



Penryn College Preparatory School



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Dear Parents,

Included in this newsletter please find:

- Elephant Whispers.
- Appeal for Afrikaans books.
- Animated 'Jock' movie.
- Parent/Teacher meetings.
- The Peace Child.
- Senior Primary Inter House relay gala.
- 21st Birthday celebrations.
- Participation in extra mural activities.
- Sponsorship opportunities.
- Penryn/Saints tours 2010.
- General Knowledge.
- The Jesus Story.

From the Headmaster:

The Grade 6 group had a thrilling opportunity earlier this week to get up close and personal with some rather large animals, when they visited the **Elephant Whispers** sanctuary in Hazyview. They were able to feed the elephants, feel their skin – especially the very soft skin behind their ears – and also note the amazing ability of an elephant's foot to act as a shock absorber. It was a really interesting experience for all the Grade 6 pupils and I have no doubt that their relationship with elephants will be forever changed because of it.



Attached to this newsletter please find an appeal for any **Afrikaans books** no longer being used. As Afrikaans is an additional language for most of our pupils, it would help tremendously if we had more Afrikaans books available for our pupils to read. I applaud the efforts of those parents who have driven this appeal, particularly Trace De Bruno Austin.

Duncan McNeillie, producer of the animated movie, 'Jock', kindly visited us on Monday and spoke to the Grades 1-7 about the process of making the movie, due for international '3D' release in December.

Parent/Teacher meetings took place earlier this week and I thank the pleasing number of parents who made the effort to meet with their child's teacher(s). By maintaining a strong connection between parents and teachers, pupils are able to gain the most benefit from the education offered at Penryn and I would request parents to use homework diaries and e-mail contact to keep an open communication with teachers.

'**The Peace Child**' takes place next week on the 16th and 17th March and I encourage all parents to support their children in this production. My sincere thanks to all the Staff who have worked so hard this term to provide this special opportunity for our children – most notably **Mrs Ruth Naude**, who still always manages a smile despite the enormous task.

A very successful **Senior Primary Inter House relay gala** took place in perfect conditions this morning. These pictures capture some of the fun from the gala.



Kindly note that school will end at **12h00 next Friday 19 March** when we break for the holidays. We have some fun activities planned for the day, so please do ensure that all children are at school that day.

I hope that you enjoy this last weekend of the term!

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From the Head of the Foundation Phase:

Congratulations to interns Keegan Colbeck and Candice Coetsee who both turned 21 this week. The Penryn teachers wish you everything of the best for this important occasion and for your future. Thank you for all the assistance you give us in the classroom and on the sports field and we wish you well in your teaching careers.



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From the Sports Office:

Once again, I have received requests from children and parents alike with regard to their participation in the extra mural programme. At Penryn we believe that it is very important for ALL pupils from grade 2 – 7 to play a part in the extra mural activities offered on a termly basis. One of the biggest factors that is missed when a child does not participate is the social aspect of the afternoons. Children are afforded the opportunity of socializing outside of the limits of a class setting and in most cases they are coached by teachers other than their class teachers. Ballet, horse riding, rock climbing, swimming teaching and music lessons do not form part of the extra murals offered this or next term and as such we request parents to make alternate arrangements for these to happen outside of the Penryn Programme. Where possible (within the limits of facility availability and coaching staff availability) I do endeavor not to change the days of practices (and where possible matches) from term to term for each age group.

A kind request for anyone who has Penryn trophies at home to return them to school by next week Friday. This includes those won this year and in 2009.

I am looking for sponsors for quite a few events that I have planned for the coming year. The first event is the annual St. Stithian's tour and Penryn festival the weekend they come to us. We will be the happy hosts to a minimum of 5 touring schools for our Soccer and Netball festival at the end of May and I am planning to make this a big event on the sporting calendar with gifts for all players.

The other events and possible sponsorship opportunities lie in the 3rd and 4th terms and include swimming, hockey and tennis.

Please contact me if you require further information or if you would like to help us in any way with sponsorship.

SAINTS WEEKENDS 2ND TERM 2010

The annual Saints weekends have been decided upon for the 2nd term.

7-8 May Penryn to Saints
28-29 May Saints to Penryn

I am excited to inform you of the inclusion of the U/10, U/11 and U/12 girls into this tour as well as the Open Girls.

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Prep Annual Production – The Peace Child:

- Tickets are on sale at reception and from Mrs Naudé at R20 for adults and R10 for scholars.
- R12 for gloves to Mrs Naudé.
- Pupils from grade 4 – 7 must go to their register classes on Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 18h00 to have their faces painted. (Volunteers still needed!)
- The show will begin at 19h00 and will finish just after 20h00.

Thank you for all your support and co-operation.

General Knowledge:

This week's questions:

1. On what date is the first 2010 soccer match scheduled to take place?
2. How many countries will be participating in the World Cup?
3. In which city is Soccer City situated?
4. Which country won the World Cup in 2006?
5. How many soccer games will be played at Mbombela Stadium?

Answers from 26th February:

1. An amoeba is a tiny, shapeless animal that is composed of a single cell.
2. Mercury (used in a thermometer)
3. On Mars, called Mariner Valleys (over 4000km long and four times the depth of the Grand Canyon in the USA).
4. Thomas Edison. In 1876 he developed the first phonograph, a clockwork device that recorded sound onto a wax cylinder.
5. Bonsais are decorative miniature trees that were first developed in Japan.

Answers from 5th March:

1. Federal International Football Association
2. Haiti
3. Koeberg in the Cape
4. Koega in the Eastern Cape
5. Michael Jackson

The Jesus Story

Hosted by Nelspruit Methodist Church
19th and 20th March at Penryn College @ 19h00
All are welcome
Enquiries to 0137533214