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Dear Parents

Highlights of the past week

From the chaplain's desk – Haiti Fundraising

13th January 2010 will forever be marked in the memories of countless inhabitants of the island of Haiti. The devastating earthquake that struck on this day has seen miracles and absolute tragedies unfold. The Prep school watched news clips on the 19th January and were challenged by the headmaster to take their lunch money for the day and give it to relief work in Haiti. Both he and the teachers must have had their own ideas of what small amount would be forth coming. Well it was a trickle. Some juniors complained to their teachers at break that they now had no lunch money. However the message was gaining momentum. Class teachers challenged scholars and by Friday the Senior primary had raised R2 700. The foundation phase was not to be outdone and they exceeded this amount with R2 897 by Friday 22nd

January. On this Friday the college headmaster took his lunch money and placed it in the Haiti box and challenged the College scholars to do the same. Monday came and Tuesday passed and the grand total was R5 997. Suddenly the Exec were drawn in and funds were being raised in many ways. The wonderful news is that the scholars of Penryn have made the amount of R10 000. Amazing, amazing and again amazing.

And the good news is that the Riverside Spar effort is also gaining momentum. If this comes off we will raise another R20 000 for the drive.

WELL DONE PENRYN. YOU ROCK

Congratulations to:

- Tessa Ware (Singing) and Kelly Hammond (Dance and Modeling) qualified as national finalists for the SA Performing Arts competition to be held in April 2010. We wish them all the best;
- Jayden Raubenheimer who was placed 4th in U14 age group Lowveld Junior Closed 2 Tennis Championships.

Midmar Mile

A successful open water swim was had by all. Well done! Thank you to Ms Joubert and Mr Swart for chaperoning the swimmers.

IEB User Group Conferences

Members of the High School staff attend the Independent Examinations Board National Senior Certificate (IEB) User Group Conferences each where Examiners report back on the past Grade 12 examinations and other items are discussed. It is important for all staff to attend and they gain valuable information from these workshops. These were held over the last two weekends.

Important dates in the week ahead

Inter High Swimming Gala – Wednesday 24 February

Uplands College will be hosting the Inter High Gala at Van Riebeeck Park in Nelspruit on **Wednesday, 24 February**. As a result there will be **no** Leap activities on the day. Those who are not swimming or supporting will attend regular sports practice. Formal uniform is to be worn by swimming supporters. Scholars are to please consult the Sports noticeboard for information pertaining to busses. The best of luck to all our swimmers – we know that you will fly the Penryn flag with pride. The gala will start at 14h00 and finish at approximately 18h00. Let us hope that we can make it six years in a row.

SRC meeting – Thursday 25 February

Next week's meeting will be an SRC meeting which only the SRC representatives attend. The rest of school may leave early, however, should your child have sports practice, venues will be available in which they are able to do their homework.

Penryn Family news

We wish to express our condolences to the following members of the Penryn Family on their loss of loved one:

- Mrs Eileen, Mark and Kirsty Richards on the loss of her husband and their father, Tim.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

General Information and Requests

Scholar Update Information Sheets

Scholar Update Information sheets have been handed to your child for verification by yourselves. These are to please be signed and returned to the school even if your details remain changed. Your co-operation in this regard will be greatly appreciated as it is critical that our administrative data base is kept updated with the correct parental information.

Electronic Circulars

Our administrative system enables us to send out circulars, reports and statements electronically. Access to the Family portal is possible by accessing the Penryn website, www.penryn.co.za. You will be 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 password of your choice.

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.

Tuckshop price comparison vs others

At the Scholar Imbizo held last Thursday, one of the items of discussion was the cost of food in the tuckshop. I have conducted a quick survey of prices with other fast food outlets in town. The results were as follows:

Item	Penryn Tuckshop	P & P	Brewers Feast	Cart Outside Game	Steers	Twinz	Wimpy
Prego's	R15			R22		R56 (Steak + chips)	
Chicken Strip Rolls	R18						R42 (with Chips, cheese & mushrooms)
Hot Dogs	R10			R8			
Chicken Fillet Burger	R15		R27.50 (no chips)		R22	R16 (R31 – Chillinaise)	R39 (with Chips)
Chicken mayo Roll	R15					R56	
Pies	R12	R10					
Chips Large	R15				R20	R18	
Chips Small	R10				R12		
Toasted Sandwiches	R12 – R15		R16.50 - R22.50			R20 – R24	R18 – R20
Chicken Salad	R15					R31	R35
Meal of the Day	R20						
Sodas	R7	R6	R15	R7			R11

This information was presented to the scholars last Thursday. On the whole I am satisfied that the Tuckshop is serving food of a good quality at reasonable prices. Megan Bense, Head of the Scholar Executive will be meeting with Mrs Colbeck on a weekly basis to discuss prices, quality of food and special requests from parents. We would also like to re-establish the Tuckshop committee. If there are parents who are interested, please drop Jill Tate a line on head@penryn.co.za or call (013) 7589000.

Sincerely

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