



Penryn College Preparatory School

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam 3:22-23

Dear Parents,

"Education is the most powerful weapon that can be used to change the world" N Mandela.

I am sure you have read about and been inspired by the many Mandela Day activities that have taken place across the country this week and the inspiration that Madiba brings to young and old to make this world a better place. Many of the classrooms here were filled with good discussions and followed by actions that were noteworthy. Thank you to the many people who are assisting with the recycling and litter clean-up projects. Thank you too for the investment you are making in your child's life to give them a wonderful education through Penryn Prep. Education is indeed a powerful weapon.

As holidays are concluded and the second half of the year begins, you are warmly welcomed back to the third term of 2018. The teachers have returned inspired and rested to continue to create a learning environment that is rich in learning in a variety of contexts and to play their part in making Penryn a better place, along with your children. The staff all returned on Monday and, after our usual shared communion service, attended a whole school conference dealing with transformation and diversity. It was facilitated by a group from Johannesburg called The Centre for Being and Belonging. It was most interesting and, whilst the weather was rather icy, the ideas and thoughts presented warmed our hearts and minds.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs Louise de Jager, nationally-renowned sports scientist and Penryn Alumni, presented to parents the Long Term Athletes Development Programme that has been written into the Penryn Sports Policy since 2013. This interesting and informative document was compiled as a sub-committee of Council, involving parents and staff.

The 1st Boys and 1st Girls Hockey teams departed from Penryn this morning towards the Midlands of Kwazulu Natal to participate in hockey festivals near Hilton. We wish them well for this and will welcome them back on Monday afternoon. The two teams have been accompanied by four members of staff.

The day before school closed for the winter break very excited Grade R children visited Halls Farm. They were shown how pecan nuts are harvested from the enormously high trees by a shaker machine that makes the nuts fall from the top of the tree. The Grade Rs were able to sift through the leaves to find the nuts which they cracked and tasted. This was followed by a picnic under the trees in the Pecan orchard.



From the Sports Office:

Term 3 Sport

A warm welcome back to our new and old scholars. We hope that you have all had a wonderful and restful break. The third term comes with lots of excitement and activities. We ask that parents and scholars check the term calendar and weekly sports programme regularly.

On behalf of the sports department we wish all our scholars a fruitful term on and off the fields.

Parent Information Meeting – LTPD Model

On Tuesday 17 July, a former Penryn pupil Louise De Jager presented the Long Term Player Development (LTPD) to parents at Penryn. Louise is a former national hockey player, who has her Master of Philosophy in Sport Science and Psychology.



Louise covered the LTPD model, the development phases, age specific mental and nutritional skill. Louise has been at Penryn several times over the past year speaking and doing practical sessions with our coaches and scholars.

A big thank you to all the parents who took the time to join us on Tuesday. More information regarding the LTPD will be made available to parents in the newsletters this term.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 19 July	Hockey Tour: KZN – Open A Boys & Girls
Friday 20 July	Hockey Tour: KZN – Open A Boys & Girls SP Clubs begins
Saturday 21 July	Hockey Tour: KZN – Open A Boys & Girls SPUR MTB Series at Rob Ferreira Chess Festival at Malelane
Sunday 22 July	Hockey Tour: KZN – Open A Boys & Girls
Monday 23 July	Hockey Tour: KZN – Open A Boys & Girls JP Clubs begins
Tuesday 24 July	Cricket matches: U/10 (a) & U/11 (h) vs. L/Laeveld
Wednesday 25 July	Hockey league matches U/11 to Open: Girls & Boys vs. L/Nelspruit at Penryn A teams Hockey league matches U/11 to Open – Girls vs. Barberton at Penryn B Teams
Thursday 26 July	Cricket matches – U/12 (a) & Open (h) vs. L/Laeveld
Friday 27 July	Mini Cricket Festival @ CURRO – Gr. 1 & 2 Lowveld Open Chess
Saturday 28 July	Hockey Festival @ Uplands – U/9 & U/10

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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-ignite 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 don't 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 chp 28 Moses stresses the importance of obeying God's commandments and the consequences of disobedience. In chp 29 he calls them to renewal of their Covenant with Yahweh by reminding them of the protection and care God has given them. In chp 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 you 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

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OPEN DAY • GRADE 1 - 3

28 July 2018 • 08h30 - 10h30

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