

Circular 21 – 03 August 2018



“A sense of belonging”

Dear One and All

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

I would like to start today by quoting John Dewey: “Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself”! At Penryn, we believe that our scholars are writing their own curriculum vitae’s from the day they start their journey at the College and we, therefore, believe in creating a range of opportunities for all our scholars. Our scholars should and will be ready for an ever-changing world – a diverse world where you have to be able to interact with people from different cultures and religions. Qualities like good manners, adaptability, good work ethic and making the most of your God-given talents, will, however, always be part of Penryn life.

Talking about opportunities: Our Under 16 Boys’ Hockey team made sure they had an unforgettable end to the hockey season by winning the Noordvaal B division. In a nail-biting final against Hoërskool Middelburg, they managed to compose themselves and won on penalties.

Congratulations to our Girls’ Soccer teams who were perfect Penryn ambassadors during their stay at Camp Discovery. We are also very proud of their soccer achievements during their derby against Barberton.

Our matrices are making the best of their last 40 days at school. Events like crazy-sock day, crazy-hair day and pyjama day are thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday 8 August, we will have a special Chapel service celebrating women. We wish all women a happy Women’s Day on the 9th. May we all continue to tell and share our stories!

Upcoming events:

Saturday 4 August: Penryn Soccer Festival

Tuesday 7 August: Grade 8 Parents Evening at 17:30

Reminder that Friday the 10th of August is a school holiday.

Albert Pienaar

REV’S MUSINGS

I write this reflection as I attend the Annual Chaplain’s Conference in Hilton, KwaZulu Natal. We have been blessed in visiting schools such as Epworth, Michaelhouse, St. Anne’s College, Hilton College and St. Charles College. What magnificent schools! These are, indeed, some of the finest that KZN has to offer. What is more, they all have a strong Christian ethos and some exceptional, well-experienced Chaplains. I know that many parents, staff and scholars question the need for a Chaplain and, indeed, a lot of people do not fully understand the role of Chaplains in schools (mainly independent schools). I have been so enriched by listening to and learning from the best Chaplains in South Africa. It has been an enlightening week and I cannot wait to try and move forward on some of the ideas I have for Penryn. What has become apparent is the concern Chaplains have for two things:

- How hurried and busy the scholars are with excessively loaded schedules, and
 - The dangers and negative consequences of technology on the overall well-being of our children and even on adults.
- But, I will share more of this in time to come.

One of our devotions this week really struck a chord with me. We looked at 1 Kings 19 which deals with how Elijah flees because of fear. Jezebel has vowed to kill him as an act of revenge for the defeat and deaths of all the prophets of Baal. I found it particularly strange that Elijah, whose God had brought fire down on the altar to prove God’s power and

faithfulness as the one true God, flees at the mention of a woman threatening his life! Not only does he flee, but he prays that he may die. Elijah has had enough. He is tired, hungry, frightened and has serious doubts about his worth. He claims to be no better than his ancestors, which is a gross exaggeration. Do we not do this sometimes? Life throws us lemons and we react by running away or withdrawing or losing all control. We may even give up, just as Elijah did. What might you be running from; hiding from, right now? What challenges are overwhelming you at the moment?

As the story unfolds, we see God taking care and providing everything Elijah needs. God meets Elijah at his point of need (both physical and emotional). When Elijah is strong enough and feeling safe, God reveals Godself, not in powerful winds or earthquakes or fire, but in a gentle voice. God asks Elijah a very good question: "What are you doing here?" Perhaps as Educators, as Council, as parents, as staff, as pastor or Chaplain, as mentors, we need to hear God ask us, "What are you doing here?" As the family of Penryn, we need to pause long enough to reflect on the question... "What are we, Penryn College doing here?"

As we seek to find the answers, may God equip, care for and guide us. May we come to the realisation that we are here for the children and that everything we do, is geared to providing them with the best possible opportunity, to be the best version of themselves that God created them to be. Amen!

Be blessed as you reflect on the question God asks you, "What are you doing here?"

Blessings
Rev Terry Booyesen

FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the blanket project. All together we collected almost 80 blankets. These will go to GRIP (Greater Rape Intervention Project) victims. They have facilities at hospitals, including Themba Hospital and Rob Ferreira Hospital. Each month they deal with approximately 40 rape victims per hospital. Many of these victims are under the age of 12. The blankets will assist in making the victims feel safe and warm.



