

THE WYKEHAM COLLEGIATE



Hat Chat

OUT OF THE HAT

As the term draws to a close, we wish our Grade 12s clear minds as they tackle the remainder of their Trial exams. Before they know it they will have finished school and will be leaving the familiar TWC campus to become **Women of the Real World**. We hope that their last few weeks at school hold many special memories and that their preparation for their ever-important final examinations goes smoothly.

TERM 4 2010 EVENTS

As always, Term 4 is full of final events before the academic year draws to a close.

In the Senior School, we look forward to welcoming the **Grade 8 Class of 2011** to a day of **Orientation**. This event really assists girls joining TWC for the first time and those moving up from the Junior School in 2011 to get to know a little more about the senior school and their classmates before the beginning of Grade 8 next year. The Grade 8 Class of 2011 will be given a small taste of Senior School life and we look forward to getting to know them.

This is followed the next day, Saturday 9 October by the **Student Leadership Induction** at which the leaders for 2011 in the Senior School are announced. *'The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humour, but without folly.'* - **Jim Rohn**.

From 12-15 October, the **Grade 12 Art Exhibition** will be held in the Media Centre and Media Lecture Theatre (MLT). This exhibition will be officially opened on the evening of Monday 11 October and may be viewed from Tuesday 12 October through to Friday 15 October, 08h00 – 16h00. The talent and dedication of the art students is commendable – please support these girls and view the exhibition one day when you either drop off or fetch your daughters.

On Thursday 14 October the Music Department presents their **Gala Music Evening**, which is a showcase of our Music Department's work for 2010. An event NOT to be missed. The following week, the **Cultural & Sporting Awards Evening** will be held on Tuesday 19 October to acknowledge all those girls who have achieved in these areas during 2010.

Just before Half-Term we bid farewell to our Grade 12s as they leave to begin their final examinations. This farewell culminates in a **Valedictory Communion for the Grade 12s** just before half-term. The Junior School also bids farewell to its "senior girls" at the **Grade 7 Leavers Dinner** on Friday 29 October just after half-term.



YEAR END FUNCTIONS IN THE SENIOR & JUNIOR SCHOOL TO DIARISE:

Nativity Play (Grade RR - 3):

Tuesday 16, Thursday, 18 & Friday, 19 November

Foundation Phase Prize-Giving (Grade RR – 2):

Wednesday 24 November

Senior Primary Prize-Giving (Grade 3 – 7):

Thursday 25 November

Junior School Closes (closing times in Calendar):

Tuesday 30 November

Festival of Praise:

Tuesday 30 November

Senior School Prize-Giving (Grade 8 – 11):

Wednesday 1 December

We look forward to seeing many of our parents and the larger TWC Community at these events.

GRADE 6 SLEEPOVER (Calling Grade 8 2012 – yes, already!)



The **Grade 6 Sleep-over** is a very popular event at which girls from different schools, who have applied to attend The Wykeham Collegiate in Grade 8, as well as our own Grade 6 girls, stay overnight and get to know each other and the Senior School. Grade 6 parents, the Senior School looks forward to welcoming your daughters to this event.

If you are aware of any Grade 6 girls from other schools or younger sisters of Senior School girls who may be interested in attending, please ask them to contact the Marketing Department urgently, as space is limited.

Rose Harries - Marketing Co-ordinator

INTERHOUSE DEBATING

The Interhouse Final Debating round will be held on Monday 13 September 2010 in the Functions Room.

The Junior Final starts at 18:00 and they will be debating the topic: This house believes that parents should be allowed to access their children's Facebook account. Moore and Crookes will be debating against each other. Tea and refreshments will be served after this round.

The Senior Final starts at 19:45 and their topic area is the MEDIA and FREEDOM of the PRESS. Moore will debate against Campbell in this round.

Congratulations to Emily Potgieter, Palesa Tshabalala, Divena Naidoo and Mueenah Kadodia who have been selected to attend the Provincial Debating Championship at DHS, Durban from 26 - 28 September 2010. They are part of a 25 member delegation from the Pietermaritzburg league. Thea de Gruchy (Head of Debating 2009) will accompany the delegation as an adjudicator and chaperone.

Pam Esterhuysen - Debating Society Coordinator



English Department News

The Douglas Livingstone Creative Writing Competition, 2010.

