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Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to the 2010 academic year. I trust that you all had a blessed and restful break and have returned filled with enthusiasm and energy, ready to make this another special year in our history as a College. My wish for all of you this year is that through your endeavours, within your family and amongst your friends and with the strangers that you meet, you will continue to find life in its fullest. God Bless

2009 Matric Results

Group results

The Penryn class of 2009 followed in the footsteps of the two most successful academic groups in the history of the College. Happily they rose to the occasion and have once again achieved a set of outstanding results to equal those that came before.

There were 102 scholars in this year's group. All of them passed, which is the 12th straight year (since the first matric group in 1998) that this has been achieved. We are justly proud of them. There were 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%)
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%)
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%) Christiaan van der Merwe (his average mark was 82.5%)
Four Distinctions	Roxy Goncalves-Borrgeiro, Adu Gumede, Jade Manicom, Lulama Ngobeni, David Snaddon, Simphiwe Stewart, Adrienne Zeeman
Three Distinctions	Lungi Mbenyane
Two Distinctions	Mareli Blom, Megan Bremner, Mitchell Dart, Chelsea Mandy, Chevaughn Olen, Damone Pillay, Nicole Shrobbree, 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)

Congratulations to:

- Bruce Thomson and Toni McLagan who are the 2010 Swimming Captains;
- The following scholars who have been selected to represent their tutor group on the Scholar Representative Committee:

	Goshawk	Harrier	Kestrel	Kite
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

Staff News

We welcome the following new staff members to Penryn and wish them a long and happy career at the College:

- Mr Pieter Booysen, who is joining the Afrikaans Department;
- Mrs Michele Booysen, is joining the Visual Arts Department;
- Mr Craig McIlrath, who is joining the Human Sciences Department;
- Mr Michael Meidlinger, Ms Mbali Mkhathswa and Mr Lucky Lubisi who join us as Interns next year;

Penryn Family News

We wish to express our condolences to the following members of the Penryn Family on their loss of loved ones in the recent weeks...: Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

- Mrs Penny Swartz and Emma on the loss of their husband and father;

Congratulations to:

- Caron Dawson and John Granville (Class of 2005) on their engagement;
- Sarah Robson on her engagement;
- Kyle Wilson (Class of 2000) on his marriage;
- James Barry (Class of 2001) on his marriage;
- Tyron Bloch (Class of 2004) on graduating first in his Architect group of 55 graduates at the University of Cape Town;

General notices

Parents Information Evenings

Grade evenings will be held in the first week of March. We encourage you all to attend as the way forward for this year will be discussed. There will be a question and answer session after the meeting. The estimated duration of the meetings will be an hour and a half. A separate e-mail will be sent outlining the agenda and dates for the meetings.

Electronic Circulars

All notices, reports and statements will be electronically sent out to parents. Should you not have access to e-mail, a hard copy of correspondence will be available at reception.

Access to the Family portal is possible by accessing the Penryn website, www.penryn.co.za. You are able to view your child's academic progress, fee statement and absenteeism. To access the Family portal, please send an e-mail to head@penryn.co.za with your child's name and surname and a case sensitive password of your choice.

Dates to diarise

27 January	Inter House Swimming Gala (compulsory for all scholars to attend)
28 January	Gr 10 time trials SRC

Sincerely

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Junior Round Square Conference

Exciting news. Our Junior Round Square Conference will take place on Wednesday, 17 February to Sunday, 21 February. School will be closed from Wednesday 13h00 and will re-open on Monday, 22 February. This is a compulsory out weekend for all boarders who will vacate the boarding houses from 08h00 on Wednesday morning to facilitate preparation for Conference delegates. Please watch this space for further details.

Compulsory functions for scholars

If for some reasons, your child is unable to attend a compulsory school function, please put this in writing addressed to your child's Grade Head **before** the function. Any letters of excuse received after the function will not be accepted.

The first of these will be the **Inter House Swimming Gala** which will be held on **Wednesday, 27 January** from 18h00. The other compulsory function this term is the **Penryn/Uplands Derby** which will take place on **Friday and Saturday, 12 and 13 March**.