



**Circular 19 – 20 July 2018**



***“A sense of belonging”***

Dear One and All

### ***FROM THE HEAD'S DESK***

A warm Lowveld's winter welcome back to One and All! I hope and trust that we all have spent some quality time with families and friends and are ready to take on the new term.

#### **Staff happenings:**

We are excited to announce the following two new appointments.

Deputy Head Scholar Affairs: Mrs Helen Ashley has been a member of staff at Penryn since 2000. Her daughters both matriculated at Penryn and we are thrilled to have her on board as our Deputy Head in charge of scholar affairs. Her passion for both school and scholars is evident in the manner in which she approaches the everyday life at Penryn. We wish her the very best with this new exciting position.

Deputy Head Academics: Mr Piers Cruickshanks has been appointed as Deputy Head Academics with effect from January 2019. He has been the Head of Academics for the past 5 years at Kingsmead in Johannesburg and we look forward to welcoming him and his family. Mrs Robyn Henderson will be acting as Deputy Head of Academics in the interim and we express congratulations and thanks to her.

#### **Other staff news:**

We welcome Mrs Sarah Ratnarajah into the Life Orientation Department to replace Mrs Nicola Maritz who resigned at the end of last term, and Mrs Carla Bach into the English Department who is standing in for Samantha Moldenhauer while she is spending time at home with her first born child.

Mrs Divya Varghese is, as of the start of term 3, the PA to the Head of College and Mrs Jill Tate is the PA to the Deputies of College.

We have so many holiday happenings to celebrate. I would like to express a sincere gratitude of thanks to all our parents, scholars and teachers who were involved in school activities over the holidays – whether it was accompanying teams, presenting teams, performing on stage or supporting our children. I know our scholars are very appreciative of all the influences in their lives and we have so many holiday happenings to celebrate.

A sincere thank you and congratulations to our Cricket Department for hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual T20 Cricket Tournament. Schools from all over SA spent enjoyable time on our beautiful campus and our cricketers were true Penryn ambassadors. Congratulations to our Under 15 as well as our First Cricket Side who did us proud during the holidays.

We are so proud of Amy-Lee Card and Thando Mathebula who represented South Africa in Los Angeles at the International Talent Search Competition. I cannot wait to share all their achievements in our newsletter next week.

A special word of congratulations also to Liam Emmet who has qualified to represent Swaziland in the pool at the ANOCA games in Algeria – an outstanding achievement.

We would like to wish our U/16 Boys Hockey the very best with the upcoming Mpumalanga Hockey finals this weekend.

May we all continue to promote and protect our Penryn brand and may we all continue to engage in conversations to ensure each one of us experience the true Penryn sense of belonging!

## **Rev's Musings**

Dear Friends of Penryn and Penreach. I trust and pray that all of you are getting back into the family and educator routines without too much challenge. I am sure that for many, it was a lovely time of rest and celebration of family and friends.

The highlight of my holiday was indeed doing the marriage ceremony for my niece in the Midlands of KwaZulu Natal. What a joyous time of family reunion, delight and of course exceptional food! Seeing two young people so in love and exuberant with the possibilities that a new chapter holds for them, reminded me of just how frazzled and stale we become with the mundane certainty of our everyday routines. I was acutely aware of how energising it was being around a young couple who see 'the glass half full'. What happens to us? Where does that passion and zeal for life and love and joy go? I hope that the holidays at least enabled you to re-kindle some of that inner zest for living.

I was again reminded of the potential that is ours each day, to choose, how we wish to live when I attended a silent retreat and made time to listen... and choose to spend time with the Lord! We do not necessarily get to choose what comes our way in terms of challenges, difficulty, obstacles or struggle, but we do **get to choose how to respond!** We also get to choose who we have 'fighting in our corner' so to speak. We get to choose, and we can indeed choose life! We can choose to rise above the waves of busyness that threaten to tear our families apart and break us down; we get to choose how to respond to the financially pressing matters around us; we get to choose who we want to surround ourselves with as we journey through life; we get to choose our friends and we get to choose how and for whom, we will live out our faith. I am reminded of a passage of scripture from Deuteronomy 30: 15-20.

