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Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back! I hope that term 2 will be an exciting and rewarding term for all of you. A special word of welcome to our new Grade 5 teacher, Chrisna Faura, as well as the following children who started with us this term: Charlotte Selbach (Gr 2), Hugo Selbach (Playgroup) and Sixolile Kutuka (Gr 6). As you by now know, the Grade 5 and 6 class has split. The Grade 6 class will be using the same classroom as last term, whilst the Grade 5 class will use the new classroom next to Grade R at the top of the back road.

Fenced in at last!

A huge thank you to Andy (Emma, Hannah and Jessie's grandfather) who was responsible for putting up the fence surrounding the pre-primary and aftercare in the holidays. Marcelle Warwick kindly supplied the labour and Andy was the foreman who oversaw the project from start to finish. He really has done a fantastic job! We have put self-closing mechanisms on all the gates but please ensure that the latch is engaged when you enter and exit.

Public holidays

This term is littered with public holidays, namely:

Wednesday 22 April (Voting day)

Monday 27 April (Freedom Day)

Friday 1 May (Workers Day)

Monday June 15 (School holiday for all schools)

Tuesday June 16 (Youth day)

Ballskills

Ballskills for the Grade 1 – 7's will start this Monday (20 April). The boys will be playing soccer and the girls will be playing netball. Please remember to remind your children to pack in shorts, takkies and socks. We have employed an experienced soccer coach for Grade 4-7's to develop our team, it is really important that all children attend practise. If you know of anyone who could help coach the junior group, please let us know. I must also stress that Ballskills is part of the school programme and is therefore compulsory, if your child cannot attend for any reason, please notify the school either in writing or telephonically.

Squash

Doug Foulkes has kindly agreed to coach squash again this term on Tuesday afternoons for the Grade 3-7's. If you would like your child to play squash, please fill in the enclosed letter and return it to the school by Thursday. The first practise will take place on Tuesday 28 April. Only children who return the slip will be allowed to play.

New school bus driver

As has been communicated to all the parents who use the school bus to get to and from school, we have a new bus driver, Willie Hendricks. Those who are usually on the bus must contact Willie if their child is not on the bus for the day. His cell number is 072 0286387.

Camp Out

Thanks again to all the parents who so kindly donated items for the family Camp Out or helped at the event. We raised about R9 000 thanks to all your hard work. A special word of thanks to the companies who supported us, namely:

Pick 'n Pay, Wellington: rolls and boerewors

Woolworths: fruit rolls and dried fruit

Pacmar: Fruit juice

Peninsula Beverage: Cool drink

Total Garage, Wellington: Charcoal

Foschini, Paarl Mall: Make-up

Elizabeth Arden: Perfume

A special thanks again to Logie and the fundraising team as well as the class reps for your hard work. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve the Camp Out for next year, please write down your suggestions or email them to us. Any suggestions will be most welcome.

DANCE: 6 JUNE

The fundraising committee are hard at work planning for the Dance to be held on Saturday 6 June. The Wellington Town Hall has been booked. The price per ticket will be R75 which will include snacks. Please invite all your friends and family as it should be a lot of fun. Whilst the dance will be an adults only event, the school will provide a babysitting facility at R10 per child (up until midnight). In order to be allowed to sell liquor on the night we need to borrow or use a liquor license, if any parents have a liquor license we can use for the function please let the school know urgently (this is because the dance is off of the school premises).

WINE SALES

Thanks to Lara Philp, we now have our own 'Wellington Prep wine' label and our own white wine. It is a blend of Chenin Blanc and Columbard which we are selling for R25 a bottle. We also still have Maidens' Prayer and Rosé selling at R20 and R25 respectively.

Thank you to Lara Philp for planting the grass in front of the Grade R classroom during the holidays, it has made a huge difference to the garden.

