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Dear Parents

Scripture Union Camp

Term 3 ended on a spiritual high for a large group of scholars. The Scripture Union Trendsetters conducted a week's mission on campus, which culminated in a camp at Ekukhanyeni. Each class had two periods with the team during the week. Commitments and recommitments were made, and the spiritual temperature of Penryn increased during that week. God was glorified.

During the first term of 2010, the team will return and conduct a mission in the Prep school and College. Maranatha. Come Lord Jesus Come!

Rev Fred

Report back from holiday activities

European trip

A group of 15 scholars and 2 teachers toured around Europe and the UK during the October holidays. Despite a rather sleepless night on the plane, we arrived in London big-eyed and excited. Mr and Mrs de Beer took us on a whirl-wind tour though around London to Buckingham Palace, St James' Park, the Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the Thames River. In the following 15 days we managed to travel through 7 countries, including Belgium, Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, France and Switzerland. We were also able to visit the world's smallest country, the Vatican, which is the headquarters of the Catholic Church, and the residence of the Pope. Other tour highlights included standing before famous works of art such as the Mona Lisa, the statue of David and the Sistine Chapel, cruising down famous rivers on hired boats and seeing ancient buildings such as the Colosseum and Notre Dame Cathedral. The weather was absolutely perfect with not a drop of rain or snow in all the time they were travelling.

Many of the other travellers commented on how polite and well-mannered the Penryn scholars were, and this made us proud that they represented the College and South Africa as well as they did. Thank you to Mr and Mrs de Beer for the organization and planning that went into to the planning of the trip and for chaperoning the scholars.

Reunion Exchange

This October break twenty Penryn scholars accompanied by Mrs Hay went over to Reunion Island as part of an exchange programme organized by Edulink with the Island. Over a two year period Penryn scholars host students from various schools around the Island and in return they are sent to Reunion Island for a week. The days were filled with activities such as snorkeling, canyoning, a visit to a vanilla farm, walking on lava and visiting the site of an active volcano. Evenings were spent with their individual host families giving them the opportunity to learn and appreciate the Creole culture. Strong and meaningful friendships were formed.

Penryn Golf Tour

To expose our golfers to some of the top courses in the country, Penryn College undertook a golf tour to the North-West Province. 10 boys had the wonderful opportunity to play the following courses: Magaliespark, Lost City (at Sun City) Rustenburg and the Jack Nicklaus signature course at Pecanwood. The highlight of the tour was the round at the world famous Gary Player course at Sun City. To actually walk the fairways where the Ernie Els' of the world have walked was truly memorable.

The player of the week was Robert Uren with a combined average net score of 70. Another star of the week was Mr Paul Viljoen who shot a 34 on the back nine of Pecanwood. A number of golf balls were lost but wonderful memories were made. We plan on having a similar tour in 2010.

National Science Expo

Congratulations to the following scholars who participated in the National Science Expo held in Pretoria during the school holidays:

- Robyn Schormann and Simi Gumede Gold Astronomy and Space Science
(Robyn and Simi were also awarded the South African Radiation Protection Society Award and CBI-electric award for their project) – a wonderful achievement
- Hayden Cuthill and Nicholas Peel Silver Offsetting carbon emissions using indigenous trees
- Andrea and Nathan Cook Bronze An environmentally-friendly and efficient way to vote

Congratulations to:

The following scholars who participated in the Schools Endurance Equestrian South African National Championships:

- Samantha Innes and Charne du Plessis competed in 4 events in which she represented the Mpumalanga A team and 1 event in the Mpumalanga B team. Samantha came first in the Championship Show Jumping, second in Showing, fourth in Working Riding and First in Equitation achieving two Gold medals and one Silver;
- Samantha Innes has also been approached to enter the Dressage Elementary Level as a possible Junior South African representative;
- Celia Sutton competed in 3 events in which she represented the Mpumalanga B team;
- David Snaddon who has finished first in the province in the National Maths Olympiad. We are waiting to see where he has finished nationally.

Up and coming events

Family Photographs – 28 October

We have unfortunately had to reschedule the date allocated for family/individual photographs. This will now take place on Wednesday, 28 October. Mr Richard Wilson will take the family/individual photographs at the cost of R80.00 per set consisting of 1 150 x 200mm; 2 Jumbo prints; 1 4-up passport photos. Cost options are R80 per set. Please note that no individual or family portrait will be taken without payment. Should you wish to have a photograph taken, please fill in the attached order slip and return it to your tutor by Monday, 26 October. Monies are to be paid directly to Mr Wilson. We have organised for Mr Wilson to take these photographs after having received requests from parents.

Penryn Christmas Market – 28 – 31 October 2009

The Christmas Market Committee are still looking for volunteers to help out at the Penryn Christmas Market from 27 – 31 October. Please contact: **Zonika Short – 082 338 9954** or e-mail her on zshort@mpu.co.za if you are able to help.

Dates to diarise

20 October	IEB Dramatic Arts Practical Exam
21 October	AP Maths Exam Gr 11 Career Expo Hostel end of year function
22 October	IMBIZO Gr 7 Information evening
23 October	Valediction Inter House Cross Country

Please note that it is Penryn policy not to change sport fixtures where we have control over them. Changes are always due to circumstances beyond our control. Changes will be communicated to scholars and parents by their coaches as soon as possible after we are notified. Where other events are changed, it is always to allow our scholars to take part in as many activities as possible.

Sincerely

Greg Theron - Executive Head