



Green Gossip

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LAVISHING LUNCHES

Our Grade 7 pupils have been going to a lot of trouble to prepare meals for their class mates as part of their Life Orientation studies.

Friday 22 of February was Gr 7M's turn. Four very excited groups arrived at school ready for action. We had planned this event for some time and it had finally arrived! Each group had prepared a three course meal for their friends. Mrs. Moss couldn't keep her hands off the breyani while Mrs. Beecham went for the sweeter treats. We as the hosts felt quite proud that we offered our guests these irresistible meals. There were many themes such as Hawaiian, Indian, beach, tea and dinner parties.

Aiswarya and Kayla



MR LOXTONS BIRTHDAY

On the 8th of February Mr. Loxton celebrated his "21st" (Or at least that's his story and he is sticking to it!) He was delighted to receive a voucher from his incredible class. Who ate their way through the golf course - literally!! (His birthday cake was shaped like a golf course.) The party was then moved to the field where some pupils showed off their soccer skills (or lack there of) fortunately when the party ended it was home time because our sugar highs would have driven Mr Loxton insane!!

Caela and Jordan

STIRLING CARE AND COMPASSION GROUP

I would like to introduce the Stirling Care and Compassion Group to all new Stirling families, and remind our 'old' families once again of our mission.

The Care Group was established to lend practical and emotional assistance to families in times of crisis due to accident, serious illness or bereavement. We also organise grocery drives for families in need. To spread the load during grocery drives, only one grade at a time will be asked for assistance. Last years' grocery drives were hugely successful due to the generosity of our families!

The Care Group has access to second-hand uniform items, in excellent condition, which can be donated to children in need. If you, or anyone you know, requires any item of uniform or sports clothing, please contact me directly. If you have clothing items in good condition that you would like to donate to this project, please also contact me directly. I'd like to thank the school shop most sincerely for assisting us with this facility.

Due to the size of our school, it is impossible for me to know about every crisis that may arise. Please contact me if you or anybody else requires any practical help or even just a supportive word of encouragement. I know that it is not easy to involve virtual strangers when you are going through a difficult time, but we are all a part of the Stirling family and we care enough to want to help!

Please note that any information given to the Care Group will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. We strongly uphold the dignity and respect that each Stirling family member deserves.

We look forward to a rewarding and supportive year!

With Care and Compassion
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WE WISH OUR WATERPOLO PLAYERS WELL FOR THE TOURNAMENT IN P.E. WE KNOW YOU WILL MAKE US PROUD

GREEN GOSSIP REPORTERS

Congratulation to the following pupils who are our Green Gossip reporters for 2008: Aishwarya Zachariah, Adriane Louw, Caela Bowman, Caira Blignaut, Candice Hempel, Gabriella Naidoo, Jordan van der Westhuizen, Kayla Weimers, Mikaela Bodeux, Philasande, Qhama Ngobo

If you would like an event featured or have any suggestions for our newsletter please contact one of these ladies or e-mail us at greengossip@stirlingps.co.za

DID YOU KNOW

Last year Stirling Primary had 90 Provincial and National sports representatives!

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HAIRCUTS WITH PURPOSE

Mr Loxton and Mr Whitelaw have bravely sacrificed their hair as part of a fundraising exercise for the U.K. tour. A competition was held between our pupils to see who would be holding the clippers and on Monday the 25th of February, Caitlin and Sibabalwe won the privilege. Many pupils piled into the hall at break to watch the 'barbers' in action.

When we asked Mrs Loxton how she felt about her husbands haircut, she responded, "I am quite pleased about it because it saves me doing the job. He also looks quite handsome when his hair is not wild and woolly! - He looks younger with short hair and it shaves off all the grey bits. So thank you!"

Some other spectators also shared their thoughts:

- ★ I think it's incredible what they put themselves through for the U.K tour.
- ★ They look refreshed and cool!
- ★ They look younger!
- ★ They look fine, but are going to be itchy soon.
- ★ They look much better with longer hair!
- ★ Yo have you seen Mr. Whitelaw? He looks damaged!

Qhama and Candice



BOOK THIS DATE

Are you looking forward to the Andre Vos Rugby Festival?

Date: 15 March 2008

Time: 7:00 - 15:30

Venue: Glen Eagles Field

See you there!



Back: Miselo Mangisa, Savesh Naidoo, Dylan Billingham, Mbulelo Mama (c), Matthew Thorp, Mr R. Harris (Coach), Luke Lemmer, Jason Oberem, Lemarc Stewart, Samuel Burger.
Front: Dallas Sabbagh, Damian Ross, Justin Smouse

OLD BOYS FAST 15 CHAMPS

The Stirling Primary Under 13 A Cricket side successfully defended their Old Selbornian Fast 15 title, won by last years team, against George Randell Primary.

