



GROVE TALK

23 NOVEMBER 2011



TOYS FOR JOY

We are collecting **TOYS** for distribution by Khayelitsha Ministries over the Christmas season. Please send in any toys, children's books, games, etc. that your children no longer use – **please make sure they are clean and complete.** Let's make this a bumper collection for this very worthwhile charity.

BREAD TAGS

Thank you so very much for supporting "Bread tags for Wheelchairs".

Please thank everyone who has been involved in this project, with such a great result. Special thanks to Mrs White-Phillips.

Over 5 tons of tags have been recycled into seedling trays and other useful items and 167 wheelchairs have been given to children and adults.

Please continue to collect the tags and keep them out of the environment!

WELL DONE TO:

- ❖ Ebrahim Mohamed, Cricketer of the Week
- ❖ Niki Tarr, Sportswoman of the Week

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS 2012

Forms for each grade's requirements are being sent home with every child this week. Parents choosing to pre-order are reminded that the closing date for payment is **Friday 2nd December 2011.**

Please send payment in a clearly marked envelope to Mrs. Irwin at the office. Payment options: Cash or Cheque or EFT - The Grove Primary School, Standard Bank, Claremont. Branch: 025 109. Account number: 072579854. Please provide office with proof of EFT.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Please note that the full summer uniform must be worn from **Monday, 28 November.**

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to all parents that **school fees need to be settled in full by the close of term – 9 December 2011.** If you require a statement of your account, please contact Mrs Irwin : cirwin@grove.wcape.school.za or phone 021 6742077.

GROVE IS GREEN!

We are delighted to announce that The Grove has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag. A portfolio containing school initiatives, projects, lessons, outings and other activities within our school was submitted to The Western Cape Eco-Schools Assessment Team.

"Your fantastic portfolio effectively shows an enthusiastic commitment to positive environmental change both in theory (a beautifully presented portfolio) and practice. There is clearly a deliberate shift towards changing minds, hearts and habits for a more sustainable livelihood. We commend you for championing the environmental cause."

In order to keep our Eco-School status and flag, we need to keep working on the following themes within our school and community:

1. Resource/Energy conservation
2. Nature and Biodiversity
3. Local and Global Issues
4. Community and Heritage



In 2012 we will submit another portfolio which will reflect our ongoing Eco-School work and commitment to our environment.

Thank you to our Eco-Club, teachers, learners and parents for your contributions which made our portfolio such a success.

Let's celebrate by wearing green to school on Friday 25 November!



REMINDER: WALK TO SCHOOL 25 NOVEMBER

Depart Palmyra Junction, Lady Anne Field at 7.20 and 7.40 am. We **still need some parents** to walk with learners from both points.

Please call/SMS Maritza on 083 625 6069 or e-mail at maritzav@gmail.com Don't forget those placards and the **Mystery Prize** up for grabs!



RAMBLERS

All Ramblers are invited to meet at The Grove pool area from **17h30 on Friday, 25 November** for our AGM. Bring costumes and towels. Braai fires will be available.

GROUND STAFF END OF YEAR GIFT

Thank you to all parents who have already contributed towards the end of year gift for our very deserving grounds staff. Those who would still like to contribute can do so by placing cash in an envelope marked "Ground Staff" and can hand the envelope in at the office **by Friday 2nd December**. Thank you to all class reps for organizing the collections throughout the year.

Sandy de Wet & Sarah Foale

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the last shopping day for 2011 at the school uniform shop is **TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER**. Thank you for all your support throughout this year.

The uniform shop will be open on 9th and 10 January 2012 – times to be advertised in next week's Grove Talk.

SENIOR HONOURS

Invitations have been handed out to parents of those children in Grades 4 -7 who will be awarded special prizes at our Senior Honours this year. All parents and pupils in the senior primary are most welcome to attend this event on Thursday, 1 December at 7pm, although it is not compulsory due to the very limited space in our school hall.

GROVE ADS

ENVIRON COSMETICS SOLD AT BELOW SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICES. Eg. Original Day/Night creams R200 and Ultra Day / Night Creams R230
Contact: Maggie Mouton on 0826035092. Tel: 021 6740112
A/H or email orders/enquiries to maggie.mouton@hotmail.com
FREE DELIVERY TO GROVE PRIMARY.

COUNSELLING AND PLAY THERAPY. GILL LIPRINI specialises in working with children, adolescents and adults who are experiencing social, emotional and behavioural problems. **Phone 084 7303336; fax 021 9053863; email : gliprini@mweb.co.za**

ATTENTION : REQUIRED FOR GRADE 7 NEXT YEAR

The network book "Al Capone does my shirts" by Gennifer Choldenko is a compulsory requirement for 2012. New copies cost R98. Mrs. Steenkamp has 20 good used copies, selling at R60 each, first come / first served basis. Can be purchased from the Grade 7A classroom during first break.



HELP WITH CATERING

We need your help with providing eats for our Junior and Senior Honours. Could each family please provide a plate of finger eats, sweet or savoury, for the following:

Senior Honours : Thursday, 1 December, 7pm

Grade 4 and 5 parents to provide

Junior Honours : Friday, 2 December, 10.30am

Grade 1, 2 and 3 parents to provide

Please deliver eats to the tuckshop area. Willing hands are also needed to serve tea after the awards ceremonies. **Please call Zelda vd Merwe if you are able to help with setting up and serving: zeldaburch@gmail.com or phone 072 6238231.**

PLEASE NOTE

- From Wednesday, 23 November there will be no sport practices after school till the end of the term. Scheduled fixtures will still take place.
- From Monday **28 November**, all children will be dismissed at **1.00 pm** every day

SPOTLIGHT DRAMA STUDIO PRESENTS CS Lewis' "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" at the Masque Theatre on 16 – 21 December at 19h30 and 17 December at 14h30 and 18h30. Directed and adapted by Deborah Gildenhuis.
Bookings : ph 021 7881898; Adults R70, children R50

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HERMANUS BEACH CLUB HOLIDAY RENTAL

2 x bedroomed (sleeps 4) fully equipped holiday apartment in a secure holiday resort. Short drive from beaches, shops and nature reserve. Tennis, squash, gym, club-house, pools, tuck-shop. R500 per night and R600 in school holidays. **Tel. Lorraine on 083 4701884 or e-mail finkel@mweb.co.za**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CREATIVE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS 8 – 10 YEARS.

