



WEMBLEY NEWS

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"Kids are curious. Kids are watching ants while adults are stepping on them."

Jim Rohn

Dear Parents

I am very pleased with the progress we are making in registering past pupils. Our data base is growing and it is always nice to hear what they are up to.

Chase Strachan – matriculated in 2009. He is currently studying BEd at the University of Stellenbosch and would love to do his 'prac.' at Wembley next year.

Cherise du Plessis – matriculated in 2007. Cherise has travelled abroad and is currently working and studying part time to become a teacher.

Heidi Wellmann – matriculated in 2001. Heidi started studying part time through UNISA to become a pre-school teacher which she did not complete due to the commitments she had at her Day Care Centre. She is currently a mother of 3 boys and lives on a farm outside of Dundee. Heidi owns a German Coffee Shop on top of being a mom.

Chris Wright – matriculated in 2005. I have taken the liberty of copying what Chris submitted:

"I never matriculated at Wembley College but I started when the school first opened. I started in grade 5 and left in grade 9. I am also very honoured to say I was one of the first three in the boarding establishment. I finished my schooling at Maritzburg College but owe a lot to Wembley for the person I am today. I played hockey cricket and rugby for the school. I played my first rugby match in grade 8 and was roughed up a bit but never looked back since that day and continued playing the next year as I enjoyed it so much. I am happy to see the school is doing so well and, as I am returning to South Africa in September I am hoping to pay a visit to the school and possibly watch some sport. As my brother is an old boy he often sends me the news letters and it fills me with great pride to see the school thriving. I owe who I am to Wembley College, and the teachers who moulded me into the person I am.

Currently:

Since leaving school I have done many things starting with bars and managing bars in hotels. I then began working at Greystone, a teambuilding and leadership camp based in Estcourt and loved my job. I found great joy in changing kids' lives as I still remember my school camps. I also managed a farm in Weenen. Both jobs were great but I eventually made the move to the United Kingdom where I began a new career as a Chef in Manchester. I now am very happy as I now work for the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley plant centre in Surrey just outside London. I am also excited as next year I will begin studying Horticulture and after that hopefully Landscaping. I hope all is well with all the teachers and scholars. Thank you."

I would once again ask parents to encourage other past pupils to register with us. Founders Day promises to be very special as we are celebrating the 2000 Matric Class 10 year reunion. We will celebrate our 13th year of existence on Friday the 10th of September in the Aloe Hall which will be followed by our annual Go-Kart Race. Those of you who don't have go-karts need to start planning and building; it is always great to see new 'wheels' on the track.

Comrades' Marathon

Congratulations to all our parents and staff who completed the Comrades Marathon last weekend. We are extremely proud of your accomplishment!

PA News

The PA, would like to say a big thank you to all of you who came down to the Beehive this weekend for the Annual Greytown Mountain Bike festival weekend. The weather was amazing, and it was a well-attended weekend. Well done to all the competitors, junior and senior. We had a record with 450 entries over the 6 rides – 3km & 10km.

Thank you to the Wembley College teachers and scholars, who helped with the marshalling and the water tables, and of course to the parents who responded for our cries of help to pack the goody bags and help on the registration tables: Karen Schröder, Lauren Poreé, Michelle Barber, Louise Yeadon, Mandy Poreé, Sue Jarvie, Heather Clegg, Felicity Ellis, Loren Chiazzarri, Amanda Crowe, Meridy Martens, Elton Jansen, Carla Channing-Pearce and Kim & Pierre Steyn. It would have been impossible without you.

From the Chairlady's desk, a big thank you goes to Andrew & Gail Norris, always there as sweepers, bike fixers and problem solvers. Thanks, as well, to the PA committee – there at 6am on both Saturday and Sunday, and willing to do anything and everything! Thanks.

Our sponsors this year were amazing. It was because of their sponsorship that we were able to provide each participant a medal, goody bag & water at the finish, as well as a number of great spot prizes. I would like to list them here again: Aheers, Aquelle, SunSand, TWK – Greytown, Midlands Cigarette Distributors, Leigh's Cycles, Hatton's Cycles, Boxer, Min-Cash, SuperQuik, ToyBox, Starke Ayres, Pannar, Buildit, Kharodias, Mascor, LA Hill Dealers & Hill Forestry.

