



# WEMBLEY NEWS

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"The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated."

*William James*

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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back for the beginning of the third term. I trust that everyone enjoyed the Soccer World Cup and found the result acceptable. The final was a magnificent game, especially the second half with many an opportunity missed. These missed opportunities did nothing to deter the players who once again attacked with vigour; a lesson that we can all learn. When we want something so badly, we have to work hard to get it and the more team mates we have the easier the goal will become. What really impressed me was the support that the Dutch team had. Dressed in bright orange they travelled Africa and South Africa in support of their team. This, I believe, made the difference and encouraged the Dutch team to play even better. Support to the bitter end certainly bolsters a team and I believe that we, the scholars, parents, staff and Board of Governors need to support our very special school. This will make us winners!

A reminder to keep encouraging our past pupils to register with us. Our data base is growing and it is always nice to hear what they are up to.

**Esterre (Pellissier) du Preez** – matriculated in 2000. She studied BA Marketing Communication and achieved her Honours at the University of Johannesburg. She has worked at Nedbank, KFC marketing and is currently the Senior Brand Manager for Walt Disney Home Entertainment, Nu Metro.

**Liska (Ortmann) Reinstorf** – matriculated in 2001. Liska worked in Durban for a travel agent and then married Henning Reinstorf in January 2005. She has two beautiful girls, Lara (3 years) and Stefanie (14 weeks). The family live on a farm between Paulpietersburg and Piet Retief.

**Tanya Ortmann** – matriculated in 2006. Tanya is studying at UKZN, Pmb (a BSc majoring in Plant Pathology and Microbiology) while working as a boarder-mistress at Pietermaritzburg Girls' High. She graduated on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010, *cum laude* and is currently doing Honours in Plant Pathology.

**Daniel Pfeil** – matriculated in 2005. Daniel studied personal training at ETA then sports management at Varsity College. He is currently working as a sports coach.

**Shaun Nicholson** – matriculated in 2000. Shaun graduated in 2004 with a B.Com degree in Marketing and Business Management. He is currently working in London.

**Calvin Nicholson** – matriculated in 2002. Calvin graduated in 2005 with a B.Com degree in Information Management. He is also working in London.

**Cameron Nicholson** – matriculated in 2006. He has a Diploma in Information Technology and spent some time working in London. He returned at the end of February and is currently working in Durban.

**Jacques du Preez** – matriculated in 2007. He is currently working on a farm just outside Greytown.

**Gideon Lubbe** – matriculated in 2006. He currently lives in Howick where he owns his own taxidermy business.

**Heidi (Meyer) Wellmann** – matriculated in 2001. She started studying through UNISA for pre-school teaching. Though she did not complete her degree, she became a Playball instructor, helped out at a pre-school and owned her own Day Care centre. She is the mother of 3 boys and lives on a farm near Dundee where she owns her own German coffee shop.

It was great to see so many of our Past Pupils at our annual Inter-House and Staff vs. Matric hockey day. In fact, there were enough of them to field two sides. What I found so impressive was the fact that the majority have continued to play sport and were very competitive on the hockey field. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to be there; the day would not have been the same without you. A reminder that we are planning a 'Black Tie Dinner' for you on the evening of Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our first class to matriculate. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

### **Staff**

A warm welcome to **Miss Money** who joins the staff in the Cubbies Grade R class. Miss Money hails from Pietermaritzburg and has eight years experience teaching children in the Pre-Primary phase. Miss Money is also the resident boarder mistress at Northfields Manor. We wish her a happy stay with us and trust that she will be made to feel at home at Wembley.

**Mr Kerchhoff** was involved in an accident at the beginning of the mid-year break and has spent most of it in hospital. He fell off a ladder while pruning a tree and broke his 4<sup>th</sup> lumbar vertebra and left arm. He has had to undergo extensive surgery and is recovering at his family home. From his most recent check-up, it is likely that he will only be joining us again on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. In the interim, a staff member has been assigned to each of his form classes. They will be assisting the scholars in consultation with Mr Kerchhoff, in his absence.

### **Sport**

All scholars are expected to participate in the extra-curricular programme. If they are unable to attend for whatever reason they must excuse themselves from the practice by means of a note from their parents before first break on the day of the practice.

Our annual Inter-house Sports Meeting is scheduled for Friday and Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of July. This is a closed weekend and all scholars are expected to attend and support the athletes even if they are not participating. The Field and Long Distance events will take place on Friday from 13h00; we expect to finish at approximately 17h00. The Track events and the Prize-Giving will take place on Saturday, starting at 08h00; we expect to be finished at approximately midday.

Please refer to your 'Code of Conduct' to ensure that you have the correct sports clothing for both practices and matches. The Uniform shop, located at the Corbishley Culture Centre, is open every Wednesday from midday to 16h00.





A reminder that when our First Teams play a home match, it is compulsory for the High School scholars, who are not themselves involved, to support the matches.

