



Green Gossip

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THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On the 23rd of February all of our Foundation Phase pupils were all very excited for the Sausage Sizzle. Although Mother Nature had everyone on edge with a few showers during the day, the event went ahead. Most of the pupils were there early and were ready to have fun and play the great games the teachers had set up for them. One of the most popular games was the pillow fight with pupils enjoying hitting each other with pillows and falling onto the soft mats. Another favourite was the face painting. The teachers were all very grateful for the help of their prefects and it seems the prefects had a good time too. Zandile Pali said, "I enjoyed helping at the sausage sizzle because it was fun and I was glad to see the Grade 1 pupils' smiles when they won their prizes." The most exciting part of the Sausage Sizzle was the inter-class water race. Grade by grade the children ran filling their class' bucket with very colourful water. Well done to Grade 1 Sorour, Grade 2 Hayes and Grade 3 Wiggill on winning the bucket races. The Sausage Sizzle was a great success and all the teachers did a great job. We can't wait until next year!

Rachael



I loved our Grade 3 race, because Mrs Wiggles class won. I won a few sweets as well. I mostly played the sack race. I also played the pillow fight with Hannah W she won. I had great fun.

Hannah -Grade 3

I liked doing the pillow fight. And the bean bag race. It was also fun playing soccer with my friends. The sausage sizzle was fun!

Dylan- Grade 3



FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Food for thought: The Value of Responsibility

If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders ~ Abigail Van Buren

Don't handicap your children by making their lives easy ~ Robert A. Heinlein

Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve ~ Roger Lewin

The above quotes speak for themselves and provide us with a truth which we as parents might acknowledge mentally but not always apply in practice.

How much responsibility do I give my child and how soon? How much responsibility can my child cope with? What does my child need to be responsible for? Obviously my expectations should always be age appropriate.

In broad terms, I believe that I am obliged, as a caring parent, to expect my child, from an early age, to manage him/herself well, i.e. have a good work ethic and good work habits, take responsibility for his/her attitudes and actions and take responsibility for the care of others.

When I give my child responsibility, I am saying to my child: "I trust you! You have worth. You have purpose. See, you can face life's challenges, because much of life can be managed". I must not pamper and protect my child unnecessarily. If I do, I am saying just the opposite. My child just needs a safe, secure, loving environment where mistakes can be made ... and fixed.

Life will demand that my child is hard-working, responsible and caring. Will my child be ready? It is my responsibility to prepare my child as best I can by having high expectations.

Kind regards
P.M. Johnson
Headmaster

I did not go but my friend Kai went to it. I was sick I had a tummy ache, there was a water race. it must have been nice I wonder I should have gone. It must have been nice I wonder I should have gone.

Bradley - Grade 2



The sausage sizzle was great fun because Mrs Wiggills class won the class race. I played stuck in the mud with my sister Kai and Hannah my best friend I never got cough!!!

Finn- Grade 3

I took my sister face painting. On pillow fighting someone that I saw took one swing and pushed him self over.

Emma - Grade 3



Me and Sage played tug of war. The other side won. That was odd.

Sameeha - Grade 2

I had so, so much fun because I had lots and lots of sweets and I played my brother pillow fight he won and I played muzicle stasheos five times and I ran around the field ones. I had so, so much fun at the sosig sise!

Teagan- Grade 3



On the 23rd it was the sausage sizzle there games like pillow fights, sack race musical statues, panting faces. BUT IT WAS FUN. Can't wait for Games Day.

Thandile- Grade 3

The funiest thing that I did was when I played pillow fighting and sack racing.

Nicos- Grade 3



PREPARING PIZZAS

The Grade R pupils had great fun on their first outing of the year. Each class had a turn to spend the morning at Guido's on the beachfront making their own pizza and having a morning of learning and enjoyment. Thank you to all the moms and dads that helped us on our outings, we had so much fun!



COOL CRICKET

Hello readers, we are going to tell you a little bit about our favourite sport: cricket. Cricket may seem boring, but it's a whole lot more complicated than it seems. Even catching a hard ball hit straight at you is pretty scary! And facing a hard leather ball coming at you faster than a car drives in the city can make your knees knock. You can never tell who's going to win right until the end, which makes it exciting.

But when you practise it a lot it becomes addictive. It's also great to stand around in the sun with your friends making up names for each other. In the U13A team, Phillip Jordaan is "The Magnet" for catching a ball and not even knowing about it, Hano Jacobs is "The Ripper" because he bowls so hard, and we have "Big" Ryan and "Giant" Ryan.

Here is a humorous description of cricket: You have two sides, one out in the field and one in. Each man that's in the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out. Sometimes you get men still in and not out. When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out and goes in. There are two men called umpires who stay all out the time and they decide when the men who are in are out. When both sides have been in and all the men have been given out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game!

