



Dear Grovites

Last week I attended a two day workshop entitled “Schools at the Centre of Communities”.

I met Hendrik Windvogel, the principal of Tygersig Primary School, which serves a very poor community. He told me of how he asked the parents of his community to please send 50c a week so that stock cubes could be purchased to enhance the flavour of the feeding scheme food.

Today is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent in the Christian calendar. As I was reflecting on the meaning of fasting in the different belief systems, I was reminded of how during Ramadaan food is given to the less fortunate.

The focus of our strategic plan is sharing Grove to build community. With this in mind, I took it upon myself to ask each child to bring at least one stock cube (an already beautifully wrapped gift), to school some time between now and Easter so that the children of Tygersig can enjoy a tasty meal at school.

Thank you for your support.

SALLY SHIELD



CAMPOUT

We raised **R30 451,33**. This money will be put towards the upgrading of pupils' bathrooms. Thanks once again for your support and well done to the small, but extremely hard working fund raising committee.

Special mention should be made of the following Grade 7's who managed the scary walk so responsibly:
Muaath Adams, Shaye de Wet, Zubair Walele, Radhé Singh, Thania Mohidin, Sanjiv Ranchod, Joshua Rautenbach, Savannah Coombe, Zayd Osman and Timothy Truran.

GRADE 8 2012

Sans Souci Girls' High

Interactive open day on Thursday, **10 March** from **5 – 7 pm**. Esme Road, Newlands, adjacent to the Newlands swimming pool



GRADE 7 CAMP - OUDTSHOORN

What a week! Over 1000 km travelled with 100 learners in 2 busses. I have done this trip on many occasions with other schools, but spending time with the Grade 7 teachers and learners has illustrated to me how unique The Grove is.

Mrs Smallbones showed extreme organisational efficiency, considering the lengthy trip and clearly has the winning formula, as it works! 1200 meals served for an astounding array of dietary requirements, this was no simple task. Organising access and co-ordinating groups at no fewer than 12 separate venues and yet Mrs Smallbones had the energy to partake in everything.

Mrs Steenkamp, with her calm gracious manner always smiling, even after a sleepless night tending a sick child. What I thought was a vanity bag she carried everywhere she went, turned out to be prescription medication for children who needed to take these. Some as regularly as every hour! She too still had the energy to accompany her class on all activities including crawling through the Cango Caves!

Mr Louis is a presence to behold, managing 100 learners with nothing but his voice and a referee's whistle. Early morning wake up calls, meal times, on busses, off busses, into venues, out of venues, swimming, organising games and lights out - he is able to do this in the most calm, efficient manner.

The only “mistake” I made was to, at the first stop the bus made in Swellendam, acknowledge I had first aid training to Mrs Smallbones. I was promptly given a first aid bag and told that a learner had sprained his ankle. From that point onward it didn't seem to stop: blisters, splints, bumps, bruises, headaches, earaches, minor abrasions and missing home were daily ailments.

Whilst the learners enjoyed all the activities from riding ostriches and camels to seeing crocodiles leaping out of the water whilst being fed, I think that our visit to the under privileged school will remain longest with them. As one boy put it, “This puts my problems into perspective.” For me it gave impetus to our Market Day in the 3rd term. To see the appreciation and to know that their contributions make a real difference to the lives of others, is really special.

An area that we do need to work on both at school and at home is the habit of greeting, saying please and saying thank you. Grade 7's are about to or have just become teenagers. It is important that we instil values in the home and insist that our children display common courtesies to all they encounter. This group of Grade 7's are strong and from what I have seen and experienced, will go on to have a great year. - **CEDRIC POLEMAN**

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