On Tuesday 31 July 2018, Mrs Whitfield, the Community Service committee and a group of the Grade 11s went to Themba Hospital to paint two of their GRIP rooms. This was a huge success. We are very proud of the scholars for their hard work and dedication shown.

If you would like to get involved in this initiative, please email Mrs Whitfield at jwhitfield@penryn.co.za. The facility is in desperate need of couches, proper toilet seats, toys etc. They also need colourful pictures for their walls. Donations of old furniture are welcomed.

Joanie Whitfield

BOOK COLLECTION

The Lowveld Book Festival, to be held at Casterbridge, White River on 18 and 19 August 2018, is planning to assist outreach schools with books. They have asked Penryn to assist in this by donating books – new or old. They are looking for fiction suitable for 10-18 years old. Please help us in this drive and send books to school by 8 August. Scholars can give the books to their tutor or Mrs Spratt.

Rowena Spratt

SPORT NEWS

For a long time, sport has been viewed as a way to stay healthy and in shape, but the importance of sport goes much further. As a matter of fact, playing sport teaches life lessons like discipline, responsibility, self-confidence, accountability, and teamwork.

Studies have shown that exercise increases blood flow to the brain and helps the body build more connections between nerves, leading to increased concentration, enhanced memory, stimulated creativity, and better-developed problem solving skills. In short, playing sport helps your brain grow and makes it work better. From a social standpoint, sport is a powerful tool that brings people together and creates a sense of community. Sport develops connections that bond people from all walks of life.

In addition, exercising is a great way to escape, for a while, a stressful life that is all about homework, presentations, and group projects. In fact, playing sport helps scholars relax and reduces their anxiety.

The reason most scholars do not play sport is because they feel lazy and do not have the energy for it. However, the belief that the intense exercise of playing sport will leave you exhausted has been proven wrong by research. Because

exercise pumps more oxygen through your blood and makes your entire system more active, the benefits of playing sport actually include giving you more energy to accomplish everything else you need to do to manage your busy schedule.

Hard work truly pays off and we all witnessed this first hand with our Under 16 A Boys hockey team who did Penryn proud by winning the Noordvaal B championships which we hosted. It was wonderful to see the boys working hard for each other and playing some good hockey. They beat Middleburg in the final on penalties to bring the trophy home. Well done to the coach and his team on a great performance.

Our Soccer girls also went on tour to Camp Discovery last weekend and also did us proud. The Junior girls won two of their three matches while the Senior girls had a tough weekend, losing two matches and drawing one. This was a wonderful experience for the girls who took many positives from the tournament. Thank you to all coaches who went with the teams.

Cricket season is in full swing and we have had some good results this past week with the 2nd and Under 15 Boys beating Lowveld High and LVCC respectively. Our 1st Team Girls lost to Bushbuck Ridge, but put on a good fight. Thank you to all coaches and players involved.

Results:

Boys Hockey: Noordvaal B Championships

Penryn 3-0 Zwartkop

Penryn 6-2 Transvalia

Penryn 5-1 Stanford Lake

Penryn 2-2 Middleburg (won 4-2 on penalties)

Girls Soccer: Camp Discovery

Junior Girls: Penryn 0-1 Roosevelt

Penryn 2-0 St Ridge

Penryn 3-0 Roosevelt

Senior Girls: Penryn 2-3 Roosevelt

Penryn 1-4 St Ridge

Penryn 0-0 Roosevelt

Boys Cricket:

Penryn 2nd Boys: 107/5 in 20 overs

Lowveld High 102/7 in 20 overs. Penryn won by 5 runs.

Under 15 Boys: Penryn 303/8 in 50 overs

Luke Grimaldi 85

Luke Hoekstra 54

Bandile Mndawe 55

Liam Osborne 46 not out

LVCC: 283/10 in 48.1 overs. Penryn won by 20 runs

1st Girls: Penryn 107/3 in 20 overs

Bushbuck Ridge 108/3. Penryn lost by 7 wickets

Xolani Grootboom

Assistant Sport Coordinator

FROM THE AFRIKAANS DEPARTMENT



Penryn's Afrikaans Department took the opportunity to enter two scholars into the Annual Nelspruit Eisteddfod. They participated in the Undramatised Poetry for Additional Language Speakers category. For first-timers they did very well. Thando Mathebula (Gr 10) achieved a Gold A+ certificate and Alyssa Chetty achieved a Gold A certificate. Congratulations to the girls who showcased the talent we have at Penryn College.

