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Dear Parents

There are signs that the present economic depression is easing. We can only pray that it is, and that it does so in time to alleviate the pain of joblessness and poverty that has been inflicted on so many world-wide. It is also my prayer that the crisis causes us to re-evaluate our economic systems, forever putting steps in place to cut away the greed that has characterized our society for too long. Again the signs are good with governments all over taking steps in this direction. Together with the climate summit coming up in Copenhagen perhaps at last concrete steps will be put in place to save both the Earth and its people.

Penryn has had a wonderful year. As you may know we put together an annual report of achievement each year. And this has grown significantly during the course of the last 12 months – testimony to a wonderful and dedicated staff, enthusiastic and vibrant scholars and caring parents. Thank you one and all for your efforts – you are all hugely appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas. This is family time – make it special and memorable please. Travel carefully, look after yourselves and we look forward to a momentous year for Penryn and South Africa in 2010.

Staff announcements:

It is always with sadness that we bid farewell to staff members. A special thank you to:

- Mrs Joan Durrant who substituted for Mrs Colleen Schurink while she was away on long leave;
- Mrs Dora Stalmans who is retiring from teaching. Thanks to her for the wonderful contribution she made to Arts and Culture at Penryn;
- Mr Hennie Odendaal who leaves us as an academic intern to join the family business. We thank him for his efforts.
- Congratulations to Mr Andrew Collie and Ms Tarryn Pitallo who will be celebrating their marriage during the December holidays. We wish you both happiness and God's richest blessings in this new season of your lives;

New staff who will be joining the College next year:

- Mr Mvuyo Maduna is joining the English Department. Mr Maduna hails from King David High School, Linksfield where he has been teaching English Home Language for the past three years. He has an MEd from Wits;
- Mr Pieter Booysen, who is joining the Afrikaans Department. Mr Booysen has been a Housemaster for 10 years at St Albans, where he taught Afrikaans, and was heavily involved in extramural activities, in particular Hockey and Golf;
- Mrs Michele Booysen, is joining the Visual Arts Department. Mrs Booysen hails from Pretoria Girls High School, where she was Head of Department. She is also an enthusiastic sports coach. Their two children entre the Prep next year;
- Mr Craig McIlrath, who is joining the Human Sciences Department. He has a MEd in Education and a rich experiences at St Johns and Uplands Prep. He is an accomplished sports coach;
- Mr Michael Meidlinger, Ms Mbali Mkhathswa and Mr Lucky Lubisi who join us as Interns next year;

Management Restructuring 2010:

History:- As you know a number of discussions have been held concerning the management structures of Penryn College / Penreach over the past few years. The first of these culminated in a separate structure for the Penreach organisation under the executive leadership of Mrs Phutumile Dumisa the CEO, where previously this fell under the role of the Executive Head of the College. The Prep Head however, continues to report to the Executive Head. Following staff appraisals and the IQAA report, another round of workshops / discussions with staff and Council was convened to look at the structure of management within the College itself. Accordingly, a number of promotions have been made from within the staff body. Most notably, Mr Grover who retires in July next year, has decided to stand down as Deputy. Mr Andrew Collie (erstwhile Director of Learning) fills this position. A new management level is that of Grade Head and it gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr Gary de Beer, Mr Thomas Barry, Mrs Colleen Schurink, Mr Paul Viljoen and Mrs Louise Visser as the first staff members in these positions. The Heads of House remain unchanged and bring stability, wisdom and knowledge to the new structure. They are also rededicated to this task with many new ideas. Conveners of Committees are also new appointments and fill support roles to existing structures or specialist roles where a dedicated staff member is needed. Staff filling these positions are listed below. A document with job specifications, accountability structures and responsibility lines will be issued in the new year.

Executive Head	Greg Theron	
Deputy Head	Andrew Collie	
Chaplain	Fred Celliers	
Grade Heads	8	Gary de Beer
	9	Thomas Barry
	10	Paul Viljoen
	11	Louise Visser
	12	Colleen Schurink

Director of Boarding	Marieta Pienaar	
House Heads	Goshawk	Helen Ashley
	Harrier	Pam Stuart
	Kestrel	Ashleigh Ernstzen
	Kite	Hilton Gordon
Convenors	Academic Support	Nicola Joubert
	Computer Support	Lenee Stapelberg
	Cultural	Rowena Spratt
	Equipment	Given Mashabane
	Penryn Online	Isabel de Beer
	Presidents Award	Katherine Porter
	Round Square	Allison Hay
	Service	Angela Theron
	Social	Linda Janse van Rensburg
	Sport Support	Dalene van den Berg
Goshawk Tutors	Chrisna Hoffman	
	Donne Heathcote	
	Gunther Swart	
	Kim Cook	
	Piet Booysen	
Harrier Tutors	Judy Liebenberg	
	Julie Arguile	
	Mvuyo Maduna	
	Renee Comins	
	Robyn Henderson	
Kestrel Tutors	Carol Grout	
	Celeste Schoeman	
	Hannes v d Berg	
	Kirsty Gray	
	Michelle Booysen	
Kite Tutors	Caroline Kouatcho	
	Craig McIlrath	
	Ilze Coertze	
	Mattie Coetzee	
	Olympia Ngomane	
Interns	Given Mashabane	
	Gunther Swart	
	Lucky Lubisi	
	Mbali Mkhatswa	
	Michael Meidlinger	