The background to it is that the Israelites have wandered in the desert for 40 years, under Moses's leadership. They are about to face 2 significant changes: Moses will soon die and they will soon cross the Jordan river into the promised land. In Chapter 28 Moses stresses the importance of obeying god's commandments and the consequences of disobedience. In Chapter 29 he calls them to renewal of their Covenant with Yahweh by reminding them of the protection and care God has given them. In Chapter 30, Moses invites them to return to the Lord so that the Lord will restore and bless them. He reminded them that there wasn't anything standing in their way... They simply had to "choose life' over death. They had to choose to walk with God, over choosing the things of this world.

What then will you choose this day? This term?

*Deut 30:15-20*

*See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before your life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*

**Blessings**  
**Rev Terry Booysen**

## **SPORT NEWS**

Well, the excitement of the soccer world cup has finally died down, and amidst all the euphoria at the skill displayed and the dismay at the creativity of players in trying to "buy" free kicks, there are some interesting stories. One such, resonated with me:

Croatia came to this World Cup with only two natural strikers: Mario Mandzukic, the man who scored the winning goal in the match against England, and Nikola Kalinic. Kalinic was on the bench for Croatia's first game against Nigeria. With five minutes to go in that game, the coach instructed him to warm up and replace another player. Kalinic refused to play, apparently due to a back injury, although general consensus is he was upset at only being given 5 minutes match time. He did the same thing in a previous match. He saw himself as a top player, and would not come on for just five minutes. The coach then used another player for the substitution. After the match, Kalinic refused to apologise, despite appeals from other coaching staff. The coach then dropped him from the team, and sent him home from Russia. In spite of his absence, the team managed to win their pool matches, and achieved their greatest football achievement in history, reaching the World Cup final, exceeding all expectations. The remaining 22 players are national heroes, their names forever inscribed in the hearts of generations. Kalinic should have been part of the team that made history, but his pride and ego let him (and his country) down. It is testament to the coach's integrity that he was prepared to drop one of his "star" players, so as to uphold his principles and prove that no player, no matter his talent, is indispensable if his conduct is detrimental to the team.

So, a busy sporting time of the year, with world cup soccer, Wimbledon tennis and the Tour de France showcasing what is best in sport, and occasionally the darker side too. Hopefully our scholars will have enjoyed the above events as much as the coaches have, and learned a few lessons too.

Our cricket teams had a busy holiday, participating in various festivals, and hopefully gaining much-needed experience and preparation for the season ahead. Within the next two weeks our boys' and girls' soccer teams will participate in festivals at Camp Discovery, and kick off their league season with matches against Uplands next Wednesday. As usual, we also participate in 7s rugby and girls' hockey leagues this term, while tennis and the Penryn Sports Challenge continues. So there is enough activity to keep our scholars' blood flowing and brain cells moving: they simply need to be involved.

Sports results can be found [here](#).

Congratulations to Jordyn Minifie who has achieved the following rankings in the latest Swimming South African rankings:

100 free - 30th	100 back – 26th
200 free - 14th	200 back – 26th
400 free – 8th	200 IM – 7th
800 free - 7 <sup>th</sup>	400 IM – 2nd
1500 free - 6 <sup>th</sup>	100 fly – 13th
50 breast - 28 <sup>th</sup>	200 fly - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
100 breast - 18th	
200 breast - 10th	