Simon and André



BUTCH'S BIRTHDAY

How many of you were in Mrs. Sorour's class? Do you remember Butch, the dog, her sweetie jar holder? Well it was his birthday on the 3rd of March. Her class celebrated by making him some dog biscuits and he also got his birthday sticker in Assembly. Thanks for many happy memories, Butch, and may you have many more.

Jance



PERFECT PICKLES

Many of our Grade 6 pupils have been spotted crying recently. Do not be alarmed, however, as onions are the simple cause of their tears. All the classes have had the opportunity to learn how to pickle onions as part of an EMS project.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Taylor-Rose Sims and Wikus Saunders. They represented Border in the South African Triathlon Championships which were held in Germiston over the weekend of the 21st of March.

Kiara Van Niekerk and Reece Potgieter will be representing Border JKA at the JKA South African Karate championships in Johannesburg at the Standard Bank Arena; on Friday 16 April and Saturday 17 April 2010.

Dani

GREEN GOSSIP TEAM

We welcome our male reporters, Simon Webster and André Nel.



L.O LITTER PICK-UP

On Wednesday 24 February all the Grade 7 pupils met at the beach to begin their very exciting day of picking up litter. When everyone was there we put on our gloves, got out our black bags and split up. Each class targeted different areas of the beach. We all found a variety of things and one class found a T.V.! Mr Posthumus took his class down near the river where they found distress rockets. (Ships use these if they are in trouble.) Luckily most of them had already been used. Most of the rubbish was beer bottles, plastic packets, cans and a lot of glass. While we were picking up the litter, we had a chance to see animals too. We saw monkeys, dassies, dogs and cats. We also had a nature lesson from Mr. Posthumus on the poisonous plants around us. After picking up what seemed like tons of litter, we had some time to relax. Even though picking up litter might sound like an awful job, we all had lots of fun and next time we see litter, we'll pick it up.

Holly

CRICKET CLASHES

All of the Stirling cricket boys had to be at school at 6:30 on Saturday morning 27 February to depart for Queenstown. It was a cold morning but everyone was psyched. Well done to all the teams, as Stirling white-washed Queens.

Although all of the matches were very exciting the "1st XI" match gave a new meaning to the phrase "nail-biting". Stirling U13A batted first and only scored 106 which is not a lot for a 50-over match. We were very disappointed but did not know what lay ahead after the lunch break. We ate up all our anger and went back on the field all fired up. We bowled aggressively (with one of the Queens batsmen even wearing two thigh pads) and fielded so carefully that even though Queens at one stage needed only 20 runs in 60 balls, we put so much pressure on them that they only scored 11 runs before we bowled them out. Well done to all of the teams, and to the Queens teams for not going down without a fight.

Simon and André



BOUNCING BUNDLES

3 of our pupils have all recently been blessed with little sisters! Congratulations to Asanda in Grade 1 and Ehrin and Emily at Peter Pan we hope that you enjoy playing with your new precious bundles.



VICTORIOUS!

Well done to all our swimmers and their coaches! Stirling Primary and High School won the co-ed trophies at the Amakhozi Gala.

180 DEGREE CAMP

It was a great opportunity to connect with the Grade 6 and 7 pupils by building relationships with them and leading them into God's truth. There was a variety of fun and games, from painting team banners, building a team stretcher, Bible quiz and great food. The overall theme was being 180 degrees hot for God and moving in the opposite direction from our former ways. All in all, lives were impacted far beyond the weekend.

MR MARSHALL



GUARDIAN ANGELS

The Grade 7 pupils were given a very fun Life Orientation assignment. Each pupil was given another pupil in their class to look after UNDERCOVER! We had to send each other gifts and letters, but no one knew who they came from. It was a mission to successfully deliver the gifts without getting spotted. It required sneaking into the classroom before school and keeping look-out. The whole point of the assignment was to make people feel special and loved. It helped us to realise that even though we couldn't see who it was, there is always someone that cares for us and each one of us has our own Guardian Angel watching over us.

Danny: I gave my guardian angel 5 letters a day

Tsepiso: I gave my guardian angel biltong.

Holly: I gave my guardian angel a slab of chocolate and a luck box of stuff. It was really fun.

Jance: I got a bangle that was supposed to scare away negative energy. I also gave lots of sweets.

Jessica



MERRIFIELD MILE

On Sunday the 7th of March some of our Stirling pupils and staff swam in the Merrifield Mile. We would like to say well done to all of them. We are very proud of their super strength.

Danica Grade 6 - "The Merrifield Mile was tough but also easy. It took place at the Wriggleswade Dam. There were so many people. Old people also swam, some of them were really old and they were tired, but they did it. So I'm happy."

