



Green Gossip

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AWESOME ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Lise Siebert in Grade 4. Her picture "Aloes in the sun" has been selected for the Santam Child Art Travelling exhibition 2010 calendar. We are very excited for her.



PRACTICAL PLEASURES

Our Grade 2 pupils love practical maths lessons. Here they are 'playing' with water as they discover and investigate various aspects of capacity and volume.

LETTER TO DAD

Dear Dad

Thank you for teaching me not to be a woos and to enjoy my life. Thank you for always looking out for me. You always catch me when I fall. Thank you for loving me and teaching me to play sport.

Love from Em

Emma (Grade 2)

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Food for thought: *The Power of Acceptance*
"Never let the situation mean more than the relationship." ~ John C. Maxwell (Winning With People)

Has your child produced a poor report, your spouse disappointed you or your friend behaved badly? There are times when we have no choice but to address such matters. If we did not speak, it would mean that we did not care. Sometimes the most loving action we can do is to confront a person. What is important is the outcome we want

The person needs to experience and know the big picture, e.g. My child needs to know that I love him, even though I am disciplining him now. He always needs to know that I care, that my overriding desire is to prepare him for life, not to simply seek an outlet for my frustration or disappointment. Ultimately, he is more important than the issue or situation.

Very few issues should be allowed to separate me from others, especially from my child, my spouse or my friend – acceptance has a very powerful effect on each one of us. We can face most situations if we are living in an atmosphere of acceptance.

Kind regards
 P.M. Johnson
 Headmaster



WORM FARM

Next stage of "Stirling goes Green" 6B have their own worm farm and can be seen harvesting the worm wee which will be used as fertilizer.

MATHE-MAGICS

On Friday 24 July 2009 the Mathematics Academy pupils and 22 selected Grade 3 pupils took part in the Nelson Mandela Bay University Mathematics Olympiad. The pupils wrote Grade 3, 5 and 7 papers with Grade 4's and 5's writing the Grade 5 paper and Grade 6's and 7's writing the Grade 7 paper. These papers are prepared by the University to stimulate and challenge our divergent thinkers in Mathematics. In total we had 128 participants. The pupils who performed the best in their respective papers will be chosen to write the second round in September.



PARAMEDICS AT PETER PAN

On Friday 12 June 2009, Alderson Ambulance visited Peter Pan. It was a most informative visit! The paramedic told the children what ambulances are used for (moms having babies, accidents and sick people). The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. When the Paramedic showed them the oxygen tank, Matthew Moss told her that the fresh air in hospital had made him feel better. Mrs Ballard had her blood pressure checked and the children were shown how a stethoscope works. The highlight of the visit for the children was a ride in the ambulance with the sirens blaring!



STIRLING'S SA GYMNASTICS CHAMP

We caught up with SA gymnastics champion, Tamlin Hennings, to find out more about her recent achievements. Tamlin started gymnastics last year and has already represented Border at the Eastern Province trials. At these trials she came 1st! Tamlin went on to participate at Nationals where she received 3 silvers and 1 bronze. She is now the National Champ in her age group!

Tando and Shelby

SHAPES, SONGS AND SORTING

On Friday 19 June the Peter Pan children enjoyed a visit from Little Broadway studio who put on a show about farm animals, shapes and colours. The children enjoyed being actively involved in helping the animals sort out their shapes. They sang farm songs and much fun was had by all!



SA BIATHLE NATIONALS

Nine Stirling biathle pupils were selected to represent Border at the SA biathle championships held in East London on the 4th July. After many hours of hard work, preparation and sweat, race day finally arrived! We are very proud of these pupils who did very well! (The competition was very tough!) Results are as follows:

YOUTH E GIRLS: Tara Schwulst-4th; Brooke Swanepoel-10th; Tyla Phillips-11th; Jayde Harty-14th

YOUTH E BOYS: Matt Dewar-5th

YOUTH D GIRLS: Giorgia Boucher-20th; Teagan de Bloe-23rd

YOUTH D BOYS: Wickus Saunders- 15th

YOUTH C GIRLS: Charnelle Drake- 9th

CONGRATULATIONS to Tara who has been selected to represent South Africa at the World Biathle Championships which are to be held in Monaco in September - what an outstanding achievement! We are so proud of you, Tara! Keep training hard!

Charnelle



RIVER RUBBISH ROUND-UP

The Nahoon River was recently given a face lift by enthusiastic volunteers who collected bags and bags of rubbish from her banks. Carla and her dad were spotted doing their bit for our environment. What a super example. We are proud of you.

