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TOP SCHOOLS RAISE ALARM ON DISCIPLINE

By MIKE LOEWE on 21 October 2013

Pupils becoming increasingly abusive and self-centred.

PRINCIPALS of two prestigious Eastern Cape private schools used their annual prize-giving ceremonies last week to tear into the conduct of parents, pupils and public role models.

St Andrew's College headmaster Paul Edey and Diocesan School for Girls headmistress Shelley Frayne were uncompromising as they painted an alarming picture of modern day education before 1 500 parents in the Guy Butler Theatre in Grahamstown last week.

Not even teen pop sensation Miley Cyrus escaped their censure.

Frayne said both schools agreed that pupils were increasingly unwilling to be accountable for their own education and actions and, with the backing of parents, were becoming "extremely demanding" and materialistic.

Simultaneously, parents were treating their children's education as a "business endeavour" with the effect that scholars were becoming "increasingly self-centred and indifferent to the needs of others", especially those less fortunate.

Both schools cater to the well-heeled, commanding fees up to R168 000 a year for boarders.

The "popular crowd" at school were blamed for setting the standards for high levels of social aggression and abusive behaviour towards girls whom they perceived to be of a lower status.

Edey railed against an era in South Africa "where leadership is largely discredited and where our children are exposed to some appalling role models".

"The voice of the church is largely muted, our great institutions do not challenge the graft, corruption and venality that we see around us."

He hammered fathers who advised their sons, "if you do something stupid, just don't get caught", and said when boys were caught out, fathers were "too quick to cover and bail him [the boy] out of trouble".

"Our young men have got to learn about accountability." His generation had been raised on the radical and critical thinking reflected in the lyrics of Pink Floyd's Another Brick in the Wall, which rejected authoritarian schooling, and the banality of being "just another brick in the wall".

"Now you chaps can watch Miley Cyrus twerking and writhing around on her wrecking ball ..."

Their views were echoed by Rhodes University Professor Marc Schäfer, who holds the FRF chair of mathematics and education.

"These comments were made by heads of highly functional schools ... Imagine what is happening in dysfunctional schools."

DSG chairwoman of council Margie Keeton said South Africa was standing paused in a doorway not wanting to turn back, and hesitant and fearful in the face of an unknown future.

"Many of us feel caught up in the national mood of confusion, a deep sense of misgiving, a debilitating numbness. What went wrong?"

"How did all the high hopes, the big dreams of a democratic future come to this?"

MEETING OF 17 OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE

Membership: 27
Present: 16
Make Ups: 4
Apologies: 10
Attendance: 59%

Guests: Keela O'Driscoll, Stephen van Niekerk (Guest Speaker), Ann O'Driscoll, Mike Ferrar, Simisha Pather.

Attendance to Biffy 082 468 7504 or aecon.e@mweb.co.za.

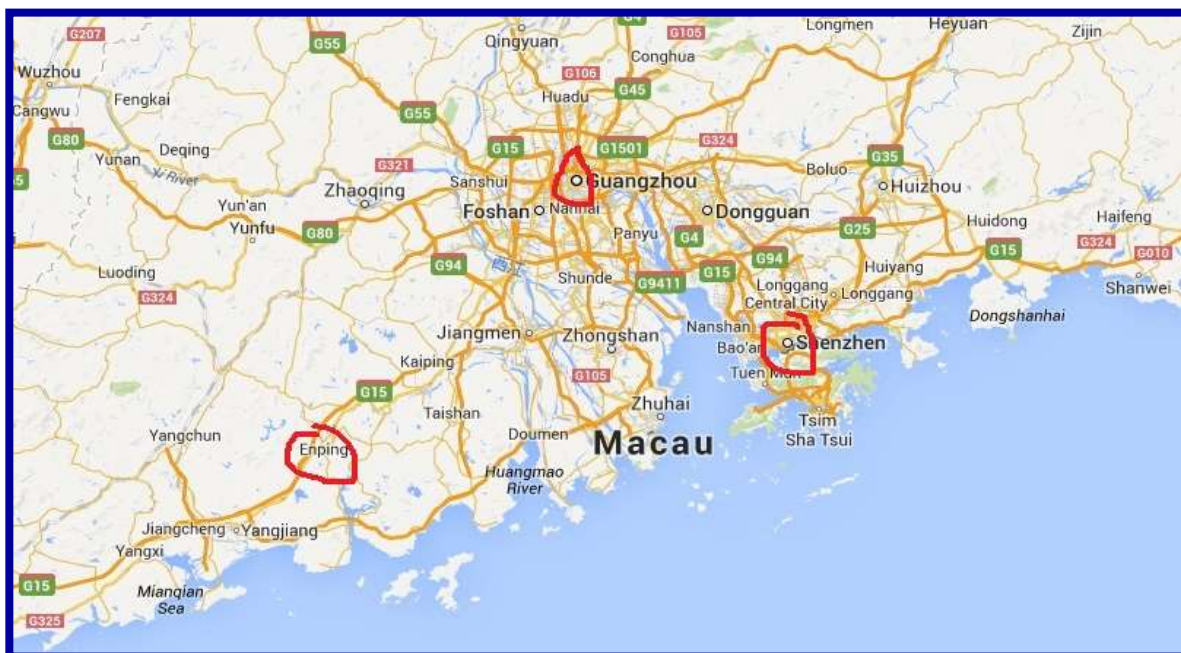
SLOTS:

1. Ken Williams reminded us all of the Perivale Primary Fish Hoek beach visit on 23 November 2013 and requested help with the various activities on the day.
 2. President Karen welcomed all our guests and introduced Mike Ferrar, visiting us from the Karoo (see : www.greatkaroo.co.za) and requested us to give them all our traditional 'Wynberg Welcome'.
 3. Biffy passed round various lists for members to complete indicating their availability to assist with various Wynberg Rotary involvements and projects.
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GUEST SPEAKER

Filling in for our Guest Speaker who had to cancel at the last moment **Stephen van Niekerk** kindly gave us an interesting account of his business trip to China.

No typical business trip he and his business partner rushed from business meeting to business meeting with little time for much else.



On landing in Hong Kong their first supplier was waiting for them only getting back to their hotel that night at 11pm tired and exhausted.

Next day they went to Enping to see another supplier. A lovely city.

Unfortunately with their schedule they didn't get to do much sight-

seeing in Enping.

Next couple of days we were in Guangzhou. Jumping out of one suppliers car, into the hotel to freshen up and then straight out again into another supplier's car. Every supplier wined and dined them like royalty in a 'straight jacket' sort of way, almost everything on the menu being pre-ordered and very different to what we know as Chinese food back home in South Africa, no Chicken Chow Mein or Sweet & Sour Pork!



Next city it was onto Ningbo. As always the aeroplanes were delayed, air traffic being very busy above the airport and getting air clearance was very difficult. This

time it was only a 5 hour wait before permission to take off was granted.

Ningbo is a city to be lived in, Stephen explained, modern, clean, safe offering them an opportunity to walk around at night after completing a supplier visit, looking at the shops.



Luckily they missed the heat wave that hit the city the week before. Whenever the temperature hits 45 degrees C the power is cut forcing factories to close and release workers from the harsh heat and resultant working conditions.

Life and work in China is tough for many, workers eat and sleep right next to the factory, they work long hours and accept this as its more income for their families.

All in all a successful, savvy, demanding and enjoyable trip to China. It's such a different culture and a destination to put on your travel bucket list.

Check out Stephen's business web site:

www.audiovansa.com and www.facebook.com/audiovansa

Many thanks for stepping into the breach so readily and for a most interesting account of your business trip to China!

JACKPOT:

The Jackpot sits at R1355.00 and there are 40 cards left lingering in the pack.

NLC ROTARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS DAY, FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2013

Take a look at this copied from the SOUTHERN MAIL community newspaper. As WR members know the NLC Committee sponsored a Sports Day at our sponsored schools. This second Sports Day was a great improvement on the first Sports Day of last year offering a greater range of activities for Learners to participate in and a much greater depth of involvement.

Southern Mail**SPORT**

Rotary schools' sports day get pupils active

On Friday October 18 six schools who are beneficiaries of the Wynberg Rotary Club School's Programme took part in the second annual Wynberg Rotary Club inter-schools sports tournament.

Fairmount High, Lotus Primary, Stephen Road Primary, Die Duine Primary, Perivale Primary and Montagu's Gift Primary gathered at Lotus Primary where they competed in soccer, netball and chess. A rope skipping display was also held to encourage learners to take part in indigenous sports codes.

Wynberg Rotary Club donated soccer and netball poles and balls as well as chess sets to these schools last year. Fairmount High won the boys' under-14 soccer, Montagu's Gift Primary won the under-14 netball tournament and Perivale Primary took top honours in boys' under-12 soccer. Perivale Primary also won the top three positions in the chess tournament.



■ Perivale Primary School's under-14 netball team.



■ Stephen Road Primary's chess players Imaan Sasman and Ambrosia Roberts, left, challenge Chad Petersen and Lionel Booysen of Perivale.



■ Perivale's Lecino May displays his rope skipping skills.



■ Stephen Road and Montagu's Gift primary schools' netball teams.



■ Stephen Road Primary School boys' under-14 soccer team.

PICTURES: THEODORE FISHER

PRESIDENT'S QUOTES:

President Karen's quotes for the evening were:

1. A gem is not polished without rubbing nor a man perfected without trials
 2. A nation's treasure is in its scholars
 3. A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark
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PROGRAMME

October 2013	Committee: Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Michalowsky, Wetmore, Jackson
30 October	Games evening at the Wynberg Rotaract Hall in Wynberg. 19h00 for 19h15, bring a plate of eats and your own tippie of choice.
31 October	NB No meeting this Thursday.
November 2013	Committee: van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave
6 November	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
6 November	NLC bursary award evening with Haugaland and Oddemarka present. <i>Please note this has had to be changed from the Friday 8th November to Wednesday 6th November and will take place in the Hyde Park Primary School Hall, Hyde Road, Parkwood.</i> These two events are the first time in history that both sponsors will be present together. Let's make it special and go out of our way to make their visit, enjoyable and a success!
7 November	Special meeting with both Haugaland and Oddemarka present, NLC principles
14 November	Normal meeting: Talk by Victoria Hospital representative
16 November	Literacy: NGO's and club workshop
20 November	Wynberg Rotaract meeting
21 November	Normal meeting / Thanksgiving Day in the USA AIDS speaker: Linda-Gail Bekker: The Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT
23 November	Kids Beach Day out
27 November	Retreat Rotaract meeting / Uncle Paul's starts
28 November	Business meeting



DUTY ROSTER

DUTY	30 October	7 November	14 November	21 November
Sergeant		Cleveland	Murphy	Van Eeden
Attendance Officer		Danckwerts	Danckwerts	Danckwerts
Wynpress Editorial		Schreiber	Smith	Todd
Minutes for Wynpress		Danckwerts	Wetmore	Cleveland
Compilation of Wynpress		Cleveland	Danckwerts	Wetmore
Door Duty		Schreiber	Cleveland	Smith
Grace		Munday	Murphy	Schrieber
Loyal Toast		Michalowsky	Munday	Murphy
International Toast		Gowdy	Michalowsky	Munday
Speaker Introduction		Hovstad	Gavin	TBA
Speaker Thanks		Schreiber	Jackson	Lidgley

TAILPIECE

Cleaning Fruit - Chemical-free and EASY!



FARMER'S PAL

Fill sink with **water**, add 1 Cup of **Vinegar**, and Stir. Add all fruit, and Soak for 10 minutes. Water will be dirty, and fruit will sparkle with no wax, or dirty film. Great for Berries too, as it keeps them from molding. Do this with strawberries, and they last for weeks!

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