

16 May 2016

Dear Parents

### From the Office of the Executive Head

Over the weekend I attended the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of a local pastor who came to this country as a young man and has never returned except for brief visits to his native land. In his speech he spoke about how South Africans have embraced him as their own and how he feels that he belongs here in his faith family now.

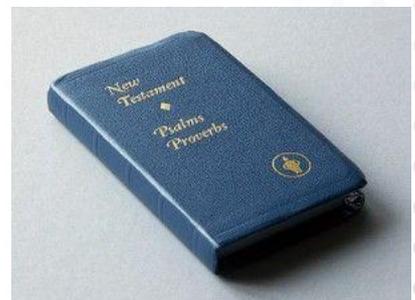
We at Meridian Pinehurst are building such a faith family in our school community. In its infancy still, our school is striving to create a home away from home for our learners and a place where staff, learners and parents feel they are part of something beautiful. We all come here from different homes, each with our own stories and in many ways that makes school a false construct, because we are seemingly randomly thrown together for a few hours and then we go home. But it is so much more than that. We are a Christian family, on a journey together.



### *The Week that Was:*

#### Gideons Bibles

Visitors from Gideons Bible Institute visited the high school in assembly on Thursday and donated (blazer) pocket sized bibles (New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs) to all the senior learners. This group of committed Christians spend time distributing bibles to hospitals, hotels, schools and even prisons. We are grateful that from now on they will visit us every year to pass on the Word to our youngsters. We were encouraged that many learners did not want to wait for the next day to receive their copy in register class and we were forced to bring them around to classes immediately. What a wonderful sign that our children are hungry for spiritual growth! And so our family grows in faith.



Reaching out to be family to the broader community

The high school has an outreach group called *Grow A Heart!* The aim each month is to visit an institution in our community to enrich our children's perspective on life and broaden their empathy for others, as well as forging real connections with our greater community. Last month they visited an orphanage where they held a fun watersports day and last Monday they took their community outreach to a retirement home, *Huis Aristeia*, in Durbanville, where they baked cupcakes for tea time and entertained the residents with a few songs. Before the end of the term they are excited to be visiting an animal shelter and host a soup kitchen.



'What I did at school today'

On Thursday evening, Nursery parents had a taste of what their children get up to in class every day and had great fun building community with other parents in the same class. Thanks to our Nursery staff for building our family in this creative way.



'Evening' Ring in Mrs Piedt's class.



Soft Blocks Learning in Group 5



Happy students and their masterpieces

## 'Dads and Lads'

Saturday saw a different type of familial bonding: fathers and sons from Grade 4-6 spent a couple of hours bonding in a special way with each other, despite the chilly weather. This is the sort of 'guy thing' that we love to see. **Mr Johnson** who organized it, compiled the following report:

There were 90 dads and lads in attendance at our event. The morning started with a meet-and-greet at 9am with a muffin and a cup of coffee for all. Our guest speaker, Mr. Gavin van der Hoven, was introduced at 9.30 and spoke on the importance of being a role model. The boys and their dads were then divided into three groups. They participated in games at three different stages run by Mr. Blom, Mr Uys and me.

*(Iain Johnson - Grade7)*



## Water Collection

We thank you for your ongoing support of our water collection drive which is assisting us to help out our national family up north in drought-stricken areas.



## First Aid Training

Staff members in the first aid team have had two weekends of refresher/new training to ensure that they are always current with their understanding of emergency procedures. This is just one of many ways in which we keep our young charges safe at school.

## Sports Results

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the U14 and U16 Netball matches this week and proud of the spirit and dedication of our players. I was particularly touched also by a group of Grade young men who vocally and enthusiastically cheered on all the teams throughout, joining the other loyal supporters on the sidelines, who included two ebullient siblings. This is the 'family' that we are trying to enkindle in our youngsters. Well done girls....and boys.

### U16 A Netball Girls

*Chess against Winsley PS*  
U/13 team draw 3-3



### *PS Netball VS Curro Durbanville:*

U/7 A lost 5-1  
U/8 A won 7-1  
U/8 B lost 1-0  
U/9 A lost 5-1  
U/9 B won 2-1  
U/10 A lost 6-3  
U/10 B lost 3-0  
U/11 A won 5-4  
U/12 A lost 18-2  
U/13A lost 27 – 1

### *HS Netball vs Protea Heights:*

u/14 A won 10-5  
u/16 A lost 20-6  
u/16 B lost 13-1  
U/19 A vs Jan Kriel won 10 -8

### *HS U/16 Boys Hockey vs Bellville*

*HTS:*  
0-0Draw

*Girls' Hockey vs Bernadino Heights:* lost 0-1

### *Mini-rugby vs Vredelust PS:*

U/7 lost 20 - 0  
U/8 draw 20-20  
U/9 lost 25 – 5

### *HS Rugby vs Rocklands:*

U19 won 12 – 5



U14 A Netball Girls

## Curiosity

“CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT, BUT WHERE HUMAN BEINGS ARE CONCERNED, THE ONLY THING A HEALTHY CURIOSITY CAN KILL IS IGNORANCE.”

HARRY LORAYNE

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The concept of nurturing Curiosity has taken root in the school and staff and learners are emphasising this at all times, with various activities undertaken and some still planned, from ‘question trees’ to simply placing an emphasis in class on nurturing questioning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFK25rzXols>

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Some people seem to be confused about the [no-reply@cdc.curro.co.za](mailto:no-reply@cdc.curro.co.za) messages which are sent out from time to time. Although they say ‘Curro’ these are messages that come from Meridian. The email is linked to Curro as a whole i.e all school send mails with the from-address of [no-reply@cdc.curro.co.za](mailto:no-reply@cdc.curro.co.za). The reason all schools send emails like this is to help with the spam. It makes it easy to tell parents that they need "whitelist" only one email address and it also confirms the identity of the server that sent the mail.