SNAKE!!

Grade 2L had a strange, scary visitor in the form of Savannah's pet snake "Olive", who is an olive house snake. Savannah's mom brought her in as a reward for good class behaviour. We learned that Olive eats once a month, usually only a mouse. She sheds her skin and if she is battling to shift the old skin, they put her in a bath to help her slither out. Olive is tame and not poisonous, but if she bites you may get a headache. Snakes smell with their tongues and by the vibrations they feel when you come near them. Savannah has more weird and wonderful pets, so if the Grade 2s are well-behaved we may see more crazy creatures at Stirling!



WHO'S NEW?

Most Grade 7s have probably already met Amy, our new grade 7 pupil. We decided to interview her to get to know her a little more.

Amy's favorite singer is Eminem. Her role model is Amanda Bynes because she is able to act any part she needs to. Amy's motto in life is "keep trying". We asked Amy about her most embarrassing moment and she said when Mr Johnson asked all the new children to stand up in assembly, she felt embarrassed. Her hobbies are Netball, Mxit and beading. Amy, we hope you love being at Stirling and make lots of friends.



HELPFUL HANDS AND HEART

The Grade 2s appreciate helpers like Mrs Di Thorpe who volunteer their time to help teachers and learners with reading, spelling and maths in small groups.

OLD MACHINES GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE

On the last day of the second term, the Computer Monitors removed the old computers from the domain. They deleted files and programs from the computers as they have been donated to another school.



FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

As the morning alarm is going off, we wipe the sleep from our eyes and realize that it is the first day of the new term! We eat our breakfast, get dressed and brush our teeth. Then we climb into the car and are off to school. . . . The car stops, we say good-bye and grab our bags. We see all our friends and teachers then the familiar school bell rings and the fun and work begins! Good luck to everybody and have a fantastic Term 3!!

Shelby

SOON TO BE WORLD TRAVELLERS

Our ThinkQuest winners have a lot to organise before they can go to San Francisco. Their learning continues as they apply for passports and think about what to pack. They will soon go to Cape Town to get their American visas.



RUGBY, HOCKEY AND NETBALL PUPILS GO TO HANGKLIP!

At 5am on the very cold 9th of May many pupils parents and teachers gathered at school to board the buses for Queenstown. Our considerate teachers let us buy biltong in Cathcart - this was a needed break from the long bus trip. In Queenstown we discovered that East Londoners don't know what cold is. It was freezing! Despite the cold we enjoyed our matches and played hard.

Lihle

KARATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Kiara and Joshua van Niekerk who have represented Border in Karate at various competitions and tournaments. Josh is one of the youngest Junior Black belt karate-ka Border JKA has ever had represent them and Kiara was awarded the Most up and coming Karate-Ka - Katana Sword. She is one grading away from her Junior Black Belt with JKA. They both also received the Dedication Award at the end of 2008.

CURIOS CULTURES

During Life Orientation the Grade 7 pupils have been learning about different religions and cultures. They have also learned about the festivals and foods celebrated and enjoyed by the cultures studied and have completed a project on the topic. Luke and Luthando dressed up for their class.

Nicole



GRADE 5 SPELBY

Twenty five pupils from Grade 5 competed in the second term Spelby. The words were quite difficult and it was a tough final. Our winners were: 1st place – Luke Nancarrow, 2nd place – Nathan Schoof and 3rd place – Niki Kretzman. Once again Mrs Gamiet's class took the honours for the class section.



DISCOVERING THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.

As part of this year's Grade 7 Natural Science curriculum, we were given a group project. We had to build a digestive system. The day before, we were excited to start planning with our groups. We had to settle on what to bring and how to build our models. When the time came we were all geared with our equipment from Coke bottles to balloons, sweet papers and even our little sister or brother's play dough. READY... STEADY...START! Plan, plan and plan this was the key to our success. All the groups got stuck in and we could slowly see the outcome of our very "creative" digestive systems appearing. We really enjoyed this project and it was a huge success. Not only did we see more or less what our digestive systems looked like, but also during this project we learnt how it works. Thanks to all the teachers who made this project possible and loads of fun and we look forward to many more like this!!!

Charnelle and Micaela

SNOWY WINTER IS THE BEST!

Snowy winter is the best
Snow falls
Down, down on the ground
All through winter it goes
Cold and chllly
Mittens and scarves
Beanies and boots
But I love snowy Winter the best.

