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Dear Parents

Staff news

It is always with sadness that we say good bye to a staff member. Mr Montagu Schoeman, Estate Manager has resigned with effect from the end of April to join his family on their family farm. Over the past five years, Mr Schoeman has done an amazing job at Penryn maintaining beautiful fields and gardens. Thank you for this, we are going to miss you and wish you every success in your new endeavour.

Mid-Year Assessments - 12 May

The dress code of scholars during exams is the school uniform. No tracksuits or blankets will be allowed. Girls worried about cold legs are to please wear College stockings. Scholars are to please report to their exam venues by no later than **07h45**. Session 1 of the exams will start promptly at 08h00 and session 2 at 12h00. The exam timetable has been handed out to scholars and can also be downloaded from the website (intranet) – <http://196.35.23.3/>.

Penryn College adheres to the IEB Exam policy as set out below:

“The following procedure is to be followed in the case of candidates from the Independent Boards who are unable to write their exam due to ill health or some other unforeseen circumstance:

Candidates who for reasons, approved by UMALUSI, are unable to write the examination, must either write the examination in the following year or the supplementary examination of the Provincial Education Department, and must conform to their rules of admission.”

Furthermore, the IEB must investigate each case thoroughly and make a recommendation to UMALUSI, on individual candidates who need to be considered for this concession. All medical certificates must be countersigned by the head of the institution concerned before submission to the IEB. Where the authenticity of the certificate is in doubt, the head is to advise the IEB in writing and then investigate the matter further.

In other instances of absence a written report is to be completed by the head in which the circumstances are set out. Where possible, documentary evidence should be included. The IEB will then investigate each case thoroughly and make a recommendation to UMALUSI on each individual case.

This policy has been effective from the December 2003 examination.

Accordingly, Penryn College has adjusted its exam policy as follows:

- a) Scholars may not miss examinations for any reason whatsoever barring the following:
 - Contagious or debilitating illness; or
 - Bereavement due to deaths in the immediate family – parents, siblings and grandparents.
- b) In extreme circumstances family events may be considered, eg Weddings of siblings. Application for exemption under these circumstances needs to be received long in advance – at least a month.

All applications and health certificates need to be lodged with either the Deputy Head or the Head

Highlights of the past week

African Regional Round Square Conference – Cape Town

Penryn attended the African Regional Round Square Conference hosted by St George's School, Cape Town this past long weekend. Delegates were accommodated at the Rocklands Conference Centre in Simon's 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.

Important dates

In the week ahead

Monday 3 May	PIT Production from 13h00 for all Gr 12 scholars
Tuesday 4 May	Gr 9 Transformation Workshop from 15h00 – 16h30 for all Gr 9 scholars
Wednesday 5 May	Sport vs Sybrand van Niekerk (H)
Thursday 6 May	Gr 12 Career Day Cancer Civvies Day
Friday 7 May	Inter house Debating – Harrier and Kite. This is compulsory for all scholars to attend Cornwall Hill sports tour (<i>see information below</i>)

General

Cornwall Hill Sports Tour

All scholars who have been selected for their various teams are to be at school at 07h30 on Friday, 7 May. Scholars may wear their school tracksuits. Those scholars who are NOT going to Cornwall Hill do not need to come to school on the day. Matrics are however, required to be at school.

Community Service

As winter approaches, the Community Service Committee are collecting winter clothes, blankets and toys for the Community. A container will be placed in the Chapel where these items can be delivered. Please support this wonderful initiative and gesture, organized and run by our Scholars in creating an awareness of those less privileged than themselves.

Sincerely



Greg Theron
Executive Head