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Dear Parents and Friends

Dance success

Everyone who I have spoken to thoroughly enjoyed our first Wellington Prep Dance and this was due to the support of so many parents. Firstly, the fundraising committee of Logie, Marcelle, Ashmiranda, Merle and Lena-Mari who worked incredibly hard, they had many meetings and they worked tirelessly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This was way more than we could ever expect from them and the success of the dance is to their credit more than anyone else's. Thanks also to the Moms and Dads who helped with setting out on Friday and Saturday.

The profit from the dance is just over R14 000, making this one of our most successful fundraisers to date, and this was also thanks to parents and their businesses which supported us so generously. In addition to the dance tickets, we were able to hold a raffle which raised R1150 and an auction which raised R5900. A heartfelt thank you to:

E-Wine - 96 bottles red and white wine
Dezhire - ALL crockery/table cloths and decorations
Greg Nurok, of Dee Jays Music
Diemersfontein - 2 x magnums Pinotage
Razvan Macici - World Cup Wine from Nederburg
Lazanou Organic Wines - Wine pack
Louw Family - 6 cases Major's Hill Pinotage
Cascade Country Manor - DBB voucher
Castell Family Trust - 3 trays Eggs
Chrisna and Bertie Faure - 2 cases Nederburg wine
Curves - Work out Vouchers
Ashmiranda - Donuts
Debbie Prinsloo - Ice
Desiree Schulte - Pancakes
Drosty Chemist - gift pack
Grade 3 parents - chips
Gretchen Macdonald - Olive Oil
Heather Johnson - Pea Soup
Jeanelle Brand - Focaccias and quiches

Kikka - Breakfast vouchers
Lara Philp - Butternut Soup
Louise - Organic veggies
Marcelle Warwick - Olives
Minimax Theatre - Movie vouchers
Moonstruck Gift Shop - Gift voucher
Perfect Place - Meal vouchers
Perfect 10, Paarl Mall - Facial voucher
Pick n Pay - Groceries voucher
Salon Peri - Aroma Back Massage
Sash Boutique - Discount vouchers
Saven Soobramoney - Sherry
Shabnam Gafoor - Samoosas
Style Hair Salon, Wellington - wash and blow dry
To Dine for - Capuccino + cake vouchers
Vineyard Beauty Salon - Pedicure and Facial
Warwick Wine Estate - Wine
Wimpy Paarl Mall - Meal vouchers
Wolla (Foschini) - Travel Bag
Woreeda - Chilli Bites
Heidi Botha - vegetable soup

Thanks also to our wonderful D.J. Greg Nurok who kept us all on the dance floor with his terrific music and to Christian Selbach, Dave Johnson and Cindy Lubbe who bid so generously at the auction. Thanks to those parents who attended and arranged their friends to attend.

Congratulations to Sigi, Johan, Simon and Timoteus. Beautiful, bouncy 3,5kg Frederich was born on Monday afternoon, both Sigi and baby are doing very well.

Evergreen Stables

After our Camp Out I forgot to thank one of the most hard working and popular stalls – the pony rides. My sincere apologies to Evergreen Stables and Gloria Kilian, Simone Kilian and Diane Byrne. Thanks so much for all your hard work. If you are considering doing horse-riding, there simply isn't a better place (for adults and children) than Evergreen Stables. Many of our present children can attest to this.

Nits and Lice

My sincere apologies for the disruption caused by the recent outbreak of nits and lice. If we do not have a zero tolerance approach, the problem will not go away. We have now fumigated the pre-primary and aftercare classrooms and sent all of our bedding etc for dry cleaning. I know it must be annoying if your child gets lice from another child at school and then we tell you to keep your child at home, but this is absolutely necessary to stop it spreading further.

CENT COLLECTION FORMS

Our cent collection drive will end at the end of this term (Friday 26 June). We have asked that each child return one form (if you have lost the form, the total is R52.50 per form). If your child is on his or her second or third form he or she does not have to complete these forms, but the forms must still be returned. We have already raised over R4500 from this drive. All fundraising initiatives go towards programmes that benefit the children.

Chess, Squash and Soccer

Two of the most popular activities at the school are Chess (Tuesday afternoons from 14h00 - 16h00) and Squash (Tuesday afternoons from 13h45 to 14h45). These activities are only possible because we have such dedicated parents to run them. A huge thank you to Doug Foulkes (squash) Johan Rademan and Yusuf Pietersen (chess). In addition, Yusuf Pietersen has been doing wonders with the Grade 1-3 boys' soccer team. He has also kindly had bibs made for the children to use.

