



## Penryn College Preparatory School



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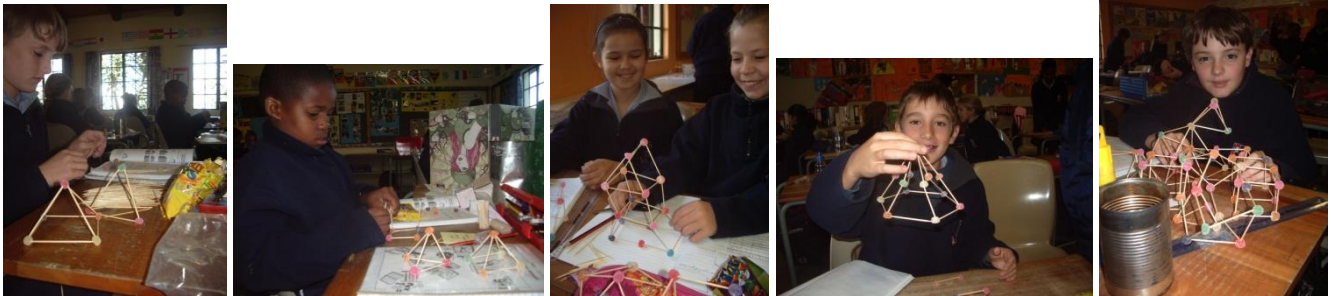
Dear Parents,

Included in this newsletter please find:

- Grade 4 3D creations.
- Grade 5 fund raising initiative.
- Request for articles for Preschool Fantasy Corner.
- Foundation Phase themes for the term.
- Reminder to return Foundation Phase raffle tickets.
- Report back on last week's sporting fixtures and information on up-coming fixtures.
- General Knowledge Quiz.
- Just Dance presentation.

### From the Headmaster:

This week, the **Grade 4 children** took what they had been learning about in class and put it into action with the creation of 3D shapes made out of jelly-tots and toothpicks.



I was most impressed with some of our **Grade 5 pupils** who came up with the idea of helping those less fortunate than us, after having seen the impact of poverty in recent days. I commend them for their caring and for their efforts to raise money and collect clothing. Please do support them in this drive as it entirely organised by them. This outreach will last until Tuesday, so if you wish to make a donation of clothing or money, please send it to school with your child, as the Grade 5's will come around to each class every morning.

Last Friday and Saturday, a **strategic planning session** was held at Elmswood, at which future plans, dreams and ideas regarding Penryn's future were discussed. Members of Council, Staff, the PPA, scholars and others spent two very fruitful days to ensure that the vision for our wonderful school does not become dimmed nor lose the vigour which has characterised it over the past twenty years.

I attended the Council meeting of the **Independent Schools Association of South Africa (ISASA)** in Johannesburg on Wednesday and it was good to have an opportunity to share ideas and opinions with Heads from other schools around South Africa. Penryn will also be hosting the regional AGM for all ISASA schools on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, and we look forward to welcoming the Heads of independent schools from Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Swaziland.

Well, that's all from me in undoubtedly the shortest newsletter of the year.

Have a good weekend!

**Neil Malherbe**

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## From the Head of Foundation Phase:

Welcome back to all the pupils and teachers after a long and exciting "soccer holiday". Next week our intern teachers will be visited by two lecturers from UNISA. Dr Dicker and Prof Gouws will be watching them present lessons and I wish them all the best for their Teaching Practice.

The Grade R and 00 teachers are requesting articles for their Fantasy Corners. Old hats, handbags, high heels and dresses will be most welcome. A reminder to parents at the Preschool to please send two Carlton roller towels, a box of tissues and a cake of soap for the term.

The following are the themes for this term:

13 – 16 July	Wild animals
19 – 23 July	Wild animals
26 – 30 July	Wild animals
2 – 6 August	Fire
10 – 13 August	Reptiles
16 – 20 August	Dinosaurs
23 – 27 August	Trees
30 – 3 September	Spring
6 – 10 September	Insects and mini beasts (1½ weeks each)
13 – 17 September	Birds (1½ weeks each)
20 – 23 September	Birds (only 4 days)

Thank you to the parents and pupils who have been working so hard selling raffle tickets. I am sure we will be able to design a stunning playground when our new buildings come to fruition. Please hand in all sold tickets to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. A reminder that the draw will take place at 10h30 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July at the Foundation Phase assembly. Parents who wish to attend are most welcome.

**Lois Crighton**

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## From the Sports Office:

This past week saw a couple of our girls participate in what is becoming a fixed item between Flamboyant School and ourselves on the hockey field. A lovely afternoon playing 7 a side hockey was enjoyed by our girls and the Flamboyant girls alike. It is always so lovely to host them and they really enjoy the good sportsmanship of our teams. Well done and thank you to all the parents who came to support.

This coming week sees us starting cricket fixtures and hockey festivals. Please take note of the following dates:

- Tuesday 27 July U/10 boys cricket away at Laerskool White River  
U/11 boys cricket home against Laerskool White River
- Wednesday 28 July U/9 boys cricket home against Laerskool Bergland
- Thursday 29 July Open A cricket away against Laerskool White River  
Open B cricket home against Laerskool White River
- Friday 30 July Grade 2 mini cricket festival at Uplands
- Saturday 31 July Hockey festival at Laerskool Nelspruit U/10 to Open

The following events are optional and not on the school calendar:

- Saturday 31 July Cross country at Laerskool Komatipoort  
Spur Series Mountain bike race at Penryn

Please take note that your child will be informed either by a letter or by notices on the board whether or not they are included in the team for these events.

It has been decided to hold the annual mixed doubles championships over a weekend this term. The weekend is the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August. I have handed out letters to those children who are interested. Please ensure that your child received one if he or she is keen to partake and return this as soon as possible.

Please ensure you have a copy of the extra-mural timetable. This is available on the Penryn website. Should you have any problems reading this do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

We have decided to go into a phasing out of the older school costumes and I have introduced a new costume, which is a top quality garment. Please be assured, though, that the "old" style costume is still valid at school and for galas. You are not in any way forced to replace a perfect and almost new costume with the new style. Should you wish to purchase a new style please send your child to me as I have them in my office. The cost of the new costume is R165.

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**General Knowledge:**

This week's questions:

1. Who wrote the story 'Alice in Wonderland'?
2. Which of the African languages of South Africa is spoken in KwaZulu-Natal?
3. Which colour in the South African flag represents the horizon?
4. What was Nelson Mandela's prison number?
5. Name the place where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.

Answers from 4 June:

1. Jane Austen
2. Ludwig Von Beethoven
3. "Little Boy"
4. Robert Burns
5. Verkoyansk in Siberia

***Just Dance***

Presented by *Feel the Beat Dance Studio* and *Isabel van veenHuyzen Dance Studio*

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Nelspruit Civic Theatre

Afternoon show at 14h00

Evening show at 18h30

Tickets available at the door – R40.

For more information – 0722692516