Jessica (Grade 3)

SNOW BEAST

The snow beast comes. It picks you up while you are sleeping. It takes you to its dungeon. It's cold, it's dark. There's thunder and rain. It gobbles you up in one bite when it is hungry. The only way to kill it is to take hot chocolate. When the sun comes up the snow beast melts away.

Soso (Grade 3)

WINTER CHRISTMAS

Winter is cold. Winter is scary.
And we shall have snow.
In Winter Christmas is not near.

Sarah (Grade 3)

MAKING THE NEWS

We had to do a news report about our June/July holidays. We first had to write our news as a story and then change it to a news report. SABC 4 was written on the board and we said "Lights, camera, action!" before people started their report. We had a camera to take pictures too. It was very exciting to do it and it was nerve wracking.

Mamela (Grade 5)



MAKING MONEY AT MARKET DAY

At Stirling each pupil from Grade 2 to Grade 7 has an opportunity to reach for riches. All classes hold a market day once in the year and pupils sell their products to the rest of the school. They advertise their products, calculate their costs and work out their profit. It really is a fun and extremely educational exercise - even though the Grade 2 pupils often end up spending all their profit before they even get home!



2 STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT AFTER-CARE

If you are interested please contact Jenny Houzet
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GRAAFF REINET HOCKEY TOUR

When everyone was getting excited for the holidays, the U13A hockey and rugby teams were getting excited about playing sport. On the last day of school, we travelled to Graaff Reinet (this was a 5 hour trip). As soon as we got there, we dropped our trailer off and started up the mountain to the Valley Of Desolation, and the Graaff Reinet Museum. We stayed in hostels with different teams right next door so we made friends with them really easily. Our first matches were on Saturday and the freezing cold made it hard for the girls to hit the ball. The hockey players played 3 games and then played a friendly against the EP team. After a successful day with both the hockey and the rugby, we had the evening to ourselves. Sunday was also a sport filled day, but first we had church. In the evening, we had a war-cry competition. The boys war-cry was 'very original', but it was our girls who won the competition! The last matches were played on Monday and the competition ended with a bang. Well done to the hockey and rugby teams! Thank you to all the coaches, managers and umpires! This was an amazing tour for everyone who attended!

Caroline



FOUNDATION PHASE MERIT ASSEMBLY:

The Foundation Phase Merit Assembly was held on a very windy Wednesday morning, on the 24th of June. This assembly was held to award merits to the children who worked well throughout the term. The highlight of the morning was the presentation by the Junior Monitors. They spoke about Mrs. Dell and her views on leadership and even had gorgeous photos of her in her "early days". Congratulations to all the pupils who received awards and to the new Grade 3 Junior Monitors.



GENEROUS GIVING

Our Grade 6 pupils were tasked with loading all the samp we had collected in the 'Children for Children' campaign into the trailer. The school bus worked hard to deliver the huge load which will be used to supply children who have been affected and infected by AIDS. This collection sustains the families for a year.



BORDER A HOCKEY TOUR

Finally, after many rounds of trials, the Border u13A hockey teams were selected to represent Border at the SA National Hockey Festival held in Pietermaritzburg during the holidays. Five of our own u13A hockey players were chosen for the teams. Congratulations Inge, Charnelle, Caroline, Kayleigh and Justin. Both the boys and girls teams learnt a lot and did well. We also made a lot of new friends! Thank you to our coaches and managers for their leadership and organizing.

Caroline and Charnelle

CRICKET TRAINING CAMP

Tyler, Jethro and James were selected to attend the u10 Border Cricket Training Camp at Buffalo Park during the recent holidays. There were approximately 26 boys who were selected from schools all over the region and valuable cricket skills were taught and enjoyed by all involved. They have made it through to the next round which is narrowed down to about 18 boys. Well done!

Amber



SOKKIE EN VOLK SPELE

Our Grade 3 pupils took it upon themselves to broaden the experience of the UK students and hosted a 'Sokkie and Volkspele' event. It seems everyone got in on the fun!



MYSCHOOL TRANSACTIONS

Top Supporter by No of Transactions

1. van der Berg Family
2. Stone Family
3. van Wyk Family

Top Supporter by Amount Raised

1. Anderson Family
2. van Wyk Family
3. van der Berg Family

Top Class
Grade 5 Knox



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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2010 we will be adding another Grade R class to our school. This also means that we will have more excellently prepared Grade 1 pupils in 2011 as most of the Grade 1s will have come through our fantastic Grade R department!