



“A sense of belonging”

Dear One and All

FROM ACTING HEAD’S DESK

Staff news

We said farewell to Mrs Zonia Prinsloo this week. She and her family will be moving to Spain shortly. We wish them the very best in their new exciting phase of their lives and pray for God’s blessings over their move and the birth of their first born.

Congratulations to Ms Marne Potgieter who replaces Mrs Prinsloo in the Afrikaans department, as a full time teacher.

It is with much gratitude that we look back on the past week. The Annual Derby against Uplands is one of the biggest highlights of the year for our scholars. I would like to thank and congratulate all our scholars and staff for their commitment and for promoting the Penryn brand. Our sport disciplinary process is paying off and our players discipline on and off the field is commendable. A special word of congratulations to the following teams: Under 14 Rugby, Under 15 Netball, First Boys Tennis team and our First Girls Hockey teams for their impressive performances.

I would like to congratulate both our Under 15 and First Netball teams who qualified for the Mpumalanga Netball finals. Special congratulations to Jordan Minifie who was awarded the Senior Girl Swimmer of the Year 2017/18 and Mpumalanga Provincial Honours. Well done Jordyn, this is a truly wonderful achievement.

I wish all the scholars the very best in the upcoming exams. I encourage them to continue leading a balanced life during the exam period, with the main focus, of course, on academics.

Should your child miss an exam due to illness, a Doctor’s certificate needs to be lodged with the Deputy Head – Academics via e-mail at carstens@penryn.co.za and copied to divya@penryn.co.za

PENREACH NEWS

The Penreach team would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Grade 8 and Grade 12 Community Service scholars who assisted at the Annual Penreach Play Day, where the energetic scholars were part of an action-packed day of play. Together with our sponsors, the scholars offered support in co-ordinating 50 play stations of active play for physical, emotional, cognitive and social development areas. Over 2000 young 4-year olds, the majority from disadvantaged communities participated. Smiles and laughter abounded throughout the day.



Rev's Musings

“Which is lawful on the Sabbath, to do good or to do evil; to save life or to kill? The Pharisees did not answer”. (Mark 3:4)

In scripture, the reference to an ‘angry’ Jesus is rare. Perhaps the one occasion that is more commonly known is when Jesus turns over the tables in the Temple because the money-lenders had made a mockery of God’s house by their devious practices. In Mark 3, we read of another incident where Jesus gets angry. This time, it is because the leaders and teachers of the Temple, had adopted and demonstrated a **hardened heart**; choosing to ignore the plight of a man with a withered hand, over the rites, rituals and practices of the Sabbath.

As many of you will know, the Sabbath was a day that was set aside for the Jewish people to do nothing other than worship God. The observance of this Holy day, Shabbat, meant that no physical, mental or other form of work could occur from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday. (*This is a practice that would benefit society greatly in today’s modern world of frenzied busyness and pace*). In this story, we see the Pharisees getting indignant over the breach of the law (Shabbat). Jesus is angry, not because of the breach of a Law, but because of the desire of the Pharisees to apply a legalistic approach to the rules. This approach, was detrimental to practising care and compassion for someone who was clearly in need of assistance and healing. One wonders if the Pharisees had taken the time to meet with the man in question, whether they might have had a different reaction to the situation.

This got me thinking: **We often jump to conclusions about situations, people or experiences in a reactionary way, without necessarily taking the time to understand the full details or circumstances better.** The recent example of Ashwin Willemse walking off the Supersport set, after publically voicing his displeasure, is a classic example. People were quick to make judgement calls and express their opinions, long before some of the complexities of the situation became evident. Similarly, there are situations that arise in our everyday lives and indeed, in our school, where a breach of institutional rules can be seen to be “black or white – right or wrong.” However, things are seldom, if ever that simple. My experience has shown me, and recent situations have reminded me, that it is always better to:

- firstly investigate and explore the facts;
- engage with the actual person/s concerned;
listen, listen and listen again (to both the spoken and unspoken content);
- approach each situation with an open, non-prejudicial heart attitude.

When we do this, we may find the solutions, resolutions and/or actions to be followed differing substantially from our original opinion and even deviating from a hardline institutional rule. Jesus did this, and in the process, a man was healed and restored. Let that be our example in life!

Prayer: Lord, may our eyes always be open to the need for human dignity and the ways we can work to ensure it. Amen.

Till next week, God bless!

Terry

SPORT NEWS

Last weekend we participated in an enjoyable and exciting Derby against local rivals Uplands. I would like to compliment all Penryn teams on the way they played: I felt that they all played well, with passion, commitment and team spirit to win their matches.