Thanks so much dads!

Karate

The only day that Francois du Plessis can accommodate us is on a Monday from 14h00 to 14h45 for Grades 1-3. This would be after ballskills for these children. The cost is R345 per term. Francois comes highly recommended and you can have a look at his website www.fdupkarate.co.za for more information. Please email or phone the school office if you would like your child to participate (if we go ahead we will start next term). We will only start karate if there are enough interested parents.

JUNE HOLIDAYS 2010

Some parents are concerned about the June holidays for government schools being 5 weeks long next year. This is as a result of the World Cup soccer. Originally I thought that all schools, public and private, had to follow those dates but I have spoken to our Circuit Inspector and he tells me that we do not have to adhere to these dates. Some parents would prefer a shorter holiday then with more time off in September and / or April. The private schools we have approached are all having 5 weeks at this time. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK – it is not too late to change our dates if enough parents request it. For those of you who have already commented on the June holiday, there is no need to email again.

MONDAY HOLIDAY

I am sure you don't need reminding, but just in case.....please remember that this Monday (15 June) is a school holiday for all schools and Tuesday (16 June) is a public holiday.

Cross Country

Despite another day of poor weather, 18 brave children weathered the storm and took part in the second cross country of the season on 29th May. Well done to Gregory Johnson who came third in his race for the second time in a row, and to Chelsea Lube who was running in her first cross country and came fourth amongst the girls.

The next cross country event will be held on Friday 19 June at the CPUT rugby field in Wellington. Cross country practise will go ahead at 12h30 today.

School times back to normal

Now that exams are finished, school times will return to normal from next week. There will be ballskills, squash and chess in the final week of term (22 - 26 June).

HOLIDAY CARE

Connie and Charlotte will once again be offering holiday care these holidays at a fee of R50 per day. Please note that it is essential to book your child's place ahead of time and to fill in the necessary form which is available from the office.

Senior Playgroup classroom

We are acutely aware of the terrible smell emanating from the senior playgroup bathroom. We have had the plumber out quite a few times as well as other professionals; we seem unable to trace the source of the smell. We are also aware that the ceiling is in a bad state of repair. We are hoping to replace the ceiling during the holidays; there is a small chance that the smell might be coming from the ceiling. If anybody has any ideas of products we could try, please let us know. According to the plumber it is not the drains as we have cleared all the pipes.

Wellington Prep promotional DVD

Doug Foulkes has very kindly produced a short promotional DVD of the school. If you would like your own copy for friends or family to view they are available through the office for R30 each.

Welcomes and Farewells

Wellington Prep would like to welcome Kiara Beamish to the junior playgroup and also Keanan Davidson to Grade 2, his brother, Ethan will join our Grade 5 class next week. We will sadly say goodbye to Ashley and Kirsty Taylor next week as they will be returning to Australia, we wish them all the very best for the move.

Evergreen Stables competition

Congratulations to Jemima Carey and Courtney Dowdall who took part in the Evergreen Stables jumping competition on 7 June. Jemima came 2nd in the 40cm jump and Courtney was awarded 4th place in the 60cm class. Well done girls!

Karate Kid!

Well done to Ryland who received a cup last week for his 'carters' achievements in Karate. He is now orange belt and well on his way to achieving a black belt!



Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the long weekend,
Mike Aubin and the WPS team

Grade 5's comment on cross country:

SVEN: I enjoy cross-country because we sometimes run in the rain. It is more exciting to run on a farm than on the race track. I like to run on a farm because we run through the vineyards and along a dam. Cross-country is not about winning, but enjoyment!

JASON: I like cross country because it's fun and you get lots of exercise and see how good you are. I think it's the best sport!

FLEECE TOPS

PLEASE MARK YOUR
NEW FLEECE TOPS
CLEARLY, SOME
CHILDREN HAVE
ALREADY LOST THEIRS
AND WITHOUT A NAME
IN THEM THEY ARE
EASILY MUDDLED UP!

LOVELY LASAGNE

If you are interested in ordering delicious lasagne, please contact Concetta on 082 0555133. The pasta sheets and sauce are home-made and the price is R65 for a 1^l dish. A percentage of each one sold comes to the school. Last orders before the holidays to be placed by 17 June.