Annually, in KwaZulu-Natal, candidates are invited to enter the Douglas Livingstone Creative Writing Competition by submitting poetry or, in the case of Grade 12 pupils, Short Stories. Only five poems per Grade (10, 11 and 12) may be submitted and in Grade 12 only two Short Stories may be submitted.

We are delighted to announce that in the Grade 11 category, **Jessica von der Meden** has been placed 2nd; and that **Stephanie Stretch** (Grade 12), **Nicole Young** (Grade 10) and **Petra Küsel** (Grade 10) have been awarded Merits.

All these pupils will be attending the Awards Ceremony at Westville Girls' High School on Monday, 13 September. We congratulate them on their achievements.

Maira Lovell - Head of English

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

CONFERENCE

Held from 26 – 28 August at the Hillcrest Christian Academy, and attended by over 1000 teachers from throughout South Africa, the 'Proudly Primary' Conference, the theme of which was *Connect Create Change*, was inspirational.

We really appreciated sharing this experience as an entire staff, meeting new people and re-establishing links with colleagues from other schools. It was good at times to laugh out aloud – as educators we tend to take ourselves very seriously – and to be affirmed as teachers of young people.

During the plenary sessions, we were fortunate to be addressed by some outstanding speakers. International motivational speaker, Rob Parsons, reminded us that the job we do, namely teaching, can make a huge difference; that we should play to our strengths and take time to think, to envision. Ian Thomas gave a riveting address entitled, *The pride of the lion* during which he compared the way in which lions hunt with the way successful businesses and schools can function if they recognise the importance of team work, of support and of sharing a common focus.

Without doubt, a highlight of the conference was the presentation given by Sibusiso Vilane, *Reaching new Heights*. An adventurer, who has climbed to the top of Mount Everest twice, as well as the seven highest mountains of each continent, and who has walked to the South Pole, Sibusiso's eloquence, humility, courage and belief that dreams are attainable, made him a compelling speaker who received a standing ovation.

Another wonderful presentation was that given by Buhle Dlamini, entrepreneur, managing director and sought-after speaker who coaches organisations and individuals to 'turn passion into success' and 'own the future'. His focus was *Afrocentric leadership in the 21st Century*. He challenged delegates to use the Afro-Centric leadership model based on unity, values, personal example and calling people together in order to influence the children we teach.

He gave us a sober reminder that 'what you focus on is what you will see'. He encouraged us to go beyond what is required, as we seek to create the desired future.

There were thirty 'break-away' sessions from which to choose – delegates were able to attend three of these. Topics included *Children and Mobile Connectivity; Music Literacy; Positive Behaviour Support; The Power of Play* and the *Magic of Theatre; Real World Maths; ADHD Thinking in another Box*.

I doubt that there could have been anyone who did not depart feeling rejuvenated and excited, knowing that if we, as educators of young children, share a common vision there is no mountain too high to climb.

GENERAL

The most glorious arrangement of magenta and lilac azaleas with strands of trailing jasmine is on display in the foyer much to the delight of all passers-by. Spring is certainly here!

Practices for the Grade 6 and 7 Musical Revue, *Bits of Broadway* are in full swing. It promises to be a wonderfully entertaining production. In this regard we are most grateful for the very positive help and support from the Grade 6 and 7 parents – this is teamwork at its very best!

The creative writing which I have enjoyed in recent weeks emanating from girls throughout the school, reflects increasing depth, care and imagination. Communicating well in both the written and spoken form is a real art, and so both the girls and their teachers are commended on their efforts to hone communication skills.

FLICK WRIGHT - HEADMISTRESS : JUNIOR SCHOOL

Grade 6 trip to the Natal Museum

Megan Hall, Kayla Gibson, Kirsten Moody and Nomcebo Zondi examining the snake display.



Olivia Darby, Luyanda Gumede and Prajna Naicker looking for clues in their Treasure Hunt booklet.



GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

TUCKSHOP TURNABOUT TIMES

Since the building operations and many sport activities are happening away from the tuckshop area, the opening time for the tuckshop will be changed as of immediate effect.

The hours will be:

12:00 - 16:00 Monday - Thursday

and

12:00 - 15:00 Friday
(until the building project is complete.)

