



## TRAFFIC MOBILITY SURVEY

Thank you to all those parents and children who participated in the Traffic Mobility survey last week. Patrick Muchaka was delighted at the response from our families.

The next stage is to recruit parents to participate in a study which is an extension of the mobility survey. We are looking at a minimum of 35 parents (though we wouldn't mind more). Ideally this should be parents of children from grade 4-7. The questionnaires will be completed at home, which means that we will not be utilising any tuition time to conduct the survey. He will be asking the same parents to participate in a similar survey in August 2011.

Please support this programme. Not only it is all part of our vision of Sharing Grove and building relationships with UCT, but it supports our Eco Awareness and goes a long way towards developing community relationships and social responsibility. Please read the attached letter and respond directly to Patrick.

Thank you very much

SALLY SHIELD

## GRADE 4-7 INTER HOUSE GALA Wednesday, 23 February 2011

- School closes at 2.00 pm. Grades 1 – 3 will go home at 1.00 pm. There will be no mini sport. Private coaches will have made their own arrangements.
- Pupils are to wear P.E. togs over bathing costumes, suitable footwear (takkies, strops, etc.), caps or hats, sunscreen. P.E. shirt may be replaced by a plain T-shirt in the colour of their house.
- All pupils will get a chance to participate. Any child whose name does not appear on the programme is encouraged to swim in the non-team length events.
- Pupils assemble on the field at 2.45 pm in their houses, ready to proceed to the pool area. The first race begins at 3.30 pm
- Interval will be at approximately 4.30 – 5.00 pm. Relay events take place after interval. Pupils may leave only after prize giving and when their house area is clean. All children are to be collected by 6.30 pm.
- **Grade 7 classes are to remain behind to assist with cleaning up:**  
**7A – chairs and benches packed away**  
**7B – tuckshop area and any other tables**  
**7C – sound equipment, gazebo, lane ropes and flags**  
**THERE WILL BE A TUCKSHOP AT THE GALA. BUY YOUR SUPPER THERE!**

## THE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A DYNAMIC AND INSPIRATIONAL INDIVIDUAL TO DRIVE AND IMPLEMENT ITS NEW 'SHARING GROVE' INITIATIVE.

He/she will be responsible for ....

- Helping to establish and support a project aimed at creating a learning network of primary schools focused on improving educational practice;
- Co-ordinating an initiative to make Grove an example of outstanding green practice;
- Leading the school's marketing, fundraising and promotion drive focused on the private sector, past pupils and parents and donor organisations.
- Ensuring effective communication of the programmes within the school community as well as with funders, partner organisations and other stakeholders.

The successful applicant will have ..

- A strong track record in providing project and marketing leadership;
- High levels of initiative;
- Excellent communication, advocacy and fundraising skills;
- A proven ability to work in a team, and motivate and inspire others.

Please apply in writing or via email to:

Mrs Gael van Niekerk  
gvannie@grove.wcape.school.za  
(no faxes please)

Closing date: Monday, 28 February 2011

## BANKING DETAILS

Please note that fees may no longer be paid into our Property Trust Account. ALL school fees and aftercare fees need to be paid into the school's bank account, details as follows:

Standard Bank, Claremont. Branch Code: 02 51 09  
Account #: 07 25 79 85 4

**Please specify in your reference what you are paying for,** eg. CAMP J Smith / A/CARE J Smith / CLOTHING J Smith



### VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC RULES BY GROVE PARENTS

*Our family's fabulous experience of this school is soured, sometimes daily, by the mayhem caused by parents who jam Grove Avenue by stopping to offload their children right in front of the main gate (on the red lines and in front of the cones and "no stopping" signs).*

*Yesterday, a woman in a large Mercedes parked diagonally in front of the gates, allowing only enough space for the smallest of cars to squeeze past, before ambling off in the direction of the Gr R building. Hooting or pointing out the obvious road markings tends to elicit abuse or, at best, bafflement and indifference.*

*Most of us would love to be able to disgorge our kids right at the gate: it would save a few minutes when in a rush (and who isn't?) and you wouldn't need to leave the car. But surely we all realise that it would be chaos if everyone tried to do that? Especially when there is always parking available further down Grove Avenue, or in one of the other roads around the school (just get up ten minutes earlier, like others who realise that they might have to circle the school once or twice before being able to park safely).*

*The Grove is a community: as such, our actions affect each other and our children. In a country with abysmal road carnage (and high levels of violence), we can teach our children that the rules don't apply to us, that the safety of other people matters little and that arrogance trumps consideration for others (especially if you have an expensive car). These are not the values The Grove espouses, and these are not the values I expected to encounter in the parent body of a school such as this.*

*Please obey traffic rules around the school, for the sake of your children and others.*

### WELL DONE TO:

The following pupils who received Trinity College music certificates:

- Kristen September, Jessica Fair, Caitlin Hutchison, Sophia Rabie, Alice Schmidt, Aerin McCallum, Tamsyn Arendse, Daniel Rossmeisl, Oliver Croft, Finn Lewis, Christopher Clarkson, Alexander Cargill, Jaimen Brown, Grant Leslie
- Siyamthanda Yanta, Cricketer of the Week
- Kayla Morgan, Sportswoman of the Week
- Liam Gildenhuis and Tom Croft, Sportsmen of the Week

### A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO .....

**Heidi Jee** (mom of Francesca in Grade 2) for co-ordinating and **Kieron Tudor** (mom of Chloë Tudor in Grade 4) for making and sewing the uniforms for our dolls in the cabinet in the foyer, as an historic record of The Grove uniform. Kieron made every bit of the uniform, including the shoes and the dolls have been beautifully dressed.



### CAMPOUT - 26 FEBRUARY

We desperately need an accomplished egg fryer (or two!) to fry eggs for breakfast on Sunday morning of the campout. If able to help, please email Mrs Jill Theron on [jill.theron@gmail.com](mailto:jill.theron@gmail.com)

Thank you to those who have already booked your places. We gratefully acknowledge donations from the following families:  
Ponton-Thamm, Sonemann, Ackerley, Blomdal & Cluer.

**THERE ARE STILL CAMPSITES AVAILABLE.**  
**ALL PARKING SITES ARE SOLD OUT.**



### MUSIC DEPARTMENT

A reminder about our music parents' meeting on Wednesday evening, **16 February at 19h00** in the school hall.

Our special guest speaker, The HA! Man, **Francois le Roux**, will be talking about the value of musical improvisation. He is a spontaneous cellist, pianist, and vocalist who has been building an international network over a decade with the aim of putting modern day performance on the musical map.

**CLASSIC FEEL Magazine.** The Grove features in the February edition; on sale at Exclusive Books and CNA.

**MUSICAL MAGIC.** Grade 2's who still have copies of this recorder book must return it to school by FRIDAY.