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Newsletter 3
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Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome – we extend a very warm Wellington Prep welcome to Sriram and Hima Puvvala who have joined us in Grades 3 and 0 respectively.

TERM DATES

I had hoped to send out a full year planner, but many of the dates for later in the year cannot be finalised yet, so here is a set of dates for the rest of this term.

Thursday 17 February	Senior cricket match at home vs Malmesbury Christian School
Friday 18 February	Simond Athletics meeting
Tuesday 22 February	Grade 5 & 6 outing to the Planetarium
Friday 25 February	CAMP OUT
Tuesday 1 March	Grade 7 outing – hike
Saturday 5 March	Senior Cricket match vs Privaatskool Simond away
Friday 11 March	Junior Mini-cricket tournament at WPS 13h00 – 18h00
Friday 25 March	School closes for the first term

IACESA ‘Thinking Schools’ Conference

I will be attending an Independent schools conference in Bantry Bay next week from Wednesday 16 February until Saturday 19 February. Lena-mari Marx will be acting Principal whilst I am away. Regrettably this means that I will be missing the Simond athletics meeting. I would like to wish all the athletes the very best of luck.

Simond Athletics: 18 February

Please remember that we are only allowed to enter 2 children per event. If your child is late or doesn't arrive, the whole team loses points and it reflects badly on the school. Please ensure that you are on time for the start. I would also encourage those of you who are not taking part to show your school spirit by attending to encourage and cheer for the runners. The event will be held at Privaatskool Simond on Friday 18 February from 17h00 to 19h00. For those children going on the school bus, Elsje Basson will be driving and will leave WPS promptly at 16h20 and will return to WPS at approximately 19h00. Those children taking part in the athletics have been given notices for their parents to sign.

New Play equipment

A heartfelt 'thank you' to Jean and Debbie Prinsloo as well as Bob and Carol Debron who both donated play equipment to the school. The children are thoroughly enjoying the new jungle gyms.



'Protea' Friday

The cricket world cup is almost upon us, children have been encouraged to show their support on Fridays by wearing green. Parents are not expected to buy the expensive official clothing. Any green top (even the Wellington Prep one) or other tops that have South Africa on them will do.

Finances

This is another request to please put your child's name as a reference when making payments into our bank account. There are 2 unallocated amounts that we have received – one for R1590 on 14 January and one for R1900 on 2 February. If you think that these might be your payments, please contact Heather in the office.

Cricket hats

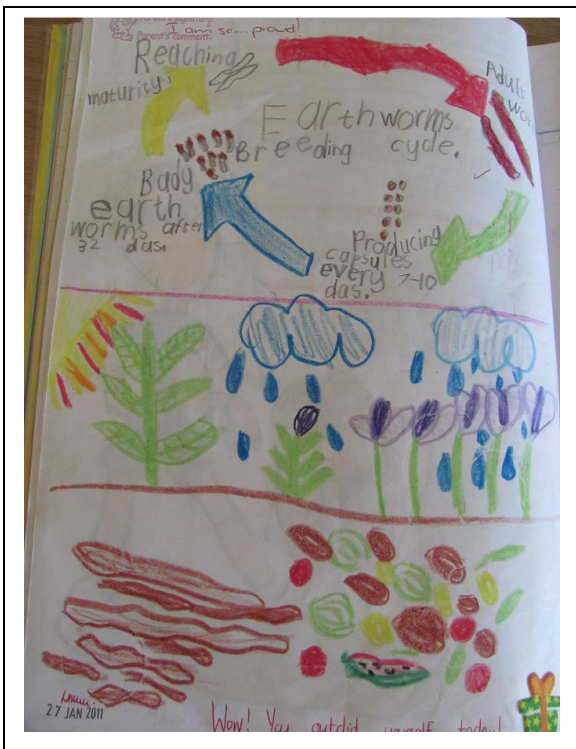
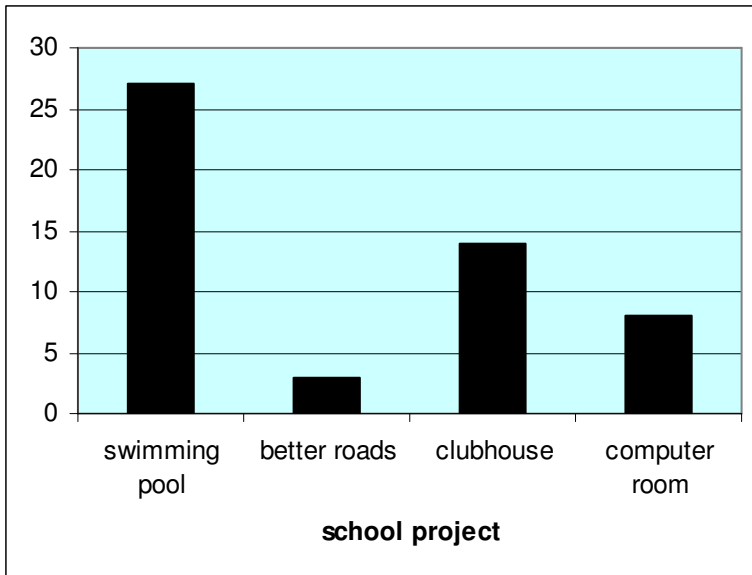
We now have our own WPS cricket hats for sale in the office at R55 each. These are not compulsory but will provide good sun protection for cricket on the hot summer days.