Exams






Please help your children stay focused on their exams. While the Senior Primary exams finish this week, the High School scholars only finish next week on Wednesday and it is very important that they remain focused. Revising the exams is also an important part of the learning process and it is imperative that your child attends when their teacher goes over the exam.

Information Leaflets and News Letters

We do send out all correspondence electronically. If you would prefer to receive electronic copies of school correspondence, you need to notify Mrs Buss at Reception. Electronic copies will ensure that you do receive all notices thereby making you more informed of what is happening at Wembley College.

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 072 933 9185.
-  **Gymnastics** – Miss Sherri Pegler offers gymnastics from the Centre. For further information please contact her on 083 547 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.
-  **Horse riding** - 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.

ANDREW NORRIS
HEADMASTER

Greytown Pannar Tennis Tournament

Please make note of this exciting winter tennis tournament running from the 17th to the 19th of June at the Greytown Tennis Club for U8 up to U18 singles, doubles, and mixed doubles players. There are prizes to be won up to the value of R6000-00. The closing date for entries is June 14th. Please enter a.s.a.p. with Derek Brown on 0832289243, or e-mail him at procoach@vodamail.co.za. The cost of the tournament is R180 and it will run from 08h30 until 17h00.

High School

Dear High School,

We are nearly there... I know you are all hard at work – just hang in there kids, the exams will soon be over! Don't forget next week Wednesday we are ending off our last day of exams with the inter-house hockey, staff vs matrics hockey match and afternoon bring & braai. More details regarding the braai to follow.

My message this week is about removing negative words from your vocabulary.

Try the following:

ELIMINATE THESE WORDS

I can't
If only
I don't think
I don't have the time
Maybe
I'm afraid
I don't believe

SAY THESE INSTEAD!

I can
I will
I know
I will make the time
Absolutely
I'm confident
I'm sure

Give this a try; it will definitely help you to think more positively!

Study hard & take care.
Mrs Powell

BOYS' HOCKEY



Congratulations to Thuba Mzila who has been selected for the U14 KZN Inland Hockey Team. We wish him well for the tournament.

Senior Primary

Choir Evening: Friday 28 May

Thank you to all the parents and scholars who supported this evening. This was such an enjoyable evening listening to all the choirs. They were having a good time, singing with joy and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic opportunity for both our school choirs to be able to listen to the Youth Choir, and learn from them into the bargain.

SP Afternoon Programme – Last week

The High School will still be writing exams during the last week but as we will be finished so we return to our normal sport times.

Monday and Wednesday: Soccer and Hockey from 14h00 to 15H00.
Tuesday: Boys' Tennis from 14h00 to 15h00.
Wednesday: SP Social from 17:00 to 19:30.

Next term the Boys' Hockey and Girls' Tennis will be on Monday and Wednesday and Boys' Tennis and Girls' Soccer will be on Tuesday and Thursday.

Junior Primary

The Grade RRs have started learning about the letter "d" and have created a dinosaur on a stick. Grade Rs finished the letter and the sound "q". They will learn about American food, holidays and culture and will be eating a Monster Munch on Friday.

Reports:

On Tuesday, 8 May, all the Junior Primary scholars will be receiving their first semester report. Please keep an eye out for this important document. Once you have finished with it, please sign it and return it to your child's class teacher.

U9 Boys' Rugby

On Tuesday the U9 Rugby team travelled to New Hanover to take part in an U9 Rugby Festival. The boys once again played extremely well making us very proud. They have become a real unit and are playing rugby of a high standard. Of the three matches they played, two were won and one lost. Wembley 25 – New Hanover 0, Wembley 20 – Epworth 15, Wembley 0 – Cowan House 5

Upcoming Events:

Friday, 4th of June – JP Soccer Mania and Social

Saturday, 5th of June – U9 Girls' hockey at Howick

Tuesday, 8th of June – JP Reports go out

JP Inter-House hockey and soccer

Mums and Misses/Dads and Lads (Hockey and Soccer)