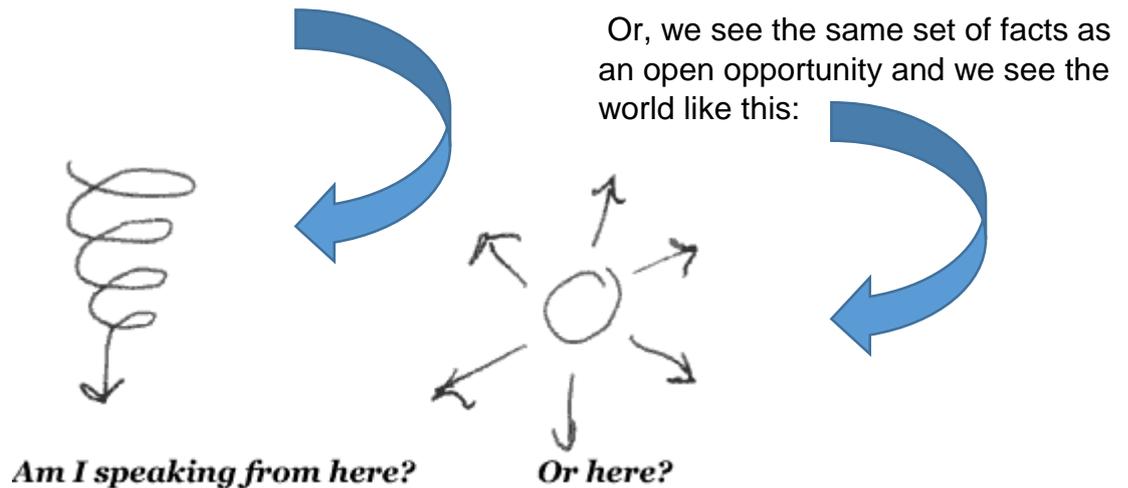


19 September 2016

Dear Parents

From the Office of the Executive Head

Many of you will have heard of Benjamin Zander's book, [*The Art of Possibility*](#). In it, his basic thesis is that in any given moment, we are faced with these choices: Either we see things as impossible, so it all spirals into nothingness, like this:



Every day we can choose but Game/CHANGERS

~~Impossible~~
I'm possible

the option. This is often riskier, are risk-takers.

Congratulations

Liam Meyer and Keraleigh Hodson in Grade 10 were selected out of 130 outstanding applications from over 50 schools to participate in the Two Oceans Aquarium's Young Biologist Course in October. This is a prestigious course and it is a remarkable academic achievement for a school to have two learners chosen.

This course is aimed at Grade 10s who are passionate about the marine environment and committed to making a change. The YBs are required to do an environmental clean-up as well as an eco-activity at their respective schools. Meridian Pinehurst is proud that our Life Sciences students are actively pursuing extra studies in such fields. And making things **possible**.

Darren Liebenberg (Grade 11) was Master of Ceremonies at the WP Schools Shooting Associations annual prize giving which took place on 10 September. He was awarded a silver medal in his age division (under 21) for a nationwide shooting competition known as the Postal League. He also received a trophy for being placed second in the u21 WP league competition for the year and received a WP certificate for participation in the u21 WP team. Darren leaves for Northern Gauteng on 30 September where he will represent WP Schools Shooting. We are very proud of his achievements and especially for the leadership he has been recognised for.

Foundation Phase Achievers:

Grade 1:

**Siya Grootboom
Shannon Minter
Siviwe Mдини
Storm Rhode
Danielle Bekker
Zain Uys
Sanelisa Dlula
Lutho Sishuba
Qhamani Barnes
Alyssa Bester
Iviwe Medupe
Gabby van Zyl**



Grade 2



**Grace van der Merwe
Jayden Oostendorf
Keaton Keynel
Kamryn Arderne
Isabella Sauls
Lars Soloman
Caitlyn Petzer
Craig Theron
Ziviwe Peni
Ben Rall
Owam Hela
Amelia Taylor**

Grade 3

**Joshua Kruger
Sachin Klein
Brugita Strauss
Dale Brymer
Gwiba Dlanga
Resego Kehositse
Zachary Evans
Amber Adams
Aluta Malgas
Ethan Le Roux**





Jesse Masimila (Gr R) finished second in the u/7 20kg division at the Junior Knockdown Karate Championships. The smile says it all: Mission Possible completed.

MISSION: I'M-POSSIBLE

Eisteddfod Summary

For those who like to see numbers, this is a summary of the performance of youngsters this year in the Tygerberg International Eisteddfod. 48% of those entered achieved over 80% which is an excellent achievement. We are enormously proud of them all.

SUMMARY:	Number. Of Learners	as %
90-100	15	13%
80-89	39	35%
70-79	46	41%
60-69	12	11%
TOTAL	112	100%



RCL Leadership Course

On Saturday the RCL attended a Leadership Training Course at Rustenberg Girls' High School, run by Lead4Life, with the following agenda:

- Excellent opportunities to lead and become a more effective role model
- Growth in courage, confidence and self-esteem
- Develop greater knowledge of self



- Benefit from personal introspection, team work and participation in challenging activities
- Become more influential with friends, peers and greater community
- Appreciate growth benefits through reflection
- Plenty of fun and enjoyment
- Meet leaders from other schools¹

The process was a natural team builder for our young leaders and a super opportunity for both personal and group leadership development.

