



WEMBLEY NEWS

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"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Melodie Beattie

Dear Parents

The Umvoti six-a-side festival held last weekend was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who supported this event; without your help the weekend would not have been possible. I have received numerous letters and phone calls from the visiting school Heads thanking us for the festival. The boys had plenty of fun and while there was a final, cricket was the winner at the end of the day. I am extremely proud of the boys that represented Wembley in the final. It was a game that went right down to the wire and which we narrowly missed winning. Winterton won the closely-contested final. To our sponsors Mascor, a big thank you for the generous sponsorship and the wonderful display of vehicles. This event has grown in popularity and next year promises to be just as successful judging from the number of positive comments that we have received.

We are continuing to interview prospective teachers for the posts of Science and Business Studies. We will inform you of appointments as soon as they are made.

On Thursday, 1st February, I attended the termly Southern African Heads of Independent Schools' Association (SAHISA) at Hilton. After our main meeting, we break into splinter groups and as I always do, I attended the co-educational High School meeting. A number of issues were discussed ranging from the 2011 calendar to the shortage of teachers in our country, but of real interest to me was the lengthy discussion about the Independent Examination Board (IEB) versus the 'State' 2009 Matric results. I was able to deduce that the Independent schools present had good quality teachers teaching their scholars and that the scholars at these schools had achieved good results with many matric exemptions. The downside was that many of these scholars with exemptions were unable to gain entrance into universities due to the state scholars scoring better results because of an 'easier' set of exams. The net result was a unanimous decision that they were disadvantaging their scholars by making them write the IEB exam! In more simple terms and eloquently put by Mr George Nefdt, it would be like State and IEB candidates running a 100 metre sprint; the IEB candidates starting at the start line, and the State candidates getting at least a 30 metre head start. It is obvious that the State candidates are going to be placed ahead of the IEB candidates especially when it comes to M-Scores that are so vital for entry into university.

The following activities are offered at the Corbishley Culture Centre:

-  **Uniform Shop** – The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays between 12h00 and 16h00 for all school uniform and extra-mural clothing.
-  **Ballet and Modern Dancing** – Mrs Janet Harrison offers ballet and modern dancing on Mondays and Tuesdays from 12h00 to 16h30. For further information she can be contacted on [0]72 933 9185.
-  **Gymnastics** – Miss Sherri Pegler offers gymnastics from the Centre. For further information please contact her on [0]83 547 5981.
-  **Ballroom Dancing** – Mrs. Charlé Hurd will be offering Ballroom Dancing on Friday afternoons from 14h30. For further information she can be contacted on [0]84 410 0507.
-  Those parents that would like their children to attend horse riding can contact Jane O'Sullivan on 082 820 2097 or alternatively send her a message at jane@umvoti.co.za

REMINDERS:

If you are able to assist with transporting Boarding Establishment children to church on a Sunday, please contact the office.

Please diarise Monday the 22nd of February. It is important that all parents attend the Annual General Meeting of our Parents' Association. If you would like to nominate a parent to stand on our PA, please collect forms from the front office.



Our Duck Race will take place on Sunday the 21st of March. Please diarise this date so that you can spend the day relaxing with your family at Ivala Lodge at Muden. Please remember that you need to purchase or sell your ticket and send the money to school as soon as possible. If you would like to sell more tickets please contact the office.



The Wembley School badges for the pupils' shirts have arrived and are now on sale at the Uniform Shop.

If you would like your child to have lunch with the boarders, please come in and make the payment to Mrs. Janse van Rensburg. Please be aware that this will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

1 st Term	1 st February – 25 th March	R780
2 nd Term	13 th April – 10 th June	R840

We require your help as a parent body to assist us in ensuring the smooth running of our tuckshop at the pavilion. Please could I ask any parents that would be willing to assist to contact me as a matter of urgency?

TUCKSHOP MENU				
WEEK 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Rolls - R7	Beef Burger - R10	Salad Roll - R6	Mince Samoosa - R3.50	Pies - R7
Bacon & Egg Toasted Sandwich - R8	Chicken Mayo Roll - R7	Cheese and Bacon Roll - R8	Chicken Salad - R8	Sausage Rolls - R7
		Fruit Salad - R6	Muffins - R3.50	
WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Pita - R8	Chicken Burger - R10	Cheese and Tomato Toasted Sandwich - R8	Toasted Chicken Mayo Sandwich - R8	Pies - R7
Spring Rolls - R3.50	Samoosa - R3.50	Fruit Salad - R6	Muffins - R3.50	Sausage Rolls - R7

ANDREW NORRIS
HEADMASTER

ABSA World Knowledge Olympiad

This stimulating Olympiad is due to be written in April and is available for all Grades 6, Form 1s and HS scholars. The entry fee is R15 per scholar and must be paid to Mr Wolmarans in the HS, and to Mrs van Rooyen in the SP, at the latest by next week Friday, 19th February.

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear High School,

I am reading a biography called *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. In his book Randy talks about achieving your childhood dreams. What really makes it a 'must read' is that at the time of writing, Randy only had a few months to live – he had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. I am sure I will share some more of his pearls of wisdom over the next few weeks, but the one for today is about complaining.