In the play offs Stirling beat Gonubie by 27 runs and Crewe by 29 runs to earn their place in the Final. George Randell beat Selborne and Hudson Park to earn their place.

George Randell won the toss and batted first. Stirling, through tight fielding and bowling, restricted George Randell to 38 for 8 in their allotted 15 overs. Stirling then went in to bat needing 39 for victory. Two early wickets had Stirling stuttering along at 11 for 2. After 7 overs, however, Matthew Thorp who took the team to the brink of victory, losing his wicket with the team on 38 for 4.

Result: Stirling won the match and the championship by 5 wickets.

Matthew Thorp won man-of-the-match in the final and Mbulelo Mama won Man-of-the-Series.

Well done to our boys and thank you to the organisers, Mr Chris Patrick and his team from Old Selbornians, and the sponsors of the tournament, POWERADE.

BIATHLE

On 23 March 2008 Stirling Primary's Biathle Border A representatives will participate at the SA leg of the World Series in the Vaal Triangle.

Back row: L Nancarrow, J Crowder, J Harty, C Drake, N Venter
Middle row: T de Bloe, B Swanepoel, N Schoof, W Saunders, P Swanepoel
Front row: T Schwulst
Absent: G Boucher

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Our Stirling Sports Teams have done us proud and held up the "excellence" banner once again!

This page is dedicated to all our cricket, swimming, athletics and biathle sports stars who achieved excellent results these past weeks.



EAST CAPE REPRESENTATIVES

Ten Stirling Primary swimmers have been selected to represent the Eastern Cape Aquatics Team at the Primary School Aquatics Nationals in Cape Town on 1 and 2 March 2008.

Front row: Nicole Venter, Megan Thompson, Dylan van Pletzen
Second row: Luke Seymour, James Crowder, Dani Smit, Charnelle Drake
Back row: Tadi Mrewa, Jedwyn Harty
Absent: Blaine Kruger



RECENT TOP SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Jedwyn Harty captained the Amathole Swimming Team at the Eastern Cape championships.

Amakosi Interschools' Gala:

1st Co-Ed Trophy } Won by Stirling Primary
1st Girls Trophy }
2nd Boys Trophy }

Preston Shield and Meter Cup:

The boys won the Preston Shield and the girls won the meter cup at the annual Athlone Shield Gala in King Williams Town.



FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Food for thought:

The family you come from isn't as important as the family you're going to have.

Ring Lardner

What a challenge and a privilege to be able to build a family in which each child can experience acceptance, support and encouragement, i.e. love. However, as you probably know, this does not come easily. It requires servanthood, vision, determination and a clear appreciation of the values that matter - the qualities of an effective leader. May I encourage you to keep at it, so that you may reap the reward of happy children, who can face the world with confidence? What a constant source of joy that will be to you in your later years.

Kind regards
Peter Johnson





GOOD CATCH!

Stirling pupils are talented in many areas. Christopher Botha caught this 6kg Kob at Hamburg. The fish was so heavy, his dad had to help him reel it in.



VALENTINES DANCE

The first ever Valentines Dance at Stirling Primary was held on the 15th of February. This event was used as a fundraiser for the UK sports tour group.

At 6:30pm the Grade Sixes and Sevens arrived; the girls having gone to town with their outfits. The dynamic group of moms ensured that the hall looked beautiful with all the stars, hearts and balloons. All this and we even had a DJ, who played all our favorite songs. Mr Valentine was Daniel Walmsley and Dale Klaasen and Miss Valentine was Sade Smallman and Vaneshree Leeuw. We all danced to the last song which was 'Piece of Me' and sometimes we had the teachers and parents dance with us too. (Who knew the teachers could dance like that? - very impressive!) A fun night was had by all!

Gabriella and Mikaela



FUNNY SAYINGS FROM PETER PAN

I went to the hairdryer and now my hair is short when my mom dries my hair. - Jessie

Do you know what Coke can do to you? It makes your eyes juicy. - Adam



IT IS FUN TO BALANCE AND CLIMB



PETER PAN'S BUDDING PICASSOS



ALL IN RED AND READY FOR FUN!



THE FRIKI STORM

My dad dropt granny at the ereport and when the storm hit there he founed to worn us. My mom told me to close all the windos and when the storm came my mom's bra that was on the line flu over the fens!

The tolet and one wendo likt. I ran to put nuspaper down. Me and my mom had fun pushing water down the draivway. My mom told me that i could jomp in the pool that was over flowing. It was so scery, but i had fun!

