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Dear Parents and Friends

***Congratulations!*** To Keren Chetty and his family, Keren is proud to have a new baby brother.

## **Cinderella**

Our eagerly awaited concert is now only about 3 ½ weeks away. Final arrangements regarding times for children to meet etc will be printed in the next newsletter. Booking for the concert will open on this Monday 15 August, for the three performances, namely:

Monday 5 September at 10h00  
Tuesday 6 September at 18h30  
Wednesday 7 September at 18h30

The cost of the tickets will be R30 each. At our last concert two years ago, we were sold out and some parents who tried to book at the last minute were disappointed. The eldest child in each family will be issued with an envelope today, please use this to book and pay for your tickets and also to note when you will be able to assist with supervising of children before and during the concert.

## **Textbook letters Gr 3 – 6**

Following the problems we had last year, we will be ordering textbooks and workbooks by the end of August for 2012. A letter with a reply slip regarding your preference for new or second hand books will be sent home today. Please return it via your child by Friday 19 August.

## **AFTERCARE**

I have become a little concerned with certain aspects of aftercare particularly with the large numbers of children who use it. We desperately need to tighten up on a number of controls and we would really value your support in this regard. These controls may be a little inconvenient but they are absolutely necessary for your child's safety.

How parents can help:

- Some parents still drive up and hoot and expect their children to come running. This is completely unacceptable as we have no way of knowing who is picking up your child. Please come and fetch your child and sign out with the aftercare staff.

- Whilst the aftercare is enclosed in a fenced area, there are 4 access points that are not being properly controlled. From now on we will be locking three of these access points after about 13h00 so that we are better able to monitor the comings and goings. This will mean that you will need to use the access point nearest to the aftercare room at the Grade 1 classroom when you pick up your children in the afternoon.
- Children are running through the gates as they please. I have met with the aftercare staff and the children and we will be tightening up on this considerably. If you are opening or closing the gate, please don't allow children to run through unless they are with an adult.
- Quite a few of the children have been playing with cell phones and other electronic equipment during aftercare. Many of the modern cell phones have internet access and children are going onto internet sites and playing games that they shouldn't be playing. We have now banned the use of cell phones and electronic devices. If children need to send messages to parents, they can ask the aftercare staff for permission to use their cell phones. Aftercare has also been issued with a cell phone should parents need to be contacted by the staff (071 9592355).
- Some parents have complained that there is inadequate supervision outside in the play area. We will be tightening up on this by ensuring there is always an adult on duty outside and by reducing the area that children can play in.
- Should you feel that the above measures are not being implemented successfully, please let the school know.

## **ISASA**

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, Wellington Prep is now a registered member of ISASA (Independent Schools Association of South Africa). You can visit their website [www.isasa.org](http://www.isasa.org), our profile has now been loaded.

## **Communication sheets**

These will be sent home today for the entire school. Please sign them and return to school on Monday.

## **Individual and class photos**

These will be taken in the second last week of term on THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER.

## **Irrigation equipment**

The school will be laying irrigation pipes and sprayers around the classrooms before summer. If you have any left over pipe or sprayers we could put them to good use.

## **Casual Day: Friday 2 September**

We will be supporting Casual Day on Friday 2 September and will be selling Casual Day stickers for R10 each with the proceeds going to the Ligstraal School for people with disabilities. Pupils can give their teacher the R10 (or more if you would like more than 1 sticker). Stickers will be handed out on Thursday 1 September.

## Xhosa lessons for staff

A heartfelt 'thank you' to Debbie Prinsloo who has kindly offered to hold Xhosa lessons for our staff. Those attending the lessons are really enjoying the sessions.

## Soccer match

Yesterday afternoon an enthusiastic Wellington Prep senior soccer team took to the field to play the first soccer match of the season. The opponents from CJ Soccer Club in Paarl strode confidently onto the field but did not manage to intimidate our team. At half time the score was a very respectable 0 – 0. Wellington Prep had a few opportunities of scoring a goal but were unfortunately beaten by the excellent defence and goalie from CJ. At the end of the game we lost 4 – 0 but were all very proud of our team for showing such spirit and perseverance against a side which clearly has more experience. Well done boys and Jemima! We look forward to seeing you all in action again soon. Thank you to Yusuf for keeping the team on track and thank you to the parents and pupils who came to support our team.



Roman Morris ready for a big kick.



Ryland Foulkes played goalie with gusto!



Our players take control of the ball.



Our wall of defence prevents a free kick from getting to the goals.

Thank you for your continued support

Mike Aubin and the WPS team

Beautiful hand painted t-shirts for sale. Sizes range from 6 months to 10 years. Various colours and designs are available. Prices range from R50 to R80. Speak to Lynne Oosthuizen in Gr R if you wish to purchase these.

