



We have set up a Blackberry communication for the Penryn community and scholars to whom you may SMS or BBM your comments, concerns, suggestions to. **The number is 0761572306 and Blackberry pin 26B356B3.** All communication to this number is treated as confidential and will be responded to by either the Head of College or Prep.

Dear Parents

In 2012 the academic staff are hoping to communicate more frequently with parents using email. The communications will relate to significant progress made by your child or specific concerns regarding what needs to be done to ensure success. Please can you make a special effort to ensure that the personal contact details that we have on file for the family are correct. In particular parent contact information with the correct email address is essential.

We have also attached a copy of the College Academic staff e-mail addresses for your information.

Personal Update Forms will be sent home with your child next week. Please make the necessary changes to your personal details on these forms. It is of great importance to us that this be done to facilitate communication.

Career Counselling Service

A comprehensive career counseling service is being offered by our resident Educational Psychologist, Antoinette Cook to Grade 11 and 12 scholars. Life design counseling techniques that are currently at the forefront of career psychology will be used in conjunction with more traditional quantitative tests (aptitude, interest and personality). For more information, please contact Lyndi Rillema on 013 7589000.

PPA General meeting

The PPA, chaired by Mark Schormann, has a monthly committee meeting of elected members and organizes several social events during the course of the year as well as raising funds for special projects around the school and for bursaries. The PPA furthermore is a conduit to Council for parental comment and form a very important link between the parents, school and community. The Heads of Penryn and the PPA are keen to promote a collaborative school atmosphere with adequate resources and support to enable both parents and teachers to participate effectively in decision making. We encourage our parent body to attend the AGM on **6 February at 18h00 in the Penryn Chapel** to hear more – you will not regret it.

Congratulations to:

- Mokgeti Machete who played Board 4 for U/20 Mpumalanga Lowveld Chess team at the South African Junior Chess Championships in Port Elizabeth in December 2011;

Staff news

- Congratulations to Mrs Linda Janse van Rensburg (1st Girls Hockey coach) who was nominated by Mpumalanga Hockey Association to attend the South African Hockey Association Level 2 Coaching course and Level 1 Coaching Facilitators course to be held in Johannesburg next week. We are very proud that her coaching prowess has been recognized;
- Mr Malherbe (Prep Head) who recently received the exciting news that a novel he has written has been shortlisted for the Sanlam Prize for Youth Literature. This competition takes place every two years and this year received 109 entries from around Southern Africa. A shortlist of six has been announced, with the other five writers coming from Cape Town, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, Gaborone, and then also one from White River – Jayne Bauling, who is College teacher Rowena Spratt's sister. The top two novels will be published by Tafelberg publishers but this will only be announced in October;

Sports results

- A special word of congratulations to Heike Thormahlen (u13) who was placed first overall in the KPMG Swazi Mile held in Swaziland over the past weekend. This is an outstanding achievement as she competed against from U13 to Men and Women over 30 year old swimmers! Well done Heike!
- Other scholars from Penryn who did well were – Matthew de Canha (Prep); Alicia Liebenberg (College); Angelique Liebenberg (College);

Athletics

Congratulations to Benny Gondwe and Megan Prowling who have been selected as Athletic Team Captains.

Barberton Friendly Meeting

Well done to the following scholars for their efforts at last week's athletics meeting in Barberton:

Bryan Pingo	Best Sprint Performance of the Day: Boys (741 ABSA points)
Gaelle Robertson	Best Sprint Performance of the Day: Girls (754 ABSA points)
Mandisa Sigudla	Best Shotput Performance of the Day: Girls (805 points)
Mandisa Sigudla	Best Overall Performance of the Day: (805 ABSA points)

Penryn Family News

We wish to express our sincere condolences to the following members of the Penryn Family on their loss of loved ones in recent weeks:

- Ms Cally Vincent and family on the death of their grandmother;

The week ahead

Saturday 4 February

Athletics at Bergvlam

Wednesday, 8 February

I/H Activity

Penryn Gala (H)

Thursday, 9 February

Senior GRASP, Peer Tutors, Clubs / Service

Sincerely



Greg Theron
Executive Head