



Penryn College Preparatory School



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Dear Parents,

Included in this newsletter please find:

- The Peace Child.
- Parent/Teacher meetings.
- Staff e-mail addresses.
- Cricket Tours.
- Report from the Night Gala and gala at Flamboyant.
- Participation in Extra Mural activities.
- Upcoming sporting fixtures.
- General Knowledge.

From the Headmaster:

It has been good to hear the sound of our pupils singing as I have walked around the school this week. They are all hard at work preparing for the school production, which I have no doubt will be very special. **'The Peace Child'** will take place on the 16th and 17th March and we would encourage all parents to support their children in this production. See below for booking details.

Parent/Teacher meetings take place from Monday to Wednesday next week. I would strongly urge ALL parents to make use of this opportunity to meet with their child's teachers to assess progress thus far this year. Booking lists are up outside teachers' classes.

Staff e-mail addresses are again provided with this newsletter. Please do make use of these to contact teachers should you have any queries or concerns.

I have heard from Durban where Mr Nel, Mr Tecklenberg and the **Under 13A cricketers** seem to be having a tremendous time. They unfortunately lost their opening match in a nail-biting finish, by 4 runs. Thomas More made 106 for 8, with Daniel van Heerden taking 2 for 7, Liam Bence 2 for 11 and Shane Russell 2 for 22. Penryn replied with 102 for 5, Connor Fletcher scoring 26 runs and Chad Todd 25. Thursday morning was spent going to the top of the new Soccer stadium which is apparently really high. Their second match was against top independent school, Highbury. Highbury scored 137 for 6 with Michael Shum the best Penryn bowler, taking 3 for 21. Unfortunately, that was where the game ended, as rain intervened and the game was washed out. The team takes part in the Hilton Festival on Saturday, which should be a great challenge against many top sides from around the country.

Best wishes to our **Under 13B and Under 12 cricket** teams who leave for their tour to Johannesburg today.

A letter from Trace de Bruno Austin will go to all parents next week requesting any **Afrikaans books** no longer being used to be donated to the school. I endorse this request fully, as it will assist enormously in the literacy levels of our pupils.

I hope that you enjoy your weekend!

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From the Sports Office:

Last Friday we hosted our first "Invitational Night Gala". We had two touring sides, Usuthu Forest School from Swaziland and St Thomas Aquinas from Witbank. This was an enjoyable gala with the final result showing just how strong Penryn A team swimming is.

- 1st Penryn A
- 2nd Uplands
- 3rd Bergland
- 4th St Thomas
- 5th Usuthu
- 6th Penryn B
- 7th St Peters
- 8th Barberton
- 9th Woodlands

The "B" team individual gala at Flamboyant on Tuesday 2 March was another enjoyable event. It could be said that Penryn definitely had the happiest swimmers there. I was quite amused to see the swimmers provide their moms with ample opportunity to take photos with their smiles and even a stop during the race! Well done boys and girls.

Our Mpumalanga swimmers are in Cape Town this weekend. We wish them the best of luck for this prestigious gala. Also on a swimming note, well done to Evan Hulett for coming second overall in the tri-nations event that was held between Mozambique, Swaziland and Mpumalanga. This despite only having swum in 2 of the 3 galas!

The Open A cricket boys left for tour on Tuesday and have a full programme until their arrival back at Penryn on Monday next week. The Open B side, as well as the U/11 side, left for their tour of Johannesburg this morning. Results for all will follow next week.

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 facilities available 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please take note of the pre-season netball fixtures for U/8 to U/11 this coming Thursday. Letters will be sent to players on Monday 8 March.

The Interhouse swimming gala next Friday has been changed from an individual event to a relay gala. The individual gala will be held in the fourth term when all other individual galas are taking place.

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Prep Annual Production – The Peace Child

- * Date: 16th and 17th March.
- * Time: 18h30 for 19h00.
- * Tickets are available at the Front Office and from Mrs Naudé at a cost of R20 for adults and R10 for pupils.
- * All pupils from grade 4 to 6 are requested to bring R12 for their gloves for the play.
- * We are still looking for volunteers to help with face painting/make up for the show. Please contact Mrs Naudé.

General Knowledge:

This week's questions:

1. What does FIFA stand for?
2. Which country was devastated by an earthquake this year?
3. Where is the South African Nuclear plant?
4. Which is South Africa's newest harbour?
5. Which famous pop star died in 2009?

Answers from 26th February:

1. In trees.
2. Jess.
3. Pretoria Boys High.
4. Diving.
5. Woodwind.