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Dear Parents and Friends

A warm Wellington Prep welcome to Emil Duwenage who joined our Grade 3 class last week.

Giselle King: 1998 – 2011



It is with great sadness that we heard of the recent death of one of our past pupils, Giselle 'Gigi' King, who was tragically killed in a car accident over Easter.

Giselle and her brother Jordan were two of our first pupils at the school, arriving in 2004. They left the school in 2009 when they immigrated to Botswana. Giselle will be remembered as a happy, fun loving child, one of those rare children who never had a bad word to say about anybody and who could always find the positive in any situation.

On behalf of the school, I would like to convey our deepest sympathy to her family, Ben, Jordan

and Kylie as well as her friends. Rest in peace, Gigi!

Sue Sonnenberg has the following to add: Giselle was a much-loved little girl whose kindness, sweetness and love of animals will be remembered always. The death of a child is the very worst tragedy there is and the cutting short of her life feels shattering. She was hoping to become a vet one day and knowing how much she cared for animals, I have no doubt she would have excelled at this. As her 'honorary granny', she will live on in my heart forever.

Grade R sport

At present, we do not offer formal soccer and hockey to the Grade R class. Our reason for this is that they are still a little small to be playing physical sports with children who are a lot older than they are. We have made exceptions for children who have repeated a year and are therefore a year older. Not only are they more physically developed, but they will be playing competitive matches with the older children in the higher grades anyway. A few parents have asked that their Grade R children join the Grade 1, 2 and 3 hockey or soccer practises. Before we make a decision on this, we would like to know how many Grade R parents would want their children to play these sports. Please let us know by Tuesday 17 May if you would like your child to play either hockey or soccer (please remember they will be playing with older children and all that entails). You can email your response or send a signed note to school. This only applies to Grade R parents and only those parents who want their children to play need respond. Once we receive the responses, we will make a decision accordingly.

SCHOOL DANCE – 28 MAY

We know that it's been a busy term and we know that everybody is careful with their spending at the moment, but this is one school event that you **DON'T WANT TO MISS**. We are sad to say that we have sold very few tickets to date and the reply slips have been coming in very slowly. Please commit to supporting this event – not only is it the most fun evening you will have this year, but it also helps us to keep our school fees down. We are looking at a possible increase of R900 per child over and above inflation next year if we do not have these fund raising events.

So, dust off those old dancing shoes of yours, put on your sense of adventure and join us for a fun filled evening. You really don't have to enjoy dancing to attend – the spectators have just as much fun as the rest of us.....come on, book your tickets and invite your friends. We have extended the deadline for replies until Friday 20th May. Please note that all parents must please return the reply slip, even if they are not attending. We have only received about 30% of the replies. For those of you who receive email, a new form is attached or if you have lost yours you can pick up a copy at the office. Look forward to seeing you on the 28th May!!

(Marcelle Warwick, Fundraising team)

Well done Anschen!

Anschen Vaughan in Grade 2 recently won a crossword puzzle and colouring competition at the Spur in Wellington. Her prize was a brand new bicycle. Well done Anschen!



Storm damage

Diemersfontein has approximately 8 km of electrified fencing, and yet a blue gum decided to blow over right on the new electrified gate we put in less than a month ago! Sometimes life just isn't fair. Luckily both the gate and the cricket nets, which were also badly damaged, should be covered by insurance.

Road repairs

We have just spent a lot of money upgrading the road and the slippery mudslide after the rains was most disappointing. It may have had something to do with the soil that was left on the side of the road after clearing the ditch. We have spoken to EXEO who did the work and they have undertaken to look at it. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Communication sheets

Please remember that the whole school will get communication sheets today. Please sign and return them on Monday.

School hall: Monday 16 May

The hall will be used on Monday for special votes for the upcoming local government elections. If you normally drop your child early at the hall, please rather take him / her to the Grade 2 classroom on Monday morning.

Remember that Wednesday 18 May is a public holiday due to the local government elections.

Mario Ogle

Singer **Mario Ogle** will be visiting our school on Friday, 20 May, to perform some songs from his album, and also talk a bit to the learners.

Mario's album was nominated for a SAMA (South African Music Award), and has sold over 14 000 copies to date.

Mario's music video is scheduled to be featured on Top Billing on 17 May.

Mario's massive hit 'Can't stop loving you' is played on over 50 radio stations, and he has tracks on Kfm 94.5, Heart 104.9 FM and Goodhope FM.

Mario's CD 'Can't stop loving you', an 11 track album, will be available for purchase for the unbelievably low price of only **R40**. On the day, he will be meeting all those who buy the CD, to personally autograph each CD. So if you want to get the CD at this low price, and meet Mario to get it signed, don't forget to bring your R40.

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

The Grade 5 class has been doing some bird watching (because it is Teacher Basson's hobby). They have compiled a bird chart, listing all the birds they have spotted on the farm. Just look at the wide variety of birds we have!

- HOUSE SPARROW
- EGYPTIAN GOOSE
- FERAL PIGEON
- ROCK PIGEON
- HELMETED GUINEA FOWL
- COMMON FISCAL
- CAPE TURTLE DOVE
- SOUTHERN MASKED WEAVER
- HADIDA
- YELLOW BILLED DUCK
- BLACK SMITH PLOVER
- WHITE BREASTED CORMORANT
- OLIVE THRUSH
- STONE CHAT
- CAPE WEAVER
- LESSER DOUBLE COLLARED SUNBIRD
- JACKAL BUZZARD



**We have seen the beautiful
Jackal Buzzard right
outside our door!**

Junior Playgroup

I love my Mommy because:

- Meeka: She makes me fish fingers.
Lee: She buys me pretty clothes.
Mika: She loves Daddy and she is pretty.
Alizwa: She buys me clothes and yoghurt.
Thando: She buys me yoghurt.
Khanya: She buys me pyjamas and cooks rice for me.
Shane: She buys me presents.
Luca: She gives me hugs and kisses.
Emma: She gives me sweets.



Tree donation

Thanks to the efforts of Millucia Sampson, we have had a donation of 17 trees for our school grounds. The trees were very kindly donated by Rudi and Leske Neethling of **TRECO 'your big tree wholesale nursery'** – if you are interested in purchasing any trees you can contact them at:

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