

# HEADMASTERS REPORT

## P.A. AGM - 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009

Newsletter quote:

"If you work for someone, then work for them: Speak well of them and stand by the institution they represent...Remember, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness...If you must growl, condemn, and eternally find fault, resign your position and when you are on the outside, complain to your hearts content...but as long as you are a part of the institution do not condemn it." -Elbert Hubbard

Spent the second week of the term visiting schools in the Midlands Area visiting towns as far afield as Ladysmith, Underberg and Ixopo. It is evident that Government is struggling to support these schools and some of the schools that I visited are only surviving due to the dedication of the staff as well as the positive input by parents at these schools. Government vs. Private very evident! Grounds, facilities, pupil appearance and general neatness. Wonderful opportunity to compare Wembley. Very fortunate to have a school like Wembley and I returned each day happy to be part of such a wonderful institution, one that you get more attached to the longer you are here. Second Wembley College Umvoti Sixes with 15 visiting teams join us to share in what we are privileged to have.

Extremely grateful to Cambridge for sponsoring me to attend their 4<sup>th</sup> International Advisory Seminar. Thinking ahead planning for the future for the X-Generation. Visited schools, DC10 and met with development officers and heads from all over the world whose school follows the Cambridge Syllabus. Am convinced now more than ever that we have a winning formula in the Cambridge Syllabus.

Reiterate - Open door policy am a good listener although my wife would disagree - teachers work to a timetable please make appointments - Staff meeting Tuesday morning and Friday morning - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday staff available in classrooms from 7.15 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. - On the topic of staff - introduce new staff

Grade	Act. No.	Teacher
RR	13	Miss Smith
R	22	Miss Lottering/ <span style="color: red;">Miss Holst</span>
1	22	Mrs Goble/ <span style="color: red;">Miss Lowis</span>
2	23	<span style="color: red;">Mrs Clarke</span>
3	17	Mrs Norris
4	23	Mrs Hurd
5	17	Mrs Channing-Pearce
6	19	Mrs Scott
Form	No.	Teacher
1	17	Mrs van Rooyen
2	30	Miss Myburgh (Afrikaans)/Mrs Chhoteylal (I.T.)
3	17	Mrs Robertson (English)/Mrs Lottering (Maths)
4	17	Mrs Evans (Science)/ Miss Holiday (Business Studies)
5	16	Miss Peckham (Maths)/ <span style="color: red;">Mr Mitchell (Biology)</span>
6	15	Mrs Powell (Accounting)/Mr Wolmarans (Geography)

		Mr. and Mrs. Nel (BE and Sport)
		Mr. and Mrs. Wessels (Grade 5 and Computers)
TOTAL	<b>268</b>	

Mrs. Buss, Maartens and Hayter & crew

Mr. Martens & crew

Sadly we say farewell to Miss Myburgh, Mrs. Channing-Pearce and Mrs Chhoteylal at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> term - plans for second term - Mr. Sessions, Mrs. Wessels and Mr. Wessels Aggressive marketing campaign end has led to phenomenal growth at the lower end has meant classes are filling up and our Grade R class for 2010 is full. Those wanting to secure a place in Grade R for 2011 need to enroll their children into Grade RR in the 2010 year. Need to spread the word that you need to apply now in order to avoid being placed on the waiting list. As I mentioned last year, the interest shown in Wembley College has been remarkable and I am sure that a waiting list will be generated for Form 2 next year we decided to double stream. We have 2 Open Days scheduled for this term and invite any interested parents to attend:

JP - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - All morning, 11 a.m.

HS - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - 12 noon

I would like to thank all the staff for the time and effort that you put into Wembley College and the pupils in the class and on the sports fields. Your willingness to go the 'extra mile' is appreciated by me and by the pupils and their parents.

#### **Thank you to the**

**BOG** under the leadership of Mr. Brian Corbishley for continued support and unselfish dedication to Wembley College - assistance both in and out the Board room is greatly appreciated - reassuring to know that there are a group of people who will go the extra mile to ensure the well being of our school and ultimately our children.

**PA** for their commitment to Wembley College - often a thankless task.

**Our Sponsors and all those who help in every little way (outside coaches, supporting parents.** Thank you to our parents that host visiting teams.

**BE comm.** All the work they do to ensure that the BE is a home away from home! Very proud of our new extension that has been named Lynda House along with the Boys dormitory being named Novum House.

Pupils continue to achieve well both in the classroom and in the sporting arena.

Leandre Wolmarans - 6 distinctions HIGCSE/A Dux for 2008

Johan van Rooyen - 4 distinctions HIGCSE

Shani Slater and Kelsey Edkins - 3 distinctions

Carel van Rooyen - 6 A's five of which were A+'s

Tutu Mthethwa, Brett Dean, Nkosi Dube, Mscendisi Lembede, - Athletics

Numerous pupils selected to represent Midlands sides for Hockey, Tennis as well as the choir who tour Argentina this year. This year off to a good start - Swimming Fancis Upton, James Tedder and Caleb Poree

Again I ask for you to assist the school in ensuring that all rules are adhered to and that the Code of Conduct is adhered to

Hats and Uniforms(Neatness)

Absentee letters

Cell phones

Completion of Assignments

I'm a firm believer that education begins at home - as parents we cannot wash our hands clean of the fact that we still play a very important role in our children's future and that it is up to us to work closely with our children's teachers to ensure that they are receiving the best possible opportunities.