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Dear parents and friends,

***Welcome*** – in the last newsletter we welcomed all the new children who joined us at the start of the school year. Now I would like to welcome our new teachers, namely:



Amy Greef will be teaching Gr R for the first term in place of Lynne Oosthuizen.



Kim Heath is our new Gr 3 teacher.



Elsje Basson will be putting the Grade 5's through their paces.



Jeanne Drake takes charge of the vital aftercare section of the school.

## **FAMILY CAMP OUT – 25 FEBRUARY – FAMILY CAMP OUT – 25 FEBRUARY**

It is camp out time again! This is a wonderful fundraiser and is thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Here is just a brief explanation for the new parents who have not had the privilege of enjoying a night under the stars at Wellington Prep. "Camp sites" are purchased for R60; you bring your tent and pitch it on the field. This year we will be selling filled pita breads and boerewors rolls, some yummy desserts and treats for the kids as well as wine, beer and cooldrinks. All the prepared food is Halaal.

Although we encourage everyone to support the food stalls we do however acknowledge that some families would prefer to bring and braai their own meat and we will have fires available. Please bring your own grid if you need, for religious reasons, to prepare your meat separately.

Closer to the time your class reps will be in contact regarding assistance in manning the stalls on the evening. The more offers of assistance we get the shorter the shifts, giving all involved a chance to relax and enjoy the evening.

We will be organising some fun activities for the children including a slippery slide and jumping castle but we have found that the young intrepid campers usually just have fun chasing each other around and enjoy playing with their friends in an environment where they feel perfectly at home and safe.

On camp out night the universe replaces the "flat screen tv" and we are looking for someone to help us "stargaze". If you are able to identify planets and stars please let Heather know and we will then be in contact.

We also cater for those who do not have access to tents and invite them, for a fee of R20 per person, to sleep in the hall.

Tents can be pitched from 17h00 on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

From 07h00 on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> a light breakfast snack will be available at a minimal charge. On offer will be tea, coffee, fruit juice, rusks, muffins and donuts. We request that all campers depart by 09h00 at the latest.

Everyone is welcome, so invite your friends as well! Remember 1 tent per site with a maximum of 5 people per tent! Book multiple sites if necessary.

If you prefer to not sleep over, you are more than welcome to still come and enjoy the evening with us.

Please complete the attached reply slip and return it to the school, along with your money, by Friday the 18th of February. Fill out the form even if you are not planning to attend as this will help us to follow up with outstanding replies.

Your "camp site/hall dweller" tickets will be issued on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> and will include a list of what you need to bring with you.

Diemersfontein Security will be asked to do extra patrols on the night of the camp out and the main gate will be locked. The school is enclosed by electrified fencing and all necessary security precautions will be put in place to ensure the safety of everyone throughout the night.

We look forward to seeing you all under the stars!

## **INFORMATION UPDATE**

Please complete the pupil update form sent with this newsletter. It is very important that we have your correct contact details, particularly in case of an emergency with your child. We would also like to collate a data base of services offered by our parents, if you would like your information added to this list then please include detail on the form.

## **Hip-Hop and Salsa dancing**

At our recent PTA some parents raised concerns about the hip-hop dancing and whether it was appropriate for a school with our values. Since Charlene Thomson raised these concerns, I have done some more research and I have now met with Eddie. We will no longer be offering hip-hop and no music with swear words or music that is in any way sexually suggestive will be played. Eddie will therefore be offering general dancing and salsa and I will be keeping a close eye on his choice of music. I would like to remind parents that this is an optional extra and if they have any queries regarding times, payment etc they must contact Eddie directly (078 7018875).

I would like to apologise to the parents, I acknowledge that I didn't do my homework properly before allowing these dance classes.

# Mid-month meals (Triple M)

Thanks to the culinary skills of Shabnam Gaffoor, we will be offering take away meals once a month. The meal available next month will be **QUARTER CHICKEN WITH PASTA SALAD** on Friday 11 February for R30 per portion. Orders and money to be at the office by Wednesday 9 February and meals collected on 11 Feb at 12h30 at the hall.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2011

Thank you to Val Theron, Sam Adshade, Albert Geiger and Greg Nurok who so kindly offered to stand as the parent representatives on the Management Committee this year. Following the vote at the General PTA, Greg Nurok and Albert Geiger were elected into the two positions. The new Management Committee will meet in the second week of February for the first time.

Thanks also to the following parents who so kindly agreed to serve on the sub-committees:

**Fundraising:** Marcelle Warwick, Maria Bellmunt, Juanita Aubin, Shabnam Gaffoor, Rene May

**Landscaping:** Charlene Thomson, Debbie Traut, Lara Philp, Millucia Sampson

### Class representatives:

Junior Playgroup	Sophia Passerini
Senior Playgroup	Nicola Wooding
Grade 0	Anel Beamish
Grade R	Debbie Prinsloo
Grade 1	Ilse and Jeroen Seynhaeve
Grade 2	Daleen Pillay
Grade 3	Cindy Lubbe, Maria Bellmunt, Shabnam Gaffoor
Grade 4	Dez Schulte
Grade 5	Raymond Pietersen
Grade 6	Bukeila Yabo
Grade 7	Concetta Louw

## Xhosa lessons

A number of parents indicated that they would like extra mural Xhosa lessons after school as an optional extra. Attached please find a questionnaire which can be emailed to us or returned by hand. You need only fill in the questionnaire if you are interested in your child doing Xhosa.

**EMPTY 'HTH' BUCKETS** are ideal for playing in the sandpit. If you have any, please pass them on to the pre-school.

## Early mornings

There will be a teacher at the school from 07h20 every morning. Please do not drop your child off before 07h20, if you do, we cannot take responsibility for their safety. Children in Grade 3 and below should be dropped off at the hall and should not go to classes before 07h45. Older children may play outside the hall but they will not be supervised directly.

## Music lessons

I am delighted to announce that Ester and Sonja Horn have started class singing lessons with the Grade 4-7's and that 11 children have signed up for private music lessons (guitar, piano or keyboard) on Wednesday mornings.

# ATHLETICS

The annual Simond athletics event has been scheduled for Friday 18 February. This will involve selected children from Grade R to 7.

The Wellington Prep inter house athletics will be on Thursday 17 March. This will involve all children at the school. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

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

## Junior playgroup news



The Junior playgroup has had a wonderful start to the year. I am very impressed with my little ones, everyone was very excited to be at school!

We have had a busy time getting to know one another and making friends.

We are learning about our body and have painted a beautiful picture with our hand prints and footprints. We celebrated Luca's birthday in class. He brought a Barney cake.

I am sure that we are all going to have a wonderful year.

Teacher Samantha

*Pumpkins and princesses!  
Andrew McDonald has kindly donated a stoep full of organic pumpkins which we will be selling for R10 for small ones and R20 for the bigger ones. They are available from the office.*