We are offering 3 morning workshops for children to explore their creativity through mixed media and other art techniques. All art materials and snacks will be provided. The workshops will be facilitated by Mel Horwitz, a Grove parent and Carol Cheesman.

Dates: 12, 13 and 14 December

Venue: Frank Joubert Art Centre

Times: 9 – 11.30 am

Cost: R120 per workshop; R330 for all 3

We are also offering a **day workshop for adults on 3 December**, based on developing creativity in a non-judgmental environment. No previous art experience needed.

Phone Mel Horwitz on 083 3049557 / meljul@telkomsa.net or Carol Cheesman on 079 4275217 / cheez@mweb.co.za

BEAUTY ON DEAN. 43 DEAN STREET NEWLANDS.

Soul 2 Sole 45min back & foot massage R200

Twinkle Toes 1hr deluxe pedicure with Medi Heel treatment R210

Wellness Journey 1hr body wrap with complimentary hand massage The wrap helps with detoxing the body & cm loss R250. **Call 021 6895126; sureslimknl@iafrica.com www.sure-slim.co.za**

BONNYVALE FARM HOLIDAY ON BREEDE RIVER-

Tranquil, private accommodation in a natural, peaceful environment a) 2 bedroomed upmarket Canadian -style timber D/S cottage , sleeps 4 @ R750 per night.

b) Rustic Canadian timber and tent cabin, fully equipped, gas and solar energy. Sleeps 2-4 @ R350 per night.

Tel: Lorraine on 083 4701884 or e-mail finkel@mweb.co.za

SWIMMING LESSONS:

Babyswim/todsswim/learn to swim strokes/adults/beginner waterpolo skills in an indoor heated pool with qualified instructors. December/January holiday clinics. 61 Paradise Rd Newlands. Phone 021 6710950; swim@swim4life.co.za; www.swim4life.co.za

OPEN DAY : CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for teachers, mothers-in-law or yourself . Come and browse and have a cup of tea! Friday 25th November, 54 Cook Road, Claremont from 10am – 6pm

ART FOR ALL... EXCITING ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS! Grade R to Grade 12 & Adult Morning Classes: Beginners and Intermediate.

Shirley Tobias has been teaching art and design at Frank Joubert Art Centre for the past 30 years. Cheryl Bauer has taught at several pre-schools and Primary Schools in the Southern Suburbs. Together, these teachers have a passion for developing and encouraging creativity at all levels. They run classes from a beautiful home studio in Rosebank.

FOR MORE INFO: Please call Shirley : Tel 021 686-6459 Cell: 0836197062. shirlt@netactive.co.za

AFRAID OF RECEIVING YOUR ELECTRICITY

ACCOUNT THESE DAYS? Rest easier by installing a **solar geyser** or a **heat pump** from **TOTALLY SOLAR**. Uses the enormous FREE energy that Mother Nature provides. Best of all let Eskom pay for some of it. Phone for a free on-site assessment to evaluate the best solution for you at a price that suits your budget. **Roger 083 651 0464 or totallysolarwc@tiscali.co.za. Visit our website www.totallysolar.co.za.**

SUMMER SCIENCE SPLASH. Your kids are on holiday, but you are not? Enrol them in our Summer Science Splash Programme to keep them busy! Edutainment at its best – we will teach your grade 4 – 7 child all about the oceans and its inhabitants. From sharks to penguins and why starfish have five arms. This interactive course will open up your child’s mind to a whole new underwater world. Applications close 5 December. **For bookings and enquiries contact 021 4183823 or education@aquarium.co.za.**

Where: Two Oceans Aquarium

When: 12 – 14 December

Time: 8.30 am – 3.45 pm (Mon – Wed)

Cost: R320 (special offer R430 includes Shoreline Café meals.

OPEN THE HEART AND STILL THE MIND: An integration of meditation with psychotherapy for adults. Groups facilitated by Sue Cooper, clinical psychologist and past Grove parent. Please **email sue@pinchuck.com or phone 021 7623561** for further details of 9-week courses and Day Retreats for next year.

KIDZ SUMMER CAMP AT WITZENBERG GAME

PARK. From 12 – 15 December for grades 4 – 7. R985 for 4 days, 3 nights inclusive. The camp promises to be an exciting, adventurous and entertaining event for all children. The programme will include a wide spectrum of energizers, games, mini challenges, dance, art and drama and much more Qualified youth development facilitators will present and supervise each day’s process. **Please contact Bianca at bianca@lead4life.co.za or on 021 6717873 / 072 8204579 to request a booking form or for more information.**

NATURE NETWORK offers Nature Explorers in the holidays, from 9 - 1pm. Enjoy some down to earth fun with Jessica at Kirstenbosch (19 and 20 Dec) or Green Point Urban Park (12, 13,14, 15, 22, 23 Dec). For 5-10yrs; book early to avoid disappointment, **phone 079 522 8510**