



Penryn College Preparatory School



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Dear Parents,

Included in this newsletter please find:

- Grade 5 food of the world activity.
- Grade 5 visit to Chimp Eden.
- Karate demonstration.
- My School Card.
- Teacher / Parent interviews.
- "Buddies" Programme.
- Foundation Phase teachers' Maths workshop.
- Report on Midmar Mile.
- Changes to the Extra Mural timetable.
- Uniform for PE periods.
- Local sporting events.
- Penryn invitational night gala.
- Haiti fundraising.
- General Knowledge.

From the Headmaster:

I have had a fantastic week sharing some of the **activities** experienced by the children in the Prep school. The **Grade 5's** explored the world by producing food from various countries and then giving a talk on each country and its culinary delights. Below are some pictures from this fun morning.



Then, not long after, the Grade 5 classes were off to **Chimp Eden** for an exciting and informative morning learning about chimps at this world-famous reserve.



The children had the opportunity to learn more about **karate**, in an excellent demonstration given by a local sensei. Below is a picture of one of our pupils, **Paddy Lavery**, in action.



An update on the **My School Card** initiative is that last month an amount of **R1 679-00** was raised – and this before the vast majority of cards have even been issued. If you have not yet returned the application form, please do so urgently, as our library stands to benefit enormously by your swiping the card at participating outlets. As previously mentioned, this will cost you nothing.

Animation workshop – please see the attached letter in this regard.

Parent-Teacher Interviews take place on the 9th and 10th March. Booking sheets will be up during the course of next week and I would strongly encourage your making a time to see your child's teacher(s) in order to assess progress since the beginning of the year.

My best wishes to our athletes as they travel to Skukuza. Have a lovely weekend!

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From the Head of the Foundation Phase:

Last week we started our “buddies” programme. Each Grade Seven pupil has been allocated a Grade One pupil to be his or her buddy. Every Friday the Grade Sevens visit their buddies in the classroom where they do an activity with them. The Grade Ones love it!



Five Foundation Phase teachers attended a Mathematics workshop in Swaziland last weekend. The workshop was presented by Maré Botha from the University of Pretoria. Some new and innovative ideas were given to enhance Mathematical concepts. It was refreshing to be inspired by Ms Botha and the course was enjoyed by all who attended.



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From the Sports Office:

For the first year Penryn Prep took a small team to the Midmar Mile this past weekend. The team of 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to "The Mile" which included a day at Ushaka Marine World. We chose to swim on the Sunday as this is the day filled with the most school interaction. We achieved very good results, of which we are very proud:

Jaime Myhill	14 th position in age group out of 546 time of 25:01
Leila Christensen	189 position in age group out of 546 time of 34:54
Monica Hogg	202 position in age group out of 546 time of 35:24
Gyula Kasa	69 th position in age group out of 555 time of 26:43
Ryan Begg	358 position in age group out of 555 time of 39:03
Allison Williams	39 th position in age group out of 292 time of 32:39

Congratulations to the following swimmers who have swum the required qualifying times and have been selected for the Mpumalanga swimming team:

Jaime Myhill
Michelle Kasa
Heike Thormahlen
Gyula Kasa
Evan Hulett

Tomorrow is athletics in Skukuza again. This is such a lovely event, always so enjoyed by all. Good luck to our athletes participating. We are positive you will represent Penryn well.

There will be a change to the extra-mural timetable from Monday 22 February. This will facilitate the move from summer to winter sports. Please ensure that you have this new timetable to ensure easy transition between the sports.

There are many sin bin slips being issued for incorrect uniform for PE periods. PLEASE ensure your child complies with the following:

- The 'ALL' PE period is a swimming lesson (for this term) and each child MUST have
 - Costume
 - Towel
 - Swimming cap – this is for boys and girls
- The 'EXTRA' PE period is a land lesson and each child MUST have
 - Sports uniform
 - HAT
 - Takkies
 - Short white socks

SOME EXCITING OUTINGS FOR WEEKENDS

I often have requests for sporting events happening on weekends outside of the school events. Here are a few I know of at the moment:

- PANASONIC BI/TRIATHLON in Swaziland on Sunday 7 March 2010
 - Biathlon 14 and under 500m swim and 3km run
 - Biathlon 15 and over 800m swim and 5 km run
 - Triathlon 500m swim, 5km run and 12km cycleStarts at 10am with R30 entry fee
Contact 00268 4043341
- Relay for Life at LVCC on Saturday 6 March 2010
 - Penryn would love to put a team together so please contact me should you wish to be part of our team

Penryn is hosting our first invitational night gala this coming Friday 26th February. The races start at 3:30pm and should be finished by 7pm. We have some touring sides attending so please come and support our school.

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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 forthcoming. 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.

General Knowledge:

This week's questions:

1. Where would an arboreal animal spend most of its life?
2. In children's television programmes, what is the name of Postman Pat's cat?
3. Which high school did Mr Malherbe attend?
4. Tuck, pike and twist are all techniques used in which aquatic sport?
5. To which family of instruments does the clarinet belong?

Answers from questions 12 February:

1. Greece. Approximately 2000 years ago.
2. Veld, Prairie, Steppe and Moor.
3. 48,2%
4. Clock in the tower at the Northern end of the Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London.
5. Anastasia, 17. (1901 – 1918)