Have you ever thought what you could do if you took one-tenth of the energy you put into complaining and applied it to solving your problems? Randy says, "Complaining does not work as a strategy. We all have finite time and energy and any time we spend whining is unlikely to help us achieve our goals. Complaining won't make us happier." Definitely something to think about...

Anyway, thank you for all your efforts in the classroom and on the sports field. To those of you who are not giving of your best, it is time to get out of neutral as life is passing you by!

The Form 5s are all 'chocolated out' and have been working very hard for Friday's Valentine's day and dance. Please support this – I am certain it will be a lot of fun! It will be great to see all of you there on Friday night.

Take care & be good!

Mrs Powell

SPORT

Girls' Tennis

Although the first matches for our 1st and 2nd teams were rained out, the girls had perfect weather conditions for their matches on Tuesday, February 2nd. Spectators and coaches were entertained by plenty of attractive and enjoyable groundstrokes and volleys by the enthusiastic players. Wembley's 1st team won against St. John's 2nd team by 4 – 2 sets and the 2nd team drew 3 -3.

Girls' doubles matches were played on the same day and much enjoyed before heavy fog set in. Wembley's doubles team lost but nevertheless had a very enjoyable experience hosting the doubles team from St. John's. The Wembley doubles team also played matches against Epworth on January 28th which they enjoyed but lost. On February 9th, our first team played in scorching hot sun against St. Anne's at the Hilton Club. The team won 4 – 2. Congratulations to Caleen and Nadia who won their singles matches and to all the team members winning their doubles matches convincingly.

The 2nd team played against Carter (at Carter) with outstanding results. They won all their matches. Congratulations to the players.

Boys' Tennis

The Wembley College boys' tennis teams have made a very strong start to the year winning all but two of the six matches played so far. The 1st team, consisting of Karel van Rooyen, Alistair Goble, Geryn Hurd and Deon Köhne, played against Wartburg winning 50-16, and then against Hilton where they lost 22-44. Congratulations to Deon Köhne, for his excellent match against tough opposition at Hilton.

Our 2nd team, consisting of Kinan du Plessis, James Goble, Tuba Mzila and Eric Neft played Voortrekker, winning 46-20 and then they played Wartburg, narrowly gaining the advantage to win 35-31. Well done boys.

On February 8th, the 1st team played against Grace College and won convincingly 41-25. Well done to Alistair and Deon on winning their singles matches, and, to all the players, congratulations on winning the doubles.

Our 2nd team played against Maritzburg College, losing narrowly 29-37. A sterling effort by James resulted in him winning his singles match 7-4. Keep at it boys, we are so proud of you.



SP Girls' Tennis

On Monday our girls played their matches at Wembley. The U13B(1)s vs. Pelham lost 12 – 16, and the U13B(2)s vs. Pelham won 25 – 3. Because of the extreme heat in PMB on Monday, Athlone cancelled the match that was scheduled to be played in PMB.

SP Relay Gala

On Thursday February 4th, the Wembley senior primary swimming team travelled to Wartburg to take part in a fun relay gala. Our swimmers swam extremely well to go on to win eleven out of the twenty relay events. The team swimmers were placed second and third in the remaining relays. Well done to all the swimmers. We are looking forward to our next relay gala which is taking place on Thursday February 11th at Gert Maritz in Pietermaritzburg.

U11 Cricket

Last Wednesday, the U11 cricket team played against Greytown Junior. Greytown won the toss and elected to field. Wembley's openers did well and at the end of their allotted 20 overs, Wembley had managed to score 93 runs for the loss of 1 wicket. Ross Goble was top scorer with an unbeaten 42 runs. Tight bowling restricted Greytown to 43 runs for the loss of 10 wickets with James Crowe taking 3 wickets for 3 runs and Timmy Norris taking 4 wickets for 8 runs. Wembley won by 50 runs.

JUNIOR PRIMARY

Grade RR has started learning about the colour yellow and on Wednesday they wore yellow shirts. They are still learning about the letter 't'. We had a tie day and made toast with toppings today.

Grade R have finished the first Jolly Phonics book. They made toilet roll people.

Grade 1 & 2 cricket:

The Grades 1 and 2 travelled to Cowan House to play in a mini-cricket festival. The Grade 1s played a St. Charles' team and learned a great deal about fielding and calling. Unfortunately they lost. Our thanks go to Mr and Mrs Yeadon and Mr Naicker who helped with transport. The Grade 2s played a Cowan House team. They won 20-18. Keep up the good batting and fielding.

JP Fun Gala:

The JP Fun Gala will be held on Thursday, February 18th, at 11h00. The children can come to school in their costumes and sports clothes and may go home after the gala. We are looking for parents to help at the gala. Please send a note to school if you are able to help us. We look forward to having you there with us. ☺

Grandparents' Day:

Our annual Grandparents' Day takes place on 19 March. Your child will be bringing home his or her invitations on Monday 15th February. Please could you assist us by forwarding them to the relevant parties? Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, 12 th February	– Civvies Day
Tuesday, 16 th February	– Grades 1 & 2 cricket at Cordwalles
Wednesday, 17 th February	– U9 Cricket vs. NHP at Wembley
Thursday, 18 th February	– JP Fun Gala at 11h00