



## Wellington Preparatory School

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Dear Parents and Friends

## Dinner-dance: 29 May

A separate letter will be sent home today with more detail about our fundraiser dinner-dance. Please fill in the reply slip and return it to school (with the money) by Friday 21 May at the latest. **Please return the reply slip even if you are unable to attend.**

**Congratulations** to Johan, Tessa and Oliver van Schalkwyk on their new arrival, Simon, who was born last week.

## Vuvu Friday



Thank you for the support for Lazy Lunches – in the first term the Gr 1-3 classes managed to raise R1600 and could not have done so without the help of the parents who so willingly prepared the food.

For those who don't know, every Friday is 'Vuvu Friday' where you can show your support for Bafana Bafana and the upcoming soccer world cup by wearing your Bafana soccer jersey or dressing in yellow and green. (This is an optional activity).

## PUNCTUALITY

We are experiencing problems with more and more children arriving late in the mornings. Please note that **classes for Grades 1-7 start at 08h00** – if your child is late they miss out on important class time and disrupt the whole class by arriving late. We often write tests at the start of the day and being late puts your child at a disadvantage.

## Public Holidays and playgroup

In the past we have allowed children who are on the 3-day playgroup option to change their days if there are public holidays on their 'usual' days. With our increased numbers we will no longer be able to do this. Please try to stick to your days. If you have to change days on the odd occasion, please ask the class teacher in advance and we will try to accommodate you.

# Fundraising concert in London

As mentioned in a previous email, Sue Sonnenberg has kindly organised an opera concert in London on 26 May and the school will be a beneficiary of the proceeds. Similarly, Diemersfontein have organised a wine special with a plot on Diemersfontein and a Mercedes Benz as prizes. I know many of you get your emails in printed format and will not know all the details. Please visit [www.diemersfontein.co.za](http://www.diemersfontein.co.za) to find out more. In the meantime, we would like to wish David and sue Sonnenberg Bon Voyage for their upcoming overseas trip.

# Cross-country

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, WPS will once again be participating in inter-schools cross country. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to take part in cross-country this season. There are 5 cross-country events between now and the end of the third term and it is a wonderful opportunity for our children to compete against other schools. Pupils 8 years and younger run 1 km, U9 and U10 run 2km, U11 and U12 run 3 km, whilst the U13 and older pupils run 4km. The events are held on Friday afternoons starting at 15h30 at the following venues:

Event	Organisers	Date	Time
1	CPUT	7 May	15:30
2	Riebeeck-Kasteel	21 May	15:30
3	Slot van die Paarl	28 May	15:30
4	Laerskool Hugenate	13 Aug.	15:30
5	Paarlskole (o.l.v. Gimnasium)	20 Aug..	15:30

The first event of the season is on 7 May, a letter will be sent home today regarding this. Please sign and return by Wednesday 5 May.

**STOP PRESS: We have three confirmed cases of chicken pox in the school, please watch for the symptoms in your children (it usually starts with a rash, mainly on the body and head and become itchy, raw pockmarks). The children can only come back to school when all the spots have gone.**

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

## MATURE BABY SITTER WANTED

- ◆ Are you a mature (older) person / retired / Granny?
- ◆ Would you love to look after a baby of 5 months?
- ◆ Do you have your own transport?
- ◆ Are you able to babysit on an ad-hoc basis in the afternoons from 12 noon onwards?
- ◆ Do you have contactable references?
- ◆ English and/or Afrikaans speaking:

If so, our baby boy needs caring from time to time during the week. He would love a special someone who is crazy about babies and will take care of him.

e contact Birgit Winter on 082 5613965. We live on Diemersfontein Estate.

## PUPPIES FOR SALE

2 Black, female English cocker spaniels for sale. Contact Tanya 0827203264