Holly

JUNIOR MONITORS

Every year some of the Grade 3 pupils get the opportunity to become junior monitors. Junior monitors have to set an example in the way they behave and dress at school. They do duties to help maintain order in the passages and this involves things like standing at the stairs telling people to pull up their socks and keep quiet. Here are some views from the past and present junior monitors.

Okuhle

It was a very exciting moment for me to be chosen as junior monitor in the first term. I learnt a lot from the experience.

Danielle - Grade 7

It was really fun being a junior monitor at school. I liked telling people to pull up their socks and stuff like that.

Zandile Grade 7

I was very surprised because it was my first year at Stirling. I enjoyed the meetings with Mrs. Strydom.

Jance Grade 7

Sometimes the pupils don't listen to you.

Caitlyn Grade 3

I also like going to meetings with Ms. Liddiard

Mmeli Grade 3

MISS LIDDIARD'S ASSEMBLY

All the children in Miss. Liddiard's class had a lot of fun acting out their play in assembly. The play also has a very important lesson. It's about Leo the Lion who took a little longer than the others to achieve his goals but he managed to get there with **persistence**! We can all learn from this great play.

Holly



KEMPSTON LADIES NIGHT RACE

On Saturday the 6th of March many of our Stirling moms, daughters and teachers participated in the Kempston Ladies Night Race. Many of the moms and daughters dressed in green to hold our school banner high. Some dads and sons wanted to participate too so they dressed in drag! Whether you ran or walked, did the 5km or 10km route, it was an enjoyable and spirited event.

Dani



SUMMER SUN HATS

The 5 Year olds at Peter Pan got sun-wise during their 'SUMMER' theme, and designed their own sun hats.

Some wisdom shared:

The sun can burn you, so you must wear "sun-scream".

"You must never look at the sun cause he can make your eyes blinded."

"The sun hides behind the sea, until we wake up..."

"No!!! He goes behind the world to wake the other people up..."

"The sun makes your ice-creams hot!"





THE SCIENCE SNAKE

On the 23rd of February all the Grade 7 pupils entered the lecture theatre and saw a large box brought by Mrs Kemp and Kresten. Mrs Kemp told us a bit about snakes and how some snakes shed their skin in one piece while in other snakes it comes off in pieces. She told us that the snake we were going to see was going through the shedding stage which happens every 2 weeks. We also learnt that snakes don't have ears and they smell with their tongues. Snakes use their ventral scales (the bottom scales) to sense movement. They are also very blind but can sense us because we are warm blooded and we are always generating heat. She said that the snake we were going to see was an Albino Burmese Python. When Mrs Kemp took the python out of the box it was huge, she said that the python weighed between 38kg to 40kg and that it was about 4.5m to 5m long. After she told us more about the python and all our questions were answered, we each got to touch the snake and feel how it feels, some of us even got a piece of its skin. We would like to thank Mrs Kemp for taking the time to come and talk to us about snakes. We really enjoyed it.

Jance

Winter Sports

The summer sports are now over and you can feel by the weather that winter is kicking in. You have already received your Winter Sports timetable so you should already know which sport you will participate in. Remember that it is school policy for every Stirling pupil to do at least one form of physical activity each term. What are you going to choose?

Tsepišo

DANGER ZONE

Some naughty Stirling moms and dads have forgotten about the road rules and have been seen ramping onto pavements near Fun@4 and endangering the lives of our boys and girls in green. Most importantly, please pay attention to the ROBOT as we use this as a pedestrian crossing. Fast cars frequently go through the red robot and narrowly miss knocking little bodies. PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

Danny

JONGINENGE WITH GRADE 2

We all went on the school bus and we sang the school song. The children got off the bus then we went to the rock pools and we fend sum see critchers.

Stefan

I got a blue bandana and then we climb the montin of death. We had a adventure and we had lots of fun. The day was a happy day.

Jared

On Monday I went into the school bus. When I got to the betch I pot a black banda. Then I climd up munt deth. Then I fownd some sea anmils to look at. Then went into a cave then had lunch. I went on a chyob then bilt a sandkosl then went snokling.

Bryce

We all went in the bus and we all feend a storfish with tentcils and it was byootfoll. It look like a octeps with no eys and no hump for the back. And I was snoclin and sweeming and bildin a sand cosol. My groop wan the compteeshin. I had a sangweej.

Gaia



OVERHEARD

Miss Liddiard, when are we going to watch a movie in the electric theatre? (Lecture theatre!)



BEACH WALK AND BUBBLES

There was a terrific turnout of parents and other family members at the Peter Pan Beach Walk. This event is an annual fundraiser and this year the funds will be used to purchase outdoor equipment. Our little pupils walked all along Nahoon Beach and then ran up and down the sand dunes. They were also spoiled with ice lollies and water from a very energetic clown! At the end of the walk the families all had a picnic together and each child received a special bottle of bubbles.

