



# GROVE TALK

10 AUGUST 2011

## GOVERNING BODY FEEDBACK

Money saved in Provisions this year was used to purchase new computers for the Computer Lab and Admin areas. They have 500GB Hard drive and 18.5" flat screen monitors. I have been told that they look 'really cool'. We are running Windows 7 operating system and Office 2010 has been installed as part of Microsoft Schools' Agreement.

It is important for us to keep up to date with software as this assists with the efficient running of our Admin systems and educational software. The old lab machines have now been moved into all the classrooms (including all Specialist areas and the clothing shop). They have replaced the VERY old machines.

The new computers are better able to cope with SMARTboard software and are generally faster and more efficient. 3 more SMARTboards have also been purchased. One has been installed in Mrs Smallbones' classroom. She has been using a Mimio up until now but we have found that the SMARTboard software has better features to be used in Maths teaching. One has been installed in the Technology Room and one in the Lab. Junior Primary classes will have access here for lessons should they wish to use the SMARTboard. This brings the total of SMARTboards to 22 in the school. All Senior Primary classrooms are now equipped as well the Lab and Technology Room.

A projector has been installed in Mrs Halls' classroom. She will be making use of the Mimio's.

Four Toshiba photostat/ printer/ scanner machines have been received which are on contract with Toshiba. All these machines are networked. Servicing and ink are included as part of the deal. One is in the office for faxing, printing and scanning. One in the Lab for printing, photostatting and scanning. One in the Library for printing and photostatting. One in the Staff workroom for printing and photostatting.

Apple laptops are being successfully used in Grades 4 and 6. Some of the activities are learning support and some are learning about Apple Software. Windows based Netbooks are being used in Grade 5 to assist with Maths learning and other classroom activities. Activities are able to be adapted to fit the Curriculum requirements and some are used for assessments. They are a great motivator and have helped some children with their learning while teachers are kept on their toes adapting lessons and teaching methods.

Thank you, parents, for all the input and ideas in helping The Grove remain one of the leading Primary Schools in technology. Without all your assistance we would not be able to maintain our level of technological expertise or keep up with the latest educational developments in terms of software and hardware.

## SHARING GROVE

We are in the process of restoring the historic archives of The Grove. This is an appeal to any parents who wish to offer their time, in order to get this project completed in a meticulous way. Specifically, the work entails:

- cleaning and restoring historic photographs
- binding historic documents and books
- displaying articles in a stylish manner that enhances the noteworthy history of The Grove

**Please call Heidi on 082 8309291** for further information. Ideally, small focussed teams work best!  
Thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- ❖ Nina Brand, Grade 3, whose bookmark design was chosen as a winner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term by The Book People
- ❖ U10 and U12 boys' soccer teams who won their respective tournaments at the St George's soccer festival
- ❖ Jordan Louis, Grace Sonneman, Michaela Boardman, Aerin McCallum and Tessa van Heerden who represented the Western Cape in the Southern Zone gymnastics championship
- ❖ Brenton Harrison, Sportsperson of the Week, for playing so well in the soccer match vs Kenwyn Primary
- ❖ Nur-ayn Hashim, who received her Western Province colours at the WP Schools Judo championships and won a gold medal. She has also been invited to the world championships in London in October.

### REMINDER .....

On **Saturday, 27 August** there will be a play practice for **ALL SENIOR PRIMARY CHILDREN** in the hall:

Scenes 1 – 6      10am – 1.00 pm  
Scenes 7 – 10    1.30pm – 4.30 pm

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN  
ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT  
PRACTICE**

### PARENTS' FORUM / CLASS REPS

A reminder that the meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> term will take place on **TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST** at 7.00 pm

### LOST PROPERTY

- ❖ All items will be displayed every Friday from 10h30 to 13h30
- ❖ To reclaim items during the week, please send a letter to reception, for attention "Lost Property"
- ❖ Please do not email requests

### MAKRO SCHOOL REBATE PROGRAMME

Please remember to return your completed forms so that your Makro card can raise funds for The Grove. Once your card is linked the school will benefit every time you shop at Makro Ottery.

## GROVE ADS

**PLANNING AN OCCASION AND NEED PROTECTION AGAINST THE ELEMENTS?** We have water-resistant Bedouin stretch tents that provide a cosy atmosphere, for hire. **Please call Melanie Trapman for a quote : 076 4897135.**

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**BILTONG** - Kudu, - tastes amazing, slightly moist and **no fat**. Also, Game Droe Wors, Springbok and Beef biltong. Sold normally in 1kg packs. Smaller packs available - 500gm packs + 250 gm packs.  
**Olives** – Green and black, green stuffed and black paste  
Orders must be received before 4pm on Wednesdays and deliveries on Thursdays. (Cape Town Southern Suburbs only). Payment COD. Details, full price list & order forms, e-mail to **Roger French [safrog@frenchsa.co.za](mailto:safrog@frenchsa.co.za) or CELL 0825619638**

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