**Conan Olivier**  
**Director of Sport**

### **FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

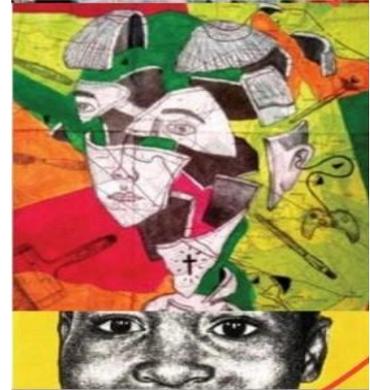
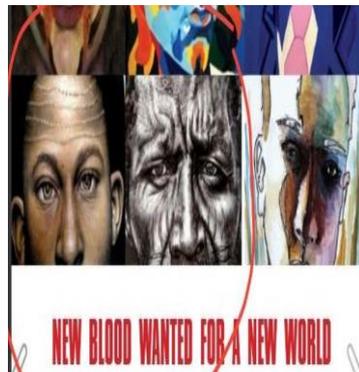
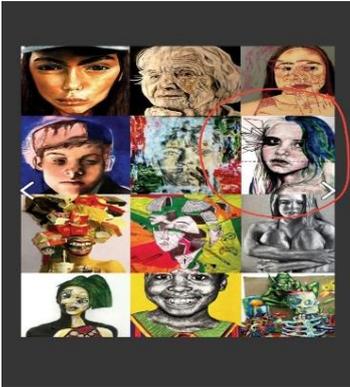
Fire dancing and energetic, heart stopping djembe drumming created the perfect dramatic entry for Kahn from The Parlotones at the recent Innibos Festival during the kykNET NOU! rock concert. Our Grade 12 djembe drum girls group not only drummed out the “stop in your tracks – something wonderful is about to happen” beat to the biggest crowd they have ever played for on the super large Standard Bank stage but also rubbed shoulders backstage with other well-known artists like Valiant Swart, Spoegwolf and Jan Bloukaas while waiting in the wings to set the stage and the audience on fire in this magical opening act for the well-known indie rock band.

Thanks so much to Mr Damien Hills, the fire dancer, for the invitation to Penryn College Djembe Band, and the coach, Mr Justin Behrendt, for making this once in a lifetime opportunity a reality.



## **FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT**

We would like to congratulate Jemma McKenzie, Shannon Rutherford and Michael Booyesen whose artwork has been published in the July copy of the Art times. This is an outstanding achievement and is part of the drive for 'New blood wanted for a new world'.



## **PENRYN FATHERS & SONS COURAGE TO CONNECT WORKSHOP**

It is often difficult for fathers to stay connected to their sons during their adolescent years, however, this is perhaps where a father's effective involvement is most crucial. To this end, Penryn will be running the Fathers and Sons Courage to Connect workshop next term. The aims of the weekend are as follows:

- To open and/or develop the lines of communication between fathers and sons;
- To provide experiences for fathers and sons to build trust;
- To explore ways in which fathers can support their sons as they become men;
- To give opportunity for sons to speak, be listened to and understood by their fathers;
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The course is limited to Penryn fathers and their sons who are currently in Grades 8 to 11.

To book your place at this exciting event, the first of its kind in the Lowveld, please reply to [c2c@penryn.co.za](mailto:c2c@penryn.co.za). The workshop will involve an afternoon/evening session for dads only, followed by a braai and a joint Saturday morning session for dads (or equivalent male role model) and sons. This ground-breaking event will be facilitated by Rob Pluke, a counselling psychologist who has conducted similar workshops at several schools in KZN, and Conan Olivier.

Please be advised that places are limited. On receipt of the completed booking form, your place will be confirmed by return letter from the school to that fact, and the cost charged to your fees account. Closing date for bookings is Wednesday 8 August 2018.

## 2018 TERM 3 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

Day of week	Date	Time		Title	Where
Mon	23 - 27/07/2018	<b>WEEK 2</b>			
	23/07/2018	14:15	15:00	Head of House meeting	
		17:00	18:00	Scholar Boarding Exec meeting	
Tue	24/07/2018	12:30	15:00	Ehlanzeni FET Visual Arts and Design competition exhibition	
		14:15	15:00	SEC meetings	
Wed	25/07/2018	14:00	17:30	Boys and Girls Soccer vs Uplands	Penryn
		14:00	17:00	Cricket: Girls cricket vs Bushbuckridge 2	Penryn
Thu	26/07/2018	07:30	07:45	House meeting	
		14:00	17:00	Cricket: Boys 2nd cricket vs LHS	Away
		14:15	15:45	English CAT Essay	
		17:30	19:30	Grade 12 Parents Evening	
Fri	27 - 29/07/2018	07:00		Camp Discovery Girls Junior and Senior Soccer tour	Camp Discovery, Pretoria
	27/07/2018	14:00	17:00	Tennis: Girls 2 vs Rob Ferreira 1	Penryn
		14:00	17:00	Tennis: Boys 2 vs Rob Ferreira 1	Penryn
Sat	28/07/2018	09:00	18:00	Cricket: Boys cricket vs Alberton TBC	Penryn



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