Allyson's Update from the USA

Week two in Mount Pleasant High School and things are improving.

My days are becoming more and more busy: Homework, School Clubs, and new friends take up most of my time.

I auditioned for the school play yesterday, the story being 'Southern Hospitality' and so far my southern accent could use some working on.

I've been enjoying my school schedule, having chosen some classes according to my subjects back home and some different ones... my favorite so far being Art. I really enjoy the (one and a half hour) class and when I go to my second class of the day my hands are always covered in paint or some or other art medium. Yesterday I walked around the school for TWO HOURS before someone told me I had a black streak of paint on my cheek. Ms. Thompson (my Art teacher) is the kindest person alive but sometimes I struggle staying awake in her class.

School starts at 7:15 am, and for someone who loves to sleep, it's been a challenge for me to wake up extra early to get ready for the school bus (which in all honesty I have been late for a couple of times already). Luckily school ends at 2:05pm and I have the rest of the day free... after club meetings, sport and homework.

It takes some getting used to but I'm getting there.

-Allyson Adams



Building and Traffic and Parking and Transport

Please note that with the building operations in process, there is much additional activity in and around the campus.

We are requesting that all parents park their cars in designated parking areas. Children will have to walk further than usual (We did in 'our day'. 😊) in order to maintain safety. Please do NOT:

- Park on/ next to the grass where cones have been put down
- Park anywhere near the building sites
- Park on the pedestrian crossings

Please note that transport drivers are not taking responsibility for children who are not in aftercare and who are waiting for older siblings. These children often run around and we are concerned that someone may get hurt. We strongly recommend that they are placed in aftercare for their safety. Forms can be collected for aftercare from the reception.

Lost Property

Clothes not collected by Friday will be donated to second hand clothing. Other items will be donated to the poor

¹ https://gallery.mailchimp.com/4e5cbb28afaa0ba8dfad10232/files/Leadership_Development_Showcase_Sep_2016.pdf

Dates to Diarise

Monday, 19 September: Nursery Photographs

Tuesday, 20 September: FP Parent Evening: 14:00- 19:00

Wednesday, 21 September:

Thursday, 22 September: Nursery Parents' Evening: 15:30 – 18:00
Matric 2017 Braai

Friday, 23 September: **Ms Sonika Pienaar's** birthday
School Closes – Reports handed out.

Saturday, 24 September: National Tour departs

Monday, 3 October: Tour party returns

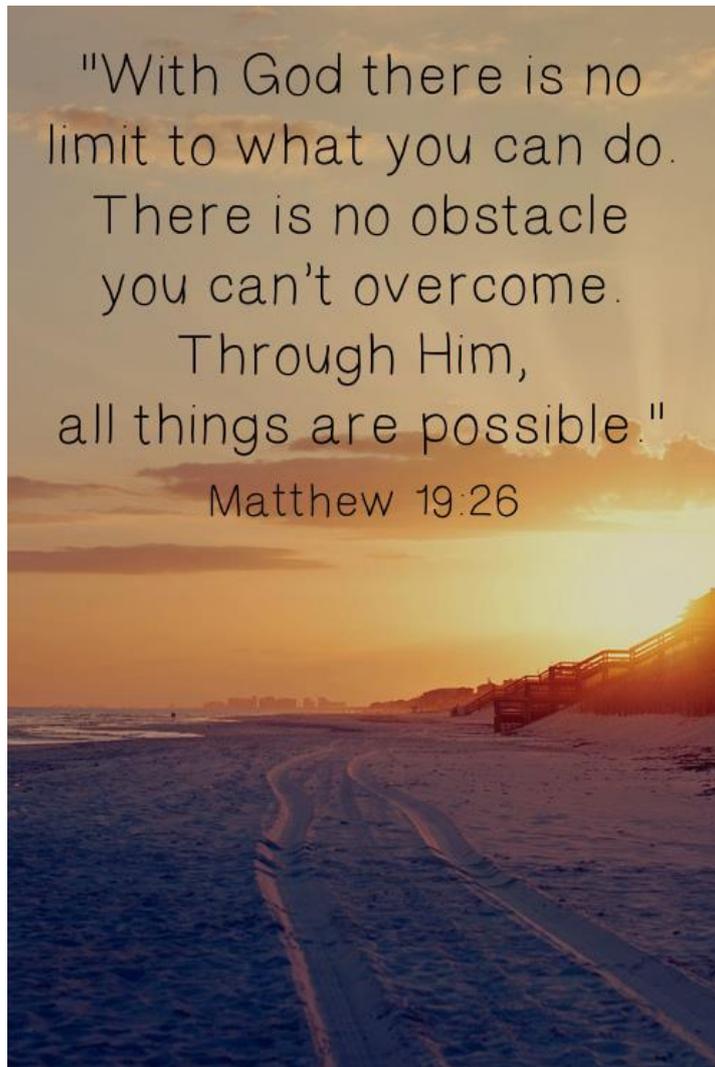
Holiday Birthdays: 1 October: **Ms Mary-Sue Herron**

2 October: **Ms Marchelle Veldtsman**

4 October: **Ms Nikki Barends-Neethling**

School Re-opens: 11 October

God bless you all this holiday, especially if you are transporting Pinehurst's precious cargo and Godspeed home.



Yours in education

Colleen Bentley
Executive Head

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