will make for all those involved in sport.

We look forward to the new Foundation Phase Block and Penreach blocks being started next year and to the increase in facilities available in the rest of the College as a result. How exciting this is.

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 2011.