As for the spam, the only way to stop the mails from going into the spam folder the [no-reply@cdc.curro.co.za](mailto:no-reply@cdc.curro.co.za) email address needs to be 'whitelisted' the following link explains how to do it for a wide variety of mail clients <http://www.whatcounts.com/how-to-whitelist-emails/> Once the email address has been "whitelisted" it should no longer be seen as spam, if somebody is not receiving any emails they need to check with their IT department that it is not being blocked by mail server rules or the firewall

*Fundraising:*

[Olympiad Funds](#)

Thank you again for the astounding response to the Spelling Olympiad which has netted over R138 000 so far. Some of the proceeds have been put to good use in providing for the installation of quality sound equipment in the high school and Intersen Phase classrooms. The Foundation Phase speakers will be installed shortly also.

[Nursery Play Area](#)

You will have noticed that the Nursery play area has been enlarged to allow for a larger space for outdoor activities in the Nursery.

[Rugby at Meridian](#)

Management has reached an agreement with Curro Durbanville regarding the playing of rugby in the high school. The Curro-Meridian club has been revived and clear procedures and protocols for playing have been put in place to ensure safety and fairness. If your high school son is interested

in rugby he may collect a form from Mr Jacobs with the interim agreement which will be in place until the final agreement is promulgated.



U19 Curro-Meridian Squad

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### Youth Rally

All youth are invited to attend this gathering in June. What a great way to celebrate the beginning of the holidays.

### Road markings at circle in Pinehurst Drive

We have all been frustrated by the roadworks in Okavango Drive recently, but the relief is imminent for the traffic control in Pinehurst Drive. The Ward Councillor has assured me that the re painting of road markings in Pinehurst Drive will be on the agenda in July for the Roads Committee meeting – slow but sure wins the race, it seems.

### Bus Times

Please note that Mr Gouws has been instructed not to wait for passengers who are late at their bus stops because this makes the bus late for school. It seems that some children are holding up the bus by up to 10 minutes. Obviously that is unacceptable so if it is past the scheduled time for the stop, the bus will move on.

## Eisteddfod Commitment

We are experiencing some lethargic response from learners across the school who have signed up for various items at the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod. Please note that this is not something that your child can just show up at and 'give it a bash.' Meridian Pinehurst has entered our students with the idea that they will be well prepared and committed to the process of rehearsals. Staff have given up their time to prepare the entrants, but we are finding that learners are not attending these practices. We expect the same level of commitment to cultural rehearsals as we do for sport practices and matches.

Primary School practices are by arrangement with the teachers and high school learners have every afternoon from Monday to Thursday to commit.

## ID Cards and Matriculation Examinations

In order to be registered to write matric examinations, all learners must be in possession of a valid identity document. Because of the manner in which these are issued now, we are not able to get Home affairs officials to do the process here so we urge you to take your 16+ year old to the Home Affairs department these holidays to apply for the ID card.

## Dates to Diarise

Monday, 16 May: **Ms Jeanné Miller's** birthday

Mini-rugby vs Curro Durbanville (home): 14:00 - U/7 and U/8  
14:30 - U/9

Tuesday, 17 May: Nursery staff Mathematics workshop  
HS Hockey @ Parow High School

Wednesday, 18 May: PS Netball at El Shaddai

Thursday, 19 May: Foundation Phase Mathematics staff development  
High school Music department development

**Ms Cherval Govender's** birthday

**Ms Lara leader's** birthday

PS Boys Hockey vs Bellpark (home): U/8 – 14:00

U/9 – 14:45

U/10 – 15:15

PS Girls Hockey @ Bellpark Primary School

Friday, 20 May: Foundation Phase and Intersen Number Sense Conference

Saturday, 21 May: Grade 8 Mathematics Camp

First Aid Training

U16 – U19 High Sports Festival vs Curro Hermanus

<u>Time</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Field/Court</u>
9:00	U/16 Netball	Court 2
9:00	U/19 Netball	Court 3
9:00	U/16 Boys Hockey	Hockey Field
9:00	U/17 Soccer	Soccer Field

Sunday, 22 May: **Ms Melidah Makua's** birthday

Monday, 23 May: Grade 8-11 examinations begin

I wish our Meridian family a good week. No need to 'call a friend,' as the high school students will have their pocket bibles handy, here are some emergency numbers:

As the feast of Pentecost reminds us: it is the Holy Spirit who is our real friend and who unites us in love.

Yours in education

Colleen Bentley  
Executive Head

## Emergency Numbers

1. When in sorrow ..... call John 14
2. When you have sinned ..... call Psalm 51
3. When you worry ..... call Matthew 6:19-34
4. When you are in danger ..... call Psalm 91
5. When your faith needs stirring ..... call Hebrew 11
6. When you feel down & out ..... call Romans 8:31
7. When you want peace & rest ..... call Matthew 11:25-30
8. When the world seems bigger than God ..... call Psalm 90
9. If your pocketbook is empty ..... call Psalm 37
10. When you are lonely & fearful ..... call Psalm 23
11. When you grow bitter & critical ..... call I Corinthians 13
12. For how to get along with fellow man ..... call Romans 12
13. If you are depressed ..... call Psalm 27
14. If people seem unkind ..... call John 15

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