

# Green Gossip

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## BABES ON THE BEACH

On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 all our little Fun@4 children were very excited to go for their walk on the beach. They all had a great time walking down to the river and back. The best part of the walk was finishing because after the walk everyone got out their blankets and food and had a picnic. Thank you to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Poortman for setting everything up.

Rachael



## GRADE 2 EASTER EGG HUNT

My egg hunt was I don't know how to say it it was Super! awsome! The best part was I got to run because I was out of shape.

Wesley

My egg hunt was pleznt. The best part was eating the egg.

Dylan

My egg hunt was Fantastik and the best part was We all got eggs hep hep hray!

Jodi-Lee

The Grade 2 pupils had a very "egg-siting" time running around the school in search of clues to find Easter eggs, but their Grade 7 leaders battled to keep up. Some leaders even managed to lose their group while waiting for some slow pokes to tie their shoe laces! Each class had a great time and enjoyed a yummy Easter egg. Thanks to Mrs Loxton and Mrs Hayes (and the Easter bunny of course) for setting up all of the clues.

Jess

## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

### Food for thought: The Value of Compassion

*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. ~ Leo Buscaglia*

*A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble. ~ Charles H. Spurgeon*

Parenting is such a massive responsibility. As a parent who wants the best for my children, one of the biggest problems I face is that my children mostly do what I do and very little of what I say. This means that, as a parent, my character and behaviour is copied and inculcated in my children. Often what I see them doing, mirrors my own behaviour and there are times when I am concerned by what I see. I ask myself the question: "Am I helping my child to become a caring, compassionate person?"

Am I compassionate? Can I change who I am? Everyone can be kind and compassionate. Pray about it! A strong belief system and a personal, purposeful focus will help you to intentionally align your behaviour which will ultimately shape your character and your child, who learns so much from you, will be enabled to enjoy a life filled with meaningful relationships.

Kind regards  
P.M. Johnson  
Headmaster



Our Band in action.

## MY SPECIAL MOM

My mom is special because she hugs and kisses me. I know she loves and cares about me and I know that I will always be safe in her arms. She is the most wonderful mom in the world because she gives me yummy lunch for school every day. She even packs a treat for me on Fridays. I love it when she kisses me good night. She really deserves a foot, back and head rub. One day when I grow up I want to be just like her – sweet and special.

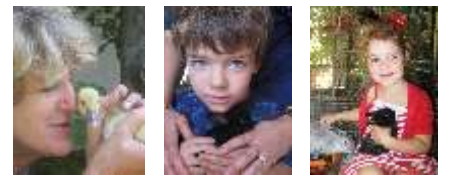
Stacey – Grade 3



## QUACKS, CLUCKS AND CARROTS

On Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, the Fun@4 pupils went on an outing to Mrs Poortman's home to learn all about baby animals and new life. They saw ducks, chicks and rabbits. They all had such a wonderful time playing with the animals and they learnt a lot.

Jess



## JOINING HANDS FOR CANSA

We raised R1262 for CANSA! Pupils decorated and cut out paper hands and returned them to school with a donation of R2.50 per hand. All the hands were linked together in the "Joining Hands for Cansa" chain at the Cansa Relay on the 27 March 2010.

Jance





### GRADE 5 CAMP

The Grade 5 pupils were very excited on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April as they were going on camp. They had to be at school by seven o'clock sharp as they were leaving at quarter past seven for Morgan Bay. We interviewed some Grade 5 pupils about their adventures at camp and here's what they had to say:

Georgia Cadle: We did surfing, canoeing, fishing, volleyball, soccer and hiking. We stayed in the Morgan Bay Caravan Park.

Ashleigh Judd: At fishing we had to cast and then reel in.

Erin Flowerday: Late at night we went for a walk on the beach. When we got to a certain point we had to switch off our torches and close our eyes. Our only light was the lighthouse and the moon. Camp was fun!

Emily Webster: On Thursday night the boys decided to prank the girls and put a knife on Brooke's towel. It was scary!

Jance and Holly



Camp was fun the surfing was so cool I nearly ramed someone because they were in my way. The surfing was fun because I bogi boarded.

Chris



On camp we played games and we went on a hyk it was exuasting and we saw a wale shark. Camp was very exiting

Jayson



At camp we went on a night walk. We saw a lighthouse.