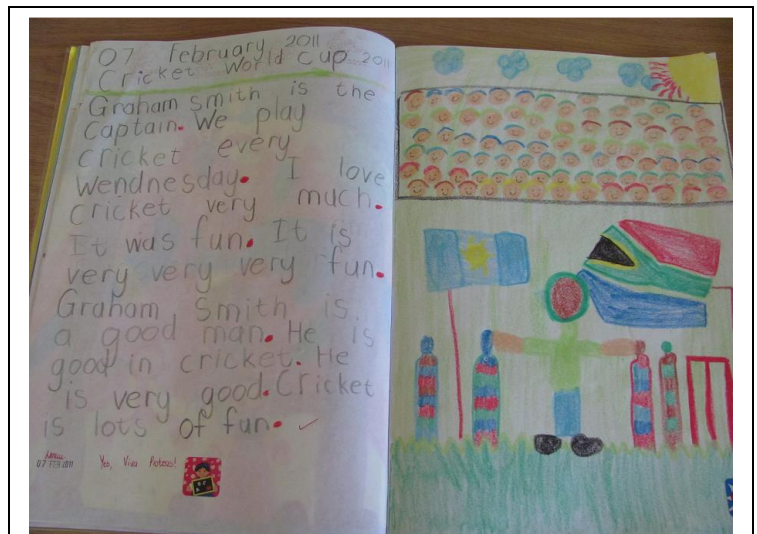
HOCKEY

As mentioned at the general PTA, we are looking into the possibility of offering hockey in winter. A questionnaire has been sent home to all Grade 1-7's, please fill it in and return it to your child's class teacher.

The Grade 7's are busy learning how to do research using a questionnaire, how to enter it on Excel and how to produce graphs from the chart wizard :
 Byron and Jason asked the Grade 4 - 7 classes what they would have chosen from the parent survey done last year.



Jordan Anderson (Gr 2) explains the life-cycle of the earthworm.



Anschien Vaughan (Gr 2) is a great supporter of the Proteas and loves playing cricket.

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 1l dish. A percentage of each one sold comes to the school.

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

CAMP OUT: 25 FEB



Don't forget our Camp Out on Friday 25 Feb! This is that one evening in the year where we come together as a big family - where parents enjoy a cold beer, a glass of wine or a cold drink around the campfire, while children run around burning off that excess energy and fall into their tents at the end of the night out of sheer exhaustion!!

We have arranged a jumping castle for the little ones and a water slide for young and old alike. There are marshmallows to be braaied, juicy boerewors rolls for the hungry, filled pita breads for the healthier option and for mom there is even a decadent dessert to satisfy her sweet tooth....

There is a field guide that will be sharing his knowledge with us about the night sky, so come prepared for an evening of fun and laughter under the stars.

As usual we need assistance on the evening, so please respond to your class reps when they contact you for a half hour time slot. This evening can only be successful if we all contribute a small portion of our time to making it work.

If, by some misfortune, you are not able to attend the camp out, we would like to ask you as a family to contribute R20 towards this fundraiser. If you would like to give us a larger donation, that of course will be accepted with open arms, as we are going to use the funds raised by the Camp Out towards our new pool, or upgrading the access road to the school.

Time is running out as forms need to be in by Friday 18th Feb, so speak to your friends, invite your neighbours, do whatever you can to make it more fun, but most importantly BE THERE - you don't want to miss this one!

P.S. Remember to pack a sense of humour and a spirit of adventure....

Warm regards
Marcelle Warwick
(Chairperson Fundraising Committee)