A message from Michelle Niemand - Penryn Christmas Market Co-ordinator: A special word of thanks to all parents who so willingly gave of their time to assist and support us in all its different facets – market, food faire and children's playground. The Market would not be the success it was without your support. It is truly appreciated.

A special word of thanks to the following families who have donated goods to Qedisize home: Bowen, de Canha, Cook, Aling, Ferreirinha, Tate and Koch. If you would still like to be involved in service projects in any, contact Mrs Angela Theron via e-mail at gregandang@wol.co.za. The Community Service link on the website has pictures of two of our projects.

PPA - Penryn Family time: As Christmas approaches, the last thing parents are thinking of is next year! It is a time for reflection, joy and some family time – something that often takes a back seat in our lives as we go about providing for our families. December has arrived, the festive season lies ahead, our children have been kept busy with community projects, and we, the PPA would like you to take some time think about suitable ways that you as a parent could contribute of your precious time, in a sense your community service towards the Penryn family, by

- being part of the PPA;
- assisting in any of the various projects run by the PPA
- as well as supporting the various functions
- providing support for your child in their academic, sporting and cultural activities

Round Square: Penryn College will be hosting the **Junior Round Square Conference** next year and the PPA wish the Committee good luck with this next year. Please contact Alision Hay, the convener if you are wanting to assist with this project or enquire about it.. It will take place from 17 February to 21 February 2010 and the theme is **African Footprints**

PPA would like to wish the Penryn Family a wonderful and restful Christmas Season filled with many rich blessings.

Top Ten Schools Gala Results: Another fantastic performance by our swimmers. Results were as follows:

Top High School	Penryn College (681 pts)	Top High School Girls Team	Penryn College (349 pts)
Top High Schools Boys Team	Penryn College (255 pts)	Senior Victrix Ludorum	Daleen van Staden
Senior Victor Ludorum	Dean Myhill		
Best Performance Boys	Byron Bremner (50m Freestyle: 791 points)		
Best Performance Girls	Zoë Venter (Girls 200m Individual Medley: 687 points)		

Term dates 2009

Important dates to diarise

Term 1	13 Jan – 19 March	18 January 27 January 1 February 17 – 21 February 17 – 21 February 23 February 12 & 13 March 17 March 14 March	New parents Cocktail party Inter House Gala PPA AGM Round Square Conference Compulsory out weekend for boarders Inter High Gala Penryn / Uplands Derby Inter House Plays Family Service
Term 2	7 April – 9 June	28 & 29 April 12 – 28 May 5 June 8 June	Uplands / Penryn Derby Mid-Year Exams Founders' Day Inter House athletics
Half term Long weekend	24 – 27 April		
Term 3	13 July – 23 September	17 July 21 – 28 Aug 23 Aug – 17 Sept	Matric Dance Field Trips Pre-lim Exams
Term 4	12 October – 3 December	22 October 27 – 30 October 29 – 30 Nov 1 Dec 2 December	Gr 12 Valediction Service Inter House Cross Country Christmas Market Community Service School Clean-up Fun Sports Day College Prize Giving

* Events that are italicized in bold are compulsory events which all scholars are required to attend during the course of the year. Should a child not be able to attend, a letter of excuse is to be sent through to the Head or Deputy Head, giving their reason as to why they cannot attend the function. This is to be sent through before the event. Any letters received after the function, will not be accepted and a child will be giving a sin bin.

Congratulations

- To James Barry (Class of 2000) who gets married in December. He also goes to the Physics Institute at the University of Heidelberg in Germany next year for his Doctoral studies. His wife is also studying there for a PhD, but in Mathematics;
- Cassandra Mönning achieved Distinction for her UNISA Grade IV theory exam.

Important information and documents enclosed are:

- **2010 College Fee information:** Letter from Chair of Council and College fees for 2010
- **Indemnity Form:** *The Indemnity Form must please be returned, together with a copy of your Medical Aid Card, on the first day of school.*
- **Honour Code and Disciplinary Policy:** *Honour Code must please be signed and returned on the first day of school*
- **Updated Uniform Policy and guidelines**
- **Term 1 Sports practice times and Daily Times**
- **Stationery requirements**

Sincerely

Greg Theron
Executive Head