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Cheryl Ford

SPORT UPDATE

SENIOR SCHOOL

TENNIS

On 7 August, our U15B and U17B Teams played very well against Epworth. The U15s won their singles and doubles, 32-5 and 16-4 respectively, and the U17s won their singles, 32-15, and drew their doubles, 12 all.

All our games scheduled for 26 August were cancelled owing to the strikes.

On 31 August our U15A and U17A Teams played against Voortrekker and played extremely well. Our U15s won their singles and doubles 32-2 and 16-1 respectively and the U17s won their singles and doubles, 32-4 and 16-2.

BASKETBALL

Over the past week, our girls have been busy with many basketball matches. On 25 August, some of our teams played against St John's and others against St Anne's. All our teams did very well.

The results are as follows:

VS ST JOHN'S:

U16B lost 16-4
U16A
2nd lost 4-2
1st lost 56-22

VS ST ANNE'S:

U14B lost 13-3
U14A lost 16-10
U15B lost 22-8
U15A lost 30-5

On 27 August our U15B and U16A Teams played against Redhill School, a touring team from Johannesburg. Our girls really did us proud and the U16s provided us with a nail-biting match right until the dying moments.

The scores were as follows:

U15B Won 20-8

U16A Lost 31-33

Well done, to all our girls!

Brenda Franklin

JUNIOR SCHOOL

On Thursday 19 August we held our Inter-House athletics, which was enjoyed by both the girls and their parents. The weather was on our side for the best part of the morning and the atmosphere at Eagle Ridge was a very positive and happy one. Thank you to all parents for your continued support. Well done, to our Age-group medal winners, Jessica Bompas, Rebecca Munitich, Megan McDonald, Chelsea Meiring, Kirsten Moody and Tessa van der Merwe who also won the Victrix Ludorum. The winning house was Crookes; well done, to them.

I am incredibly proud, though, of all the girls who participated. You all contributed enormously to your House points. Our Inter-School team has now been selected and we will compete against seven other schools at Pelham on Saturday.

Please see the updated Sports Timetable on the next page which begins on MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER.

(A hard copy will also be sent home with the girls).

I have put this timetable together for the benefit of all the children. They do not have to attend more than one sport but the opportunity is there should they wish to participate in more than one discipline. Bear in mind that a child who participates in a variety of sports is less likely to acquire injuries.

TENNIS

Our Tennis girls have completed another successful round of tennis. Twelve matches have been played over the past two weeks and the results are:

TWC won 9, lost 1 and drew 2.

Thank you, once again to the parents who travel with, and in support of, the tennis girls. Also to the girls, congratulations and continue to work hard.

Mrs Di Bodley has been away with a back problem. We are pleased to report that she is making a slow and steady recovery and will soon be seen around the sports fields.

PE LESSONS

I am continuing with fitness once a week, concentrating mainly on the Beep test. Some of your daughters may have told you about this test. I am encouraged to see the huge improvements in the children regarding the levels they are achieving after a month of training. It is important to remember that a child (under the age of 12), who is exposed to sport (of any type) on a regular basis, is less likely to develop osteoporosis and therefore arthritis later on in life. I am using the other lesson to work on the girls' ball skills, footwork, reaction time etc.

Yours in sport
Gaynor Weir

SPORT UPDATE

UPDATED 3rd TERM SPORTS TIMETABLE 2010

It is compulsory to do at least **one** of the sports offered.

SPORT (14h00 – 15h00)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Fitness	Gr 7	Gr 5 & 6	Gr 3 & 4	Gr 6 & 7
Ball skills	Gr 6	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 3
Rounders	Gr 4	Gr 3	Gr 6 & 7	Gr 5
Basketball		Gr 6	Gr 5	Gr 7
Tennis	League Matches	U13 Team Practice	Gr 3 14h00-14h30 Gr 4 14h30-15h00	U11 Team Practice U13 A Matches
Squash	Gr 5	Gr 7	Gr 7	Gr 6
Gymnastics			Gr 3 - 7	
Modern Dance	Groups organised by teacher	Groups organised by teacher		

- Squash girls in Grade 7 are to attend **both** lessons if they want to play in the league.

The reason for the updated timetable is so that there is a variety of activities offered and each Grade has an activity on offer every day. It is not compulsory to attend every activity, but the option for those who would like to is there.