Blake Gr 2

We have had a wonderful resposnes to the request for books in the last edition. Please continue to send books to the Foundation Phase computer lab.



GRADE 2 AT THE BEACH WITH JONGINENGE

Our Grade 2 pupils have wasted no time in getting to the beach this year. They enjoyed a wonderful day at Nahoon with the Jonginenge Guides.

Simon: I saw a starfish it felt so increstin and I saw a octrepis it was hyouj.... And the water was so nice.

Gabriel: Wen we wer gown in to the bus I was geth (getting) nerves and nerves and nreves. But when it stopt my tim sat down we wer whatne (waiting) becars we had litl bit of kids. We wer whatne (waiting) for ther uder kids.

Neo: We we're looking for shells. When children we're in the sea I siad bomb drab!

Nishaan: Wow at Jonginenge some one foud a big star fish. Then we went to a hall and lernt how the shells felt and lernt about fish that I did not kno about. We went with tibo and lernt about sea slaugs and hermet crabs.



ADVERTISE

Here is an opportunity to advertise your business and support Stirling at the same time!

To place a banner/flag on or around the field will cost R250.

Please contact
Millie Naidoo 082 244 97783
Leonie Harty 083 788 3905



PRECIOUS PETS

Last year the Grade 5 pupils participated in a rugby webquest. Each team also researched a charity of their choice. Team Argentina won their presentation and therefore the funds raised during a civvies day were donated today to the SPCA. Glynis Markus, the fund Raiser for the SPCA, gratefully accepted the donation as they are really in need of funds especially for medication.

Families, companies or classes are encouraged to sponsor a kennel. Glynis Markus can be contacted on 043 7451441

SCHOOL RULES

Our Grade 4s have been discussing how to respect others. Chad, Kirsten and Juan in Gr 4C came up with these school rules.

- ◆ Don't judge other people before you know them
- ◆ Greet other people and respect their rights,
- ◆ Do not steal, fight and be selfish.
- ◆ Never be dishonest and disrespectful.



WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN IN GRADE R

ALL ABOUT THE BEACH

This Friday morning at Jonginenge, when we were getting into the bus, i was unsure about what we would do at the beach. When the bus stopped, my team and i waited for the other kids to arrive. When they arrived we all sat in a line. Then the couches took us and some other teams into the beach hut. Some other teams went to the rock pools. We all went around the beach hut in to a room. We all sat down. The couches put on the screen with pictures of plankton and pictures of shells. When it was finished we all went down the road on the side. When we were there we took a break and swam. After that we went to the rock pools. After that we all went up the mountain and down. When we got down we went up the road in the school bus and everybody went back to school.

Gabriel Gr 2

SAUSAGE SIZZLE SNAPS



GR 4'S RESPECT.

The Grade 4's have been learning about being Trustworthy and having Respect. Each class was asked to brainstorm ways of making our school environment more respectful. Grade 4B came up with these suggestions:

- Think about your actions before you do them.
- Play nicely with others.
- Respect each other.
- Don't swear at people.
- If you can't say anything kind, don't say anything at all.
- Don't call people ugly names.
- Don't touch anyone's items without their permission.
- Don't get angry and take it out on somebody else.
- Don't bully others to do things they don't want to.
- If someone bullies you, walk away report to the nearest teacher.

THE ORDINARY SATURDAY MORNING

Once upon a time there was a very scary family, that lived in a very scary house, on a very scary street, in a very scary town. These 'crazy' people lived in a house called the Nut House, on a street called Scary Stanmore Rd, in a town called Eerie East London. What a Family!

There was mom, there was dad, there was Sarah, there was Michael and there was Robert. Then something horrible happened. One day they were joined by 2 ugly little pigs! Their names were Lumpy and Muffin.

Then one ordinary Saturday morning, a frog crept into mom's slipper. When mom woke up she put on her slippers and SCREAMED! As I said it was an ordinary morning. She screamed so loud it rattled the windows! After that the windows bumped over a flower pot which landed on...

Ow! Yelled Sarah who had been playing just below. She wondered around the garden and managed to get into the house. (remember she still had the flowerpot over her eyes!) On the floor wqas a small puddle in which Sarah slipped and went flying. After this a rather guilty looking Muffin appeared from around the corner. Sarah manged to knock over the toaster just as the toast leaped out. These four pieces went flying into dad's mouth. "Well there goes breakfast!"

... more next time...

Sarah Gr 4



IN GRADE R WE LOVE OUR FRIENDS



HEY CHAPS YOU NEED TO GO THERE



WE LOVE TO DO ART