Snake spotting

Some of you might have heard that a snake was spotted coming out of the underside of the doll house during the holidays. The children in holiday care were playing in the hall at the time. Craig Grewar was immediately summoned, he captured the snake and it has been removed. The snake was identified as a Cape Cobra. We have sought expert opinion on whether there is any danger to the children in the future. We were advised as follows:

1. Snakes (Cobras in particular) do not enter areas where there are a lot of people. The snake probably came into this area because it was holidays and there was no human activity at the time. It is highly unlikely that this would happen during term time.
2. We were advised to remove all building rubble from the surrounding area near the doll house. This we have done.
3. I will talk to the older children about what to do in the unlikely event that they see a snake and the correct procedures will be discussed by the teachers as well.

ATHLETICS DAY

Congratulations to the Sonnenberg House (the green team) that won the athletics competition last term. A special word of thanks to the entire staff, particularly Andrea Visser and Etheresia Thomas who organised the event.



Anthea and Kiara hop to the finish.



The Open Boys enjoying a good race.

CENT COLLECTION PROJECT

The cent collection drive continues this term, if you have completed a form please return the form and money to the office, you can then take another form if you choose. As an added incentive, once children complete 3 sheets they will be rewarded in Fridays' meeting with an ice lolly. We have not yet decided when the drive will end, so keep the forms coming in. We have already raised close to R3 000 so far.

Congratulations to the Thomson family on the birth of Rachel yesterday. Matthew and Lizzie are both very proud of their new little sister.

CONQUESTA 2009 FOR GRADES 4-7

Every year the Grade 4-7's take part in the Conquesta Olympiad. This is a multiple choice test that schools throughout the country take part in. I would strongly encourage your child to take part in the English, Afrikaans and Maths Olympiads at least. These Conquesta's are an excellent learning tool and most children enjoy doing them. An application form has been included with this newsletter. Please return the form together with the money by Friday 24 April.

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| Date | Pre school | Gr 1-3 | Gr 4-7 |
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| 24 April | Thyla Botha Damian de Jager Keishe de Kock Shazia Gaffoor | Clivia Barnes Bocasho Braaf Luke Castell Lindo Dlokweni | Fayyaad Arnold Jemima Carey Lincoln Coombs Tammy-Anne M |
| 8 May | Callan Behr Adam Ilan Hannah Steph-Laz Jessie Warwick | Luca Cajoux Ethan Clack Charlotte Selbach Ingmar Geiger | Anton Louw Myolisi Maxam Daniston Perrins Seyiso Mayekiso |
| 15 May | Chelsea April Michael Brand Isobel Coetzee Mbali Conana | Irin Arendse Liam Barnes Bevan Blaauw Athi Dlwati | Nhlakanipho Gqotso Graham Hockey Reece Perrins George Perrins |
| 22 May | Felix Goetze Jerovian Isaacs Jordan-Lee Jones Okuhle Mhlongo | Chad Keyser Stefan Louw Chelsea Lubbe Ross Macdonald | Deklerk Basson Courtney Dowdall Lutho Mtandeki Hugan Williams |
| 29 May | Deena Foulkes Jody le Cordeur Vaden le Hoe Misha Perrins | Gregory Johnson Angel Keyser Nkosoza Nty Katlego Sijaji | Zandile Matakata Coral Potocnik Aisha Smith Michael Traut |
| 5 June | Oliver Carey Aiden Killian Logan Masimla Jessé Prinsloo | Kade Gillespie Gitte Meyer Roman Morris Uthmaan Pietersen | Sixolile Kutuka Anovuyo Meqe Mpilo Mhlongo Lucy Schulte |
| 12 June | Chanton Perrins Dillan Pillay Anschen Vaughan Hannah Warwick | Caris Samuels Ethan Solomons Kiara Soobramoney Matthew Thomson | James Hockey Dominique Sanders Damian Vaughan Isabelle Blaauw |
| 19 June | Morgan Rademan Joppe Schouteden Julie Seynhaeve Kayleigh Stubbs | Arron Snyder Ashley Taylor Joshua Theron Okuhle Tshula | George Barnes Phiwe Tshaya Axolile Yabo Adi Ilan |

Thank you for your continued support
Mike Aubin and the WPS team