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Dear Parents

The week past Friendship Day and Dance

Thank you to the Gr 11 Committee, staff and parents who worked so hard to make the day and social the success it was. Your hard work and efforts are appreciated by all and do not go by unseen.

Congratulations to:

- Chris Graupner (U16) and Mark Woods (U18) who finished first in the Lowveld Junior Closed 2 Tennis Championships;
- Danielle van der Merwe who has qualified as a National finalist for the South African Performing Arts for 6 dance styles and 5 acting events;

Athletics

Our athletes competed at the Lowveld High School Meeting last Saturday and the results are as follows:
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; Shannon Crook 1st - Girls Open Shot-put

The week ahead

Midmar Mile

A squad of Penryn swimmers, chaperoned by Mr Gunther Swart and Ms Nicola Joubert will be participating in the Midmar Mile this weekend. We wish them all the best and know that they will carry the Penryn banner high.

Penryn Relay Gala

The gala will be held on **Tuesday 16 February**, starting at **3.00 pm**. The following schools have been invited:

- Uplands
- Lowveld
- Barberton
- Lowveld Combined Team

Parents are welcome!

Ash Wednesday

Please note that there will be a service in the Chapel next Wednesday, 24 February at 10h10 for interested parties. Parents are welcome to attend.

Round Square Conference

Penryn will be hosting the Round Square Regional Conference from Wednesday, 17 to Sunday, 21 February. This is indeed very exciting as there will be representatives from as far as Namibia, Ghana and Kenya. The scholars will be engaged in activities all related to the six ideals of Round Square which are community service, adventure, environmental activities, cultural issues relating to Internationalism and service.

Boarders are to ensure that all their belongings are locked away in their cupboards and they will vacate the boarding houses to facilitate cleaning before breakfast. Boarders may leave their weekend bags in the Dining Hall after breakfast on Wednesday morning. School will close at **13h30** on **Wednesday**. There will be no sport on Wednesday afternoon unless organized by the specific sports coach. Boarders will return on Sunday, after 14h00. Teachers will allocate work for scholars to do at home during these two days. It is important to note that this is NOT a holiday time.

General

PPA News - Squash Court Fundraising

Anybody interested in contributing towards Squash Court Fund may do a deposit into the PPA bank account. The bank details are: **Penryn Parents Association, Nedbank Nelspruit, Bank code: 158952, Acc No: 1589 312 740 Reference:** Please put your name and Squash as reference. Any amount would be most appreciated. Queries may be directed to Mrs Vanessa Christensen on 0829016828.

LEAF – Arbor Day Trees

The LEAF Committee would like to say thank you to all the parents who supported the Arbor Day initiative at the end of last year. In December we did the final tallies and the following were donated:- 28 trees to Penreach and 74 trees to Penryn.

A big thank you to Estra Strydom who supplied and donated the beautiful trees, adding to the total bought by parents, which means 117 trees will go into the ground because of your support.

Grade 9 Subject Choice Testing for Grade 10 2011

We have been receiving enquiries from parents and scholars alike regarding the aptitude and subject choice assessments for Grade 10 2011. These are conducted by the school at the start of Term 3 and Mrs Antoinette Cook, Educational Psychologist. Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Open Day – Grade 8 2011 Assessments

We consider it a great privilege to play a part in the education of the youth of the Lowveld and surrounding areas and look forward to meeting you.

There are 45 places available for admission into the Grade 8 class of 2011, 23 of which are in the Boarding Establishment. The information that follows is important to prevent disappointment for potential scholars, as it is highly unlikely that places will be available after these dates.

- All enquiries for admission into Grade 8 at Penryn College are to be directed at Mrs Liesl Scheepers (Admissions Secretary) at **(013) 758 9000**;
- Potential scholars are invited to write an entrance assessment at the College on **Saturday, 27 February at 08h30**. Should you not be able to write on the Saturday, alternate arrangements can be made with Mrs Scheepers;
- Tours of the College for potential scholars and their parents will take place from **08h30 to 09h30**. The assessment will be written thereafter;
- Candidates and their parents will then be invited to an interview with the Head starting from 8 March;
- Places will be offered to successful candidates following these interviews;
- Scholars who have excelled at the entrance assessment will be invited to write a Scholarship examination on **Saturday, 17 April** at the College;
- Candidates for cultural, leadership and sporting scholarships will be identified during the interviews with potential scholars and their parents;
- There may be spaces available in Grades 9 – 11 for 2011. Enquiries are to be directed at Mrs Scheepers;
- Further details are on the website – www.penryn.co.za.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Scheepers.

Sincerely

Greg Theron
Executive Head