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Executive Head's May News

Colossians 3:23

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"

I think the freak thunderstorm that hit parts of the Lowveld on Sunday had many of us wondering whether it is summer or autumn. This reminder of God's awesome power took many by surprise, and our thoughts and prayers are with those Penryn families who suffered from the hail and wind during the storm.

With 4 weeks of term left and the heavy extra-curricular season nearly behind us, there is no doubt that the attention of all our scholars is now turning to exams and assessments for the end of the first semester. We wish them the very best as they prepare for these through study and hard work.

The appointment of our new Heads

Prep Head

I am sure that by now you have all seen the letter from Mr James Aling, our Chair of Council, regarding the appointment of Mr Graham Roberts as the new Head of the Prep.

Graham has had a rich career within Independent Schools in South Africa spanning the past 28 years, having immersed himself significantly in the nucleus of leading edge schools; both traditional, and newly founded schools in South Africa.



Having taught at St Stithians, Pridwin Prep, Woodridge College and then serving as Head at Pecanwood Prep and Executive Head of Morula School in Botswana. Graham brings a wealth of educational knowledge to the position. We are excited about the prospect of Graham conveying this knowledge and experience to the Penryn community, and look forward to welcoming him to the Lowveld in August.

College Head

The process for the appointment of a new Head of the College is in its final stages, and we are on track for an announcement within the next two weeks in this regard.



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Facilities

On the facilities front, I am delighted to announce that our new security camera system around the campus, particularly in the car park areas and at the main gate, is operational. This will help to improve our general security on campus a great deal. The camera at the front gate is also equipped with vehicle recognition software, enabling us to track vehicles that come onto campus.



We were devastated that thieves had damaged and stolen parts of the river pump and pipeline that provides us with water for irrigation. We are very pleased however, to report that both the pump and the pipeline have been repaired, and we are once again able to irrigate our fields.

Marketing and Relationships

The Marketing Department recently sent out a notice of a survey via Survey Monkey regarding the three new transport routes that we are looking at introducing at Penryn. The purpose of the survey was to gauge interest in these routes from Nelspruit, White River and Malalane (we already have a route from Sudwala). If you are interested in making use of one of these routes, and have not completed the survey, please send an email to Marie van Zyl at mvanzyl@penryn.co.za confirming your interest. Once we have a better understanding of the demand for each route, we can make the necessary arrangements to begin these bus routes.

We want to apologise for the fact that our **Penryn Website** is still “under construction”. The process of redesigning our outdated website has taken a great deal longer than we had previously envisaged. We, together with the Website Developer have been working very hard to get it ready and finished. We are confident that we will have the new website “live” by the end of next week.

Penreach

On Monday this week, I was very privileged to receive an invitation to the opening of a brand new “natural playground” at Sivesethu Play School in Zwelisha, courtesy of Mr Andile Ncontsa and the Penreach team. Natural playgrounds are a new concept of developing playground equipment out of natural materials, and where possible, they form a natural part of the existing environment.



The Penreach Team, together with Tarsus and The Roger Federer Foundation, have developed this as a first in an ECD (Early Childhood Development) Centre in our province. Our own new ECD Centre of Excellence, as a joint venture between the Prep and Penreach, is in its planning stages and will also feature natural playgrounds as part of its design.

Parent Feedback

Your feedback as parents is just so important to us. We want to know how things are going; be those good or bad things. As such, we will be introducing a quarterly Parent Feedback Survey, which will be sent out once a term on Survey Monkey. This survey will ask you to let us know if you have any concerns, complaints, or compliments about how things are going at school. I encourage you to keep an eye open for these, and to please take a little bit of time to fill them in each term. They really will help us to improve what we offer you and your children. Thank-you in advance for your input and feedback.

My very best wishes

Grant Williams



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