



Penryn College Preparatory School



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Dear Parents,

Included in this newsletter please find:

- Visit to Mbombela stadium.
- My School Card.
- Annual Saints weekend.
- "Save the Frogs" Day.
- Measles vaccinations.
- Sports fixtures for the coming week.
- General Knowledge Quiz.
- Sappi Mothers' Day concert.

From the Headmaster:

The whole school has been getting into the spirit of the imminent World Cup as is seen in this photo of some of the Foundation Phase last week on Football Friday!



Thanks to one of our kind parents, the Grade 2 classes and the U13A Football team were privileged to visit the new Mbombela stadium on Wednesday. Marnus Linde's mom has been part of the stadium team since its inception and through her influence the children were able to go through the players' entrance, sit in their change rooms and even have their mid-morning snacks in the President's Suite. What a tremendous morning it was and I have no doubt that we all learned so much about our beautiful new stadium. Thank you Corneli!



The My School Card swipes brought in R1 338-00 last month. However, I do note that on the summary I am sent, of the 538 cards allocated, only 172 were swiped! Please get swiping, as the school stands to raise a significant amount for the library. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

The measles immunization took place on Tuesday and I can't capture the event better than Sally Wakefield has done, so please read below.

We are all very excited for this weekend's tour to Johannesburg for our annual Saints Weekend and I have no doubt that all our children will be excellent ambassadors for our school, both in terms of their playing ability and their demeanour.

Finally, may I wish all moms a really happy Mother's Day – may you be greatly blessed on this day, as we pause to remember each plaster which had to be lovingly stuck onto a wound; the kind words during those great tragedies which befall little people; the cheerful greeting early each morning when a few minutes under the duvet would be so much more pleasant and the many encouragements alongside the sports fields. Enjoy the day!

Have a pleasant weekend!

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From the Acting Head of the Foundation Phase:

Last Friday, 30 April, was International "Save the Frogs" Day and the Penryn Grade Ones had a special visitor who told them all about frogs. She is Debbie Robertson, a semi-finalist in the Miss Earth competition. Debbie spent time with both Grade One classes where they made flags, frogs masks and were treated to a story read by a "real princess". After all the "frog work", each child was given a cupcake and juice. We wish Debbie all the best in this competition (she is the only Mpumalanga representative) and thank her for all the effort she put into educating the Grade One children about frogs.



We were glad (sort of!!) when the Health Department arrived on Tuesday to do the measles vaccinations. Luckily, with very little warning, there was no time for stress from the little ones. There were a few tears but the children were generally very brave!

And finally to all the marvelous moms - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY for Sunday. May you always be appreciated and loved in your homes!

Sally Wakefield

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From the Sports Office:

The school is abuzz with excitement and anticipation for the upcoming Saints tour. All those going on this trip have been given a t-shirt to wear and this has caused more excitement than the trip itself! Good luck to the parents for a peaceful night.

Sport has continued this week and the results of the matches will be published in next week's newsletter.

Congratulations to Sage De Bruno Austin and Amy Potgieter who have been chosen to take part in the Mpumalanga trials for Artistic Gymnastics this weekend – good luck to both of them.

In addition, two Under 12 boys attended to Mpumalanga Rugby trials on Wednesday – Brendan Curle and Hadrick Coertze are the first Penryn rugby players to attend trials and they enjoyed the experience enormously. We await feedback from the selectors.

Important dates for next week:

Wednesday Soccer:

Penryn vs Uplands at Uplands
U/8, U/9, U/10, U/11, U/12, Open

Thursday Netball:

Penryn at St Peter's

Teams to be confirmed and letters will be sent home on Monday

Saturday Festivals:

U/11 and Open Netball and Soccer at Uplands

U/8 & U/9 at Laerskool Nelspruit festival

Letters for both will be sent early next week.

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General Knowledge:

This week's questions:

1. What is the rapper 60 Cent's real name?
2. What is Jennifer Anastassakis's stage name?
3. What is the Earth's solid core made of?
4. Who invented Coca Cola?
5. When will the world end according to the Mayan calendar?

Answers from 30 April:

1. Italy
2. Brazil
3. 1930 (Uruguay)
4. China
5. 1978 (Argentina)

Sappi Mothers' Day Concert:

- Sunday 9th May at 12h00 at the Lowveld Botanical Gardens.
- Black Tie Ensemble will be performing.
- Free entrance for mothers. Adults R40 and children R20. There will be entertainment for children from 10h00.