Mattie Coetzee

Head of Afrikaans

ACADEMIC RESULTS

Well done to the following scholars who obtained the Top 10 marks in no specific order. We wish them well and encourage them to maintain the good work.

Grade 8 Top 10 June 2018	Grade 9 Top 10 June 2018	Grade 10 Top 10 June 2018
Barnard, Sadie	Booyesen, Michael	Bornmann, Leanne
Brander, Liam	Buthelezi, Nokukhanya	Comins, Cassandra
Khoza, Rishaladza	Clarke, Joshua	Friend, Latasha
Khumalo, Nobuhle	Comins, Caitlyn	Guerin, Shelby
Maphanga, Andiswa	Janse Van Rensburg, Rocques	Joubert, Alinka
Robinson, Heath	Kellar, Crystal	Mula, Loren
Shube, Zakithi Busisiwe	Mojapelo, Pheladi	Munhequete, Nancy
Smuts, Jemma	Nel, Dylan	Naidoo, Shamarin
Steytler, Emma	Pillay, Tamika	Ormiston, Sinead
Taylor, Stephen	Van Zuydam, Melinda	Stein, Leela

Grade 11 Top 10 June 2018	Grade 12 Top 10 June 2018
Cowell, Erin	Botha, Annike
Da Corte, Selena	Britz, Amy
Hough, Tamryn	Daniel, Crystal
Janse van Rensburg, Nikita	Kellar, Ashley
Karajeanes, Dava	Lloyd, Pauline
Mokoena, Tebogo	Potgieter, Monique
Olivier, Angus	Rutherford, Shannon
Reynierse, Jenna	Schormann, Michaela
Smyth, Ashleigh	Stevenson, Nicola
van Zyl, Janka	van Zyl, Anita

SRC FOR TERMS 3 AND 4

The following scholars have been elected as the Scholar Representatives for Terms 3 and 4.

2018 TERMS 3 AND 4 SRC				
GRADE	GOSHAWK	HARRIER	KESTREL	KITE
8	Tiago Fernandes	Thando Makhubela	Heath Robinson	Kopano Shongwe
	Naki Fakude	Luke Hoekstra	Unathi Moyo	Zakithi Shube
9	Phutumile Nkuna	Matete Mabaso	Naledi Mhlabeni	Luyanda Shongwe
	Crystal Kellar	Josh Clarke	Asanda Themba	Amber Daniel
10	Lele Maelane	Xihluke Ngobeni	Ndzalama Godi	Jason Taylor
	Shelby Guerin	Vusi Mpofo	Cebile Zwane	Gabriella Bruton
11	Kheila Chambal	Wendy Shabangu	Vidhaan Singh	Jonathan Gillespie
	Alyssa Chetty	Colin Casey	Tebogo Mokoena	Itumeleng Pilane
12	Shaun Sifunda	Lara Engelbrecht	Jess Booyesen	Rithu Nathan

TALENT SEARCH 2018 RESULTS

The Talent Search is the South African version of the Bebras Contest which attracts more than a million participants in the rest of the world each year. The contest requires the use of Computational Thinking – those skills that are also required for Mathematics, Science, IT and Computer Applications. The Talent Search identifies learners with these skills, but, at the same time, gives all participants an opportunity to develop such skills.

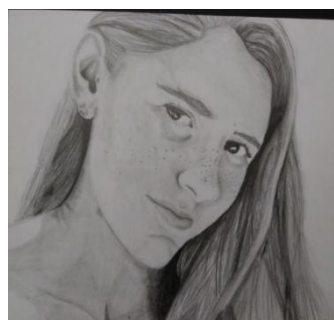
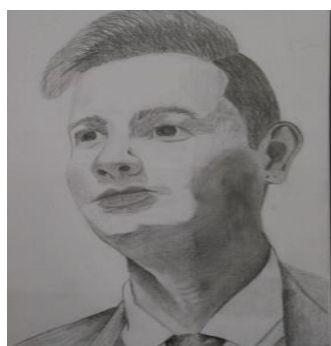
The Talent Search is an online test but, for those schools with inadequate connectivity, a pen-and-paper version is available which does not require computers. After the Talent Search, learners who have already mastered a computer language can enter the Programming Olympiad. Those who know how to use applications such as spreadsheets, databases and a word-processor can enter the Applications Olympiad.

