



GROVE TALK

1 JUNE 2011

STAFF NEWS

- Our deepest sympathy to Gael van Niekerk on the passing of her husband, Simon. Our thoughts are with her at this very sad time.
- Congratulations to Margaret Smallbones and Peter on the birth of their first grandchild, a little girl. May she bring them much joy.
- Well done to Ruby Paulsen who successfully completed her 5th Comrades Marathon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Isobel Evans who has been selected for the WP 13 girls' squash team
- Matthew Alford, Joshua Daries, Jamie Steenveld and Luc Glanville who were selected for the zonal hockey sides

CAKE SALE

Well done to the Grade 5's who raised **R2 729.30** at their cake sale last week.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Sunday 5 June

To mark this very special day we are having a walk to school on **Friday, 3rd June**, followed by a whole school assembly at 8.05 am, to which the parents who are part of the walk are invited.

There are 2 points from which the walk will start:

- ❖ Palmyra Road parking area opposite Palmyra Junction
- ❖ Lady Anne field, Newlands

The walk will start at 7.15 am.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER AND MAP FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



A LETTER FROM A CONCERNED PARENT RE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BY GROVE PARENTS

I am feeling very shaken, having just witnessed my child almost being run over by a Grove parent at the Bishoplea pedestrian crossing this morning.

I parked in Selborne to avoid adding to the congestion in Bishoplea and walked my daughter down to the crossing. The safety officer on duty gave her the all-clear to cross, so I let go of her hand and told her to walk over. The Grove parent - whose own child was sitting forward in the middle of the back seat, not strapped in - surged forward, ignoring the man on duty, and managed to brake just before he hit her.

To be fair to this parent, it may have been difficult for him to see what was going on because there were so many other Grove parents parked all over the lines that have been painted to increase safety near this gate, as well as on the kerb. If the car had hit her, I would have held all these other parents (who were obscuring not only the free flow of traffic, but also visibility), co-responsible. Please note that it was not raining so there was no need to try to squeeze in so close to the gate. Even if it had been raining, it would not have been justified.

I would like to make the following appeal to my fellow Grove parents:

- Face the facts. **If you ever park on the red or yellow lines near the school, you are part of the problem.** And it is a potentially tragic problem.
- **It is dangerous to mount the pavement.** When walking along the pavement, we occasionally have to dodge out of the way to avoid a parent who is riding up onto it- and this does not only apply to parents in 4 x 4s. **As a pedestrian one needs to be safe from cars on the pavement – it is not intended for cars.**
- We need to get out of this mindset that we have to park in pole position next to the gate. It will not harm either ourselves or our children to park safely a short distance away from the school, and walk a few metres to the designated gate. In fact, it will probably do us all good. **Being able to park right next to the entrance is not a birthright.**
- **If you are rushing because you didn't leave home early enough, this doesn't justify endangering children's lives.** Nor does a bit of rain. Raincoats and umbrellas are part of the solution.
- **The safety official is there as the representative of the school and needs to be respected as his job is to keep our children safe.**

A very big thank you to our parents who have been involved in monitoring the traffic situation around the school.

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GRADE 8 MATHS AND AFRIKAANS – EXTRA TUTOR NEEDED. Would be helpful if the tutor could work at my home in Rondebosch. Required for a Friday afternoon. **Please contact Simone on 082 8952416.**

AU PAIR/DRIVER REQUIRED 2 or 3 AFTERNOONS PER WEEK for Grove, Westerford pupils. Approximate times = 3 hours per afternoon, ie. 3 – 6 pm or 4 – 7 pm. Applicant must be responsible, child-orientated and able to make a firm commitment. **Please call Ingrid on 083 8768452 or 021 6831053.**

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