Our First, Under 15A and Under 14A Netball teams who played in the Regional Championships at Bergvlam on Saturday morning. Congratulations are due to our First team (1st in Ehlanzeni) and our Under 15A (3rd in Ehlanzeni), both of whom made it through to Mpumalanga finals on 8 and 9 June. This is a first for Penryn, and of which we can be truly proud. Equally impressive is the First Girls hockey team ending 1st in the Ehlanzeni league. Unfortunately, due to the structure of the playoffs and exams, we have taken the difficult decision to withdraw our hockey girls from playoffs. This is a trend followed by other schools, which allows scholars to concentrate on exams for the rest of this term and focus on the Term 3 sports in that term, without disruption. The structure of the boys hockey playoffs is somewhat different, and allows for more flexibility in their programme: we will know by Friday afternoon if any teams are likely to progress to playoffs.

Earlier in last week we played a friendly matches against Nelspruit Hoërskool. Whilst the timing of these matches can be questioned, there is no denying their value in providing quality opposition against which to measure ourselves. However, we have withdrawn from league fixtures against Curro scheduled for Monday, given that these fall within our exams. In future, we will aim to reschedule fixtures to ensure minimal disruption to scholars' exam preparation, bearing in mind the need for scholars to practise effective time management too.

As we near the end of the winter sport season, I would like to thank our coaches for the time and effort spent coaching our scholars; a special thanks to those parents who spent many hours next to the field or court, in support of their children and Penryn sport. You are appreciated!

Well done to all Penryn riders who participated in Sunday's Uplands Classic MTB; especially Josh Clarke who was the overall winner of 15km and 1st in the Open Men, and Ashley Keller who was placed 2nd in Junior Women in 30km.

Joshua Greeff had an unbelievable time in Sri Lanka and enjoyed the cricket tour immensely. Although the playing conditions were very tough concerning humidity, extreme heat and the wickets turning square. He excelled with both bat and ball. The team won 5 out of the 6 games and Joshua was elected as Captain for two of the games. He was also the top run scorer on tour, scoring 202 runs in 5 innings at an average of 40. He received two "Man of the match" awards for his batting. He scored 66 runs off 56 balls (11 fours and 2 sixes) in 30 over game and in a T20 game he scored 65 runs off 28 balls (including 5 fours and 5 sixes). His best bowling figures were 2 for 14 in 6 overs (30 over game) as well as 2 for 11 in 4 overs in a T20 game.

On behalf of Joshua, a sincere thank you to all who made this tour possible!



Conan Olivier
Director of Sport

ECD Community Service



Directly after school last Tuesday, a small representative group of Grade 8 scholars went out to an ECD centre in Mataffin, that is supported by Penreach. The group of Penryn scholars took educational toys made from recycled material and that had been made by their grade as part of the subject Life Orientation to give to the children at the centre.

The 8 scholars initially found a group of reserved and shy little people; but within a few minutes, smiles were broad from scholar and pre-schoolers alike. New games were taught and enjoyed by all.



2018 TERM 2 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

The Activity calendar can be accessed via Google by clicking on the following link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=cGVucnluLmNvLnphX241M3BocjZrOXQ1OWk1YzZrbDZkdWQ5djJQGDyb3VwLmNhbGVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20>

Please note that the Google calendar is a working calendar and is updated regularly.

JUNE						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
				Term 2 marks due 14:00 – 17:00 Tennis: Girls 2 vs Bergvlam 1	June exams 2 – 22 June 08:00 – 17:00 Penreach W/shop Hockey: Medium Schools playoffs Netball: B-League Championships and Provincial Umpires grading Rugby: Semi finals	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
June exams 2 – 22 June 17:00 – 18:00 Staff: Boarding Parents meet	June exams 2 – 22 June	June exams 2 – 22 June Time TBC Computer Applications Olympiad R2	June exams 2 – 22 June 09:00 12:00 IEB: Grade 12 Life Orientation CAT Part B 15:00 – 17:00 Cricket: B U16 Ehlanzeni cricket trials @ Uplands	June exams 2 – 22 June Netball: A-league championships 09:00 – 12:00 IEB: Dramatic Arts externally set Integrated Part B 15:00 – 17:00 Cricket: B U19 Ehlanzeni cricket trials @Uplands	June exams 2 – 22 June Netball: MSN Championships Hockey: Boys 2nds relegation promotion	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
June exams 2 – 22 June Sports comments to CO 15:30 – 19:00 Council Fincom and Exco 17:00 – 18:00 Scholar: Boarding Parents Scholar Exec meet	June exams 2 – 22 June	June exams 2 – 22 June	June exams 2 – 22 June 13:00 – 16:30 Staff: History w/shop	June exams 2 – 22 June 15:00 – 18:00 Penryn Council	PUBLIC HOLIDAY June exams 2 – 22 June Spur MTB @ Uplands	
18	19	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	JULY 1	2
Cricket: Penryn T20 Tournament	Cricket: Penryn T20 Tournament	Cricket: Penryn T20 Tournament	Cricket: Penryn T20 Tournament	Cricket: U15 UCCF (30/6 – 5/7)		

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