The scholars who participated in the Talent Search obtained the following results:

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ashley Kellar	Jody Vos	Sandile Mabuza
Donovan La Grange	Michael Todd	Sean Nkosi
Steven Schormann	Michaela Schormann	Lourenço Willougby
Leanne Bornman	Sarah Vieira	Siyamdumisa Simelane
Latasha Friend	Kamogelo Soga	Abhir Warikoo
Dylan Spies	Khutso Lekalakala	Aftab Avunhippuram
	Robert Van Der Horst	James Steytler
	Theodora Mdaka	Taylor Dedekind
	Aimee Bezuidenhout	Daua Karajeanes
		Marc Codd
		Joseph Musangu
		Jared Bone
		Bradley Van Rij
		Jason Mabuza

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Self-portraits done by the Grade 10 Visual Arts class.



2018 TERM 3 BI-WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE THAT TIMES AND DATES MAY CHANGE DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Day of week	Date	Time		Title	Where
Mon	06 - 10/08/2018	WEEK 2			
		11:30	17:00	Cricket: Boys U14 vs Lydenburg	Lydenburg
	06/08/2018	14:15	15:15	Head of House	
		17:00	18:00	Scholar Boarding Exec meeting	
Tue	07/08/2018	14:15	15:00	SEC meetings	
		17:30	19:30	Grade 8 Parents Evening	Community Centre
Wed	08/08/2018	14:00	17:30	Boys' and Girls' Soccer vs LHS	Penryn
		14:00	17:00	Cricket: Girls' cricket vs Sybrand van Niekerk	Penryn
		14:15	15:15	Staff and Scholar: Camps meeting	
		15:00	17:00	AP Maths lesson Grade 12	
Thu	09/08/2018			PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
		09:00	17:00	Cricket: Boys 1st Team Super League vs Lydenburg	Penryn
				Cricket: Boys U15 Super League cricket vs Lydenburg	Rescheduled to a later date
		09:00	12:00	AP Maths lesson Grade 12	
Fri	SCHOOL HOLIDAY				
	10 - 11/08/2018	08:00	15:00	LHS Soccer Festival (B & G 1 and U15 B)	Lowveld High School
Sat	11/08/2018			Junior and Senior Boys Soccer vs LHS	
				Rugby: Sevens Junior and Senior trials weekend	
Mon	13 - 17 /08/2018	WEEK 1			
	13/08/2018	14:00	17:00	Cricket: Boys T20 vs NHS	Penryn
		14:15	15:15	Head of House meeting	
		15:00	16:00	Health and Safety meeting	
		17:00	18:00	Staff: Boarding parents meeting	
Tue	14/08/2018	14:15	15:00	SEC meetings	
Wed	15/08/2018	14:00	17:00	Cricket: Boys T20 vs Bergvlam	
		14:00	17:30	Boys and Girls Soccer vs Curro	Curro
		14:00	17:00	Cricket: Girls cricket vs Curro Nelspruit	Penryn
		14:15	15:15	Staff meeting	
		18:30	20:30	IH Music	
Thu	16/08/2018			Round Square Civvies Day	
		07:30	07:45	Tutor	
		14:00	17:00	Cricket: Boys 2nd team vs Rob Ferreira	Penryn
Fri	17/08/2018	07:30		Founders Day	
			00:00	Festival of Lights	
Sat	18/08/2018	08:00	13:00	Spur MTB	Curro Bankenveld WR
		08:00	13:00	Cricket: Boys 1st Team Super League vs NHS	
		08:00	13:00	Cricket: Boys U15 Super League vs NHS	Penryn
		08:00	13:00	Rugby: Sevens Junior and Senior	Lowveld High School
		09:00	11:30	Junior and Senior Boys Soccer vs Curro	Penryn

PLEASE NOTE: Due to next week being a very short week, our next newsletter will only be emailed on Friday 17 August 2018. The calendar for the next two weeks has, therefore, been included here.