### **Information Leaflets and News Letters**

At the end of last term we placed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term Planner on the school website for parents to download. To include additional information we decided to change the format. What we didn't realise was how many pages there were. During the break, we changed the format back to the one we are all used to, and we have placed this on the school website for everyone to view and download if they wish to. Please be advised that the term planner contains two pages printed back-to-back. The one page is the traditional term planner that contains our day-to-day activities and fixtures for the third term, and the second page is an insert that contains the practice days and times. On the reverse of this page you will find the clubs that will be on offer on a Friday directly after school. Clubs will run in a three week cycle and more detailed information will be supplied by the staff member in charge. If you are unable to download and print a copy of the third term planner, there will be hard copies available from Mrs Buss at Reception.

## Corbishley Culture Centre

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.
-  **Guitar Lessons** – Mrs Annelie Marx offers guitar lessons at the Culture Centre on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 13h30 to 15h45. For further information please phone 082 690 5722.

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](mailto:jane@umvoti.co.za).

ANDREW NORRIS  
HEADMASTER

### High School

Dear High School,

Welcome back! I trust you all had a supersonically wonderful holiday - I bet some of you are rather stiff after your first soccer practices this week... (hee, hee, I did warn you!).

The Form 5s, Mr Sessions and I are heading to Highover in Hella Hella on Thursday afternoon for the Form 5 Leadership camp. From first-hand experience, I know it is a seriously chilly place, but a wonderful spot. I am really looking forward to it!

Next week we get stuck into tennis and soccer matches and then on Friday and Saturday we have our compulsory Interhouse athletics. The field events and long distance races take place on Friday and the track events take place on Saturday. Remember Eagles and Falcons, the Interhouse competition is closely contested this year and if you participate next weekend, you will receive a point for your house. Each one of you can make a contribution, so go for it!

To end off, I want to share ‘the six most encouraging phrases’ according to John Maxwell in his book, *Encouragement changes everything*:

I love you

Dinner is served

All is forgiven

Keep the change

You've lost weight

I believe in you

It may be an idea to use some of these this week!

Take care and be good!  
Mrs Powell

## **Senior Primary**

### **SP Concert – Volcanoes!**

Our concert takes place in just three weeks on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August, so please diarise and come and support your children. Each girl will be given a band of elastic and material to make a skirt which will be used during the play. Please join the material at the side then sew a hem at the top and insert the elastic, then just zig-zag the bottom end (or overlock the edge). A hem is not needed. We are enjoying practising the songs and will start with the dialogue shortly.

### **Art Competitions**

Some of our pupils' artwork was entered in the Royal Show art competition in PMB. In the Soccer Poster category, Carmen Düvel was first, Kyla Buchan second and Jessica Dutton third.

In the Open category, the following pupils were awarded certificates: Louné Lotter, Jacquie Minnaar, James Ellis, Lauren Brown and Brogan Mason.

Pannar hosted a Proudly Greytonian Litter poster competition and the following children each received a Pannar soccer ball:

Grade 4 - Uzair Saffa, Kirsty Clegg, Jaimee Buchan and Louné Lotter.

Grade 5 - Emma Daugherty, Timmy Norris, Steven Wenke, Jolene Harris and Megan Meyer.

Grade 6 - Bianca Muna, Kyla Buchan, Hope Poreé and Nosipho Ndawonde.

Form 1 - Hermien Steyn, Emma Poreé and Micayla Reineke.

The overall prizes (with a present from Pannar) went to James Ellis, first, Robyn Steyn, second, and Ceyanne Scott, third.

### **ABSA World Knowledge Olympiad**

34 High School pupils took part in the ABSA World Knowledge Olympiad. Karel van Rooyen and Matthew Bryant achieved very good results. In the Junior classes Eric Nefdt came first in Kwazulu Natal in Grade 8 and received a Gold certificate.

26 Grade 6 and Form 1 pupils also wrote the exam and found the experience stimulating. In the Grade 6 Wembley class, Kyla Buchan got top marks and Anthony Dede was top in our Form 1 class.

## **Junior Primary**

**Grade RR** have started their new theme 'The Sea'.

**Grade R** will be rounding off the Soccer World Cup and starting their new theme next week.

**Welcome:** The JP Department are very pleased to welcome Miss Sarah Money to our staff. She joins us from Maritzburg and will be teaching Grade R with Sheona Lottering. She will coach the JP girls' soccer and the U13 girls' soccer. We hope that she will have a long and happy association with our school.

### **Soccer World Cup:**

We were very excited to hear Tiaan Adendorff's news this week when he informed us that he had escorted David Villa from Spain onto the field in one of the world cup matches. We do hope he will share his photos with us.

It was evident to the teachers that many of our scholars have been involved in watching the world cup either in the fan parks or at the matches. We are very pleased to have everyone back safe and sound.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Interhouse Athletics (Field and Long distance) - compulsory for the Grade 3s.

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July – Interhouse Athletics (Track events) - compulsory for the Grade 3s.