Erin



The hike was really fun, but Jamie and I were so tierd we fell asleep in the middle of the road. Then Mr Robertson caught us and made us walk. That night was fun because we lay on the grass and watched the stars.

Lisa



At camp I liked canoeing, swimming, surfing, volleyball and beach soccer. At camp it was nice because we did not go to bed early and the walk to the beach at night and we skiped stones and walked around the camp with our torches at night.

James



I mostly liked in grade 5 camp surfing and soccer. In soccer I scored a goal even though my team lost. At night people said they saw a ghost but it was just a man fishing. 20 minutes later some people said someone is walking around with a pocket knife and someone even cried. But all those stories were fake because ghosts are not real.

Tadiwa



I loved to touch the octopus, it was slimy like an alien. The hike was cool and I fell hard. I liked the fact that we were near the beach it was relaxing.

Brittany

### IF I WERE MR JOHNSON I WOULD

#### **Grade 1**

Jaime: run away and sit in my office and work.

Usisipho: make a bigger tuckshop

Kaira: give children hamsters when it is their birthday and give them sweets when they are good

Rachael: give children treats if they are good

#### **Grade 2**

Rachael: read books and punish people

#### **Grade 3**

Kayleah: punish people who are naughty and sign certificates

#### **Grade 4**

Darshan: drive the school bus

Usisipho: give each class a dog and there would be 8 head boys and girls

Brittney: each class would have a cat

#### **Grade 5**

Conlan: give free doughnuts and make more sports

#### **Grade 7**

Tsepiso: Make breaks longer, give a choice of language including French, Afrikaans and Gibberish. I would also make a dancing facility in between the mini hall and the school shop and a new classroom for Ms. Xiniwe where we can go and have our Xhosa classes in beginners, average and advanced. I think I would also bring back fizzy cooldrinks and add salad for people who are vegetarians. Then there would be a recording studio in one of the music rooms with soundproof windows.

### PYJAMAS IN THE PLAYGROUND

At the end of the 1st term the Grade R mothers' committee organised an extremely successful pyjama party for the Grade R's and their families. Each family was invited to bring their picnic blanket and supper and most importantly, to wear their pyjamas! The children enjoyed being entertained by a magician as well as a crew of break dancers. This included one of our very own Grade R learners! Thank you to the moms for putting together such a wonderful family event.



## FUN@4 JONGINENGE

On the 23rd of March Fun@4 visited Jonginenge at the beach. They enjoyed the sand art with plaster of paris and the canoe rides. They also swam with tubes.

Danny



## GRADE 4 PIRATE DAY

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March the Grade 4 pupils arrived at school dressed as pirates. All the activities and war cries were enjoyed and there was something for everyone. Kelly Seymour had fun in the swimming activities, Brittany Pretorius enjoyed matching the cards with Mrs Leslie and Kaylin Appolis loved the great game of cannonballs. The treasure hunt and the memory game were enjoyed by Blake Fryer, Kiara Odhav and Kayleigh Mileham; they also liked dressing up, making the flags and the war cries at the end. Dylan Singh had loads of fun in the one legged race, Neo Pheko loved finding things in the treasure hunt, Simon Asimwe enjoyed the pillow fighting and Jordan Rooy also liked playing the cannon ball game. Some of the parents' outfits made the Grade 4's chuckle. We, former Grade 4 pupils, still have memories of Pirate Day.

Jance and Holly



## 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF!

The newest addition to the Grade R playground is a rocket! The children absolutely love climbing and playing on this new piece of equipment.



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

On the first day of the second term, our staff stayed after school for a workshop on "conflict management" which was hosted by Mrs Marais' sister. The staff discussed conflict situations and came up with good ways to deal with them. They even had to dramatise some of their stories!

Tsepiso and Danny



## STAFF NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Moss and her family on the recent sudden loss of her dad.

The ladies in the office are thrilled with their new addition; Alex Lucy Fronemann arrived on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March weighing in at 2.9kg. Congratulations, Mrs Fronemann! Mrs Lovell Rowan is the new face in the office while Mrs Fronemann is on maternity leave.

Two of our staff members recently celebrated engagements. Congratulations Miss Brink and Miss Kirkmann. We are so excited for you.

Jess



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Miss Liddiard's Grade 3 pupils bonding.



A happy snap after receiving certificates at the Eisteddfod.



Watching the netball tournament was exhausting for Tonia's little sister!

## LEARNING CIRCLE

A group of 12 pupils participated in a 10 week Learning Circle with teachers and students from countries such as Kenya, Uganda and Palestine. They successfully completed their task at the end of April.

Quotes of some of our pupils:

I loved the whole experience! Learning that people around the world have so much in common was very interesting! - Candace  
I liked to share info about me and my country - Yurish

I think we tried our best and I wouldn't have done anything better... I will miss iEARN, I think it was a great learning experience. - Aqeel  
The learning circle or the iEARN (International Education and Resource Network) is a group of Grade 6 and 7 pupils at our school who communicate and learn about children in different parts of the world. With the help of Mrs Dean we email teachers and students from other schools in the world. We inform them about our school, personal hygiene, diets and a day in the lives of people like us. - Okuhle  
Their collaborative project has been published on the Internet.

## FAST ON LAND AND IN THE WATER

Action photo of Matt Dewar at Biathle World Tour in Bloemfontein – he received a GOLD medal!



While on a hike to Bat's Cave recently, Inneke and Andrew discovered some footprints on an overhang. These turned out to be fossilised animal prints! According to the museum they are possibly of a hyena or a jackal and are more than 120 000 years old. They were very excited and published this in the Daily Dispatch. Kevin Cole, a scientist from the East London museum invited the Barnhoorn family to visit him at the museum for a special occasion.



Our Grade 1 Little Legends after their end of term rugby match.

### PLAY IT FORWARD

Stirling is excited for one awesome soccer event, and no, this isn't just the World Cup we're talking about. We are talking about the Play it Forward Programme. This is a great opportunity to bond with fellow pupils and to show off some amazing soccer skills. Schools all over will be taking part in this special event. Five pupils have been chosen to go around the school capturing some great soccer skills. If your skills are good enough, you could stand a chance at being on the internet or even on T.V!

Danny and Jess

### MERIT AND ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April our Senior Primary had a merit and academic assembly. Our guest speaker Mr Herselman, who is an editor for the GO, gave a very inspiring speech about our different talents and how we should try to find them. Well done to all the children who got their merit and academic badges. A special well done to Raymond on becoming a computer monitor.

### THE TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP

On the 18 March the travelling bookshop came to our school. This was the most successful visit ever! The great sales enabled Mrs Proud to choose many new books for our library. The travelling bookshop will be visiting again in October so start saving now...

Tsepiso and Rachael

### PADDLING PLEA

Our paddling club would be very grateful for any donations of old life jackets to fit children aged about 10-12 years old. Please send along to Mrs Sorour or Mr Burton.

Danny and Tsepiso



### RUGBY TOUR TO KZN

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March the U10, U11, U12 and U13A team rugby boys all piled into the buses and left for Kwazulu-Natal for their annual rugby tour. It took them a long time to get to Durban and when they got there they were all very excited. They all played about five matches each except the U13 team who stayed a week longer and played ten. The boys stayed in a hostel and did not just play rugby. They went on a boat cruise around the harbour. The best part of the tour for many of the boys was the trip to uShaka where they visited the aquarium and had so much fun at Wet Wild. All the U13 boys had to go down the drop zone, the biggest slide at the park. Another part of the tour that they all enjoyed was the two hours of shopping they got to do at the malls. That day they watched Alice in Wonderland in 3D. The tour was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to Mr. Whitelaw and all the rugby coaches for organising the great tour.

Rachael



### MOTHER'S DAY POEM

M is for marvellous because I think you are the most marvellous mom in the world.  
 O is for ONLY because I think you are the only mom that could take my tears and bad dreams.  
 T is for TERRIFIC because I think you bake the most terrific things ever.  
 H is for all the HUGS and kisses I love giving you.  
 E is for everything you've done for me.  
 R is for always being RIGHT there when I need you.

When you add all of those lovely letters together it spells MOTHER. The best person ever.

Caitlyn - Grade 3

### THE SENIOR CHOIR EISTEDDFOD

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April the senior choir participated in the annual Senior Choir Eisteddfod. This year it was held at the Hudson High Centenary Hall. With 13 schools participating we knew it would be tough to get the gold. We sang two songs, *Wakati wa Amani* and *When I Close my Eyes*. We went on stage excited and ready to sing to the best of our ability. We did very well and had lots of fun. In the end we received a silver. The trophy was not given out to any of the schools this year because the judges were very strict and felt we could have done better. Thank you to Mrs Clifford for all her hard work.

Okuhle and Rachael