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**Staff Appreciation Lunch on
 Wednesday, 8th April 2009**
 This is the best opportunity to
 thank the Mougins School Staff
 offering them a delicious meal with
 specialties from around the world.
 To offer your dish contribution or
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 FineWineWorks

"The Hair of the Dog"
 Have fun AND feel good! As part of the efforts to raise funds for the Mougins School "Guide Dog", the team at FineWineWorks have put together a Charity Wine Box of 6 fantastic International Wines (difficult to find here in France!) from which 1€ per bottle will be donated to the Charity. Normal retail of the 6 wines would be 48.78€ TTC – Friends, Parents & Teachers at the school will be able to purchase the case for just 47€ from which 6€ will go to the Charity. Orders can be placed & paid for at the Walkathon on Saturday 4th April 2009. The Wine Boxes will then be delivered to the school approximately 2 weeks later for you to collect. Cheques should be made out to NHB Riviera SARL for the full amount – we will then "give back" 6€ per pack to the school to swell the Charity Funds!
 SO you get to drink some deliciously different wines and feel good that you have helped pay for a few "hairs" on the Mougins School Guide Dog for the Blind!

The Wines:
 Los Arbolitos Cabernet Sauvignon, CHILE 2008 (RSP 7.65€)
 Savanha Pinotage, SOUTH AFRICA 2007 (RSP 8.22€)
 Calatrasi Nero d'Avola / Shiraz ITALY 2006 (RSP 9.08€)
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 Beringer Stone Cellars Chardonnay, USA 2006 (RSP 8.20€)

If the demand is sufficient and the wines are enjoyed, FWV can continue to supply the Wine Packs for as long as the fundraising efforts continue.

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Headmaster's Notes

Dear Parents and Students,

Subjects:

- Headmaster's Notes
- PTA News
- Agenda

Security Cameras

You may have noticed that we have installed security cameras to cover the entrances and exits of the School. Our intention is not to catch late-comers or sanction poor parking, although both need addressing, but to increase the security of the campus when it is closed. Apart from organised activities that take place in the evenings and at weekends, there should be no-one on the campus, whether they are strangers to the School, or people connected with our community. We hope this small installation, which has a recording facility, will deter unwanted folk on our property.



Culture Morning

Speaking of Lateness

It is very apparent that we live in an area that is dense with traffic at certain times of the day. The road in front of the School serves Sophia Antipolis from the Cannes/Mougins autoroute exit so that west-bound motorists avoid having to pay to leave the A8 at Antibes. All of this means that it may be necessary for us to leave home a few minutes earlier to arrive at School on time. The number of students arriving late to School is increasing, many of them entirely missing registration between 08h45 and 08h55. It is crucial that students have a good start to the day, including assemblies and registration and I urge you, therefore, to make every effort to arrive before 08h45 (Secondary) and 09h00 (Primary).

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Desk of Dr Gifford	2	We would like to ask for your help with the problem of theft at
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Calendar	4	understand exactly what theft is. We have some children who
Desk of Sue Filer	5	think that they can help themselves to another student's
Culture Club	6	packed lunch, which happens to be on a table, just because
PTA News	7	they are hungry. Others think it is quite normal to take some-
Classifieds	8	body else's sport kit because they have forgotten their own. This constitutes theft. We also have some children who delib-
		erately steal designer-label clothing, money, I-pods and mobile

phones from students' bags. The School will naturally take strong disciplinary action, possible permanent exclusion, should we manage to catch the culprits.

School Photographs

I was shocked to learn from the office that 34 families have neither paid for their child's photographs, nor returned them, despite having them since November. We now consider that those families are keeping the photographs and have deducted the cost, 20€, from their book deposits. This will enable us to close the photograph account for this academic year.

Spring Break

The Spring Vacation begins in two weeks' time on Friday 10th April at 12h00. On that day, your children will receive their end of term report. School resumes on Monday 27th April at normal start times (mentioned above). I wish you a happy holiday in advance and good luck to our older students who will be entering into their final phase of revision, prior to their external examination, which begin early in May.

Best wishes,

Brian G. Hickmore
Headmaster

From the Desk of Dr Gifford

FUNdraising

Within the Primary school staff and children were very busy raising funds and having fun for Red Nose Day and the The Guide Dogs. Successful events included numerous cake sales and A Bring and Buy Sale organised by Form 6 classes. We would like to thank those involved for their generous contributions.

Assemblies

Parents are reminded that they are invited to a series of forthcoming assemblies. These will take place on Friday mornings (9-9h30) in the School Hall.

- French Department 27th March
- Guide Dogs 3rd April.
- Easter Assembly 10th April*

*You are invited to make Easter hats at home with your children to wear for this event.

Winter Activity Week

Children in Forms 5 and 6 recently took part in a 4-day residential winter activity visit to Auron. This was a wonderful experience for children and staff involved. I would like to commend the children for their excellent behaviour and thank the staff involved for their hard work and team work. Well-done Mrs Martin and Mrs Bennett, Mrs Owen, and a special thank you to Mrs Owen for organising the week.

PTA News

Dear parents,
The month of March was a very active month for the PTA!

On Friday the 13th March, we worked with the School raising money for **Red Nose Day** - a UK based charity - and for the **Guide Dogs for the Blind**, a local charity in Biot. Thanks to the overwhelming support of all parents and staff, to Robert Cooke's organisation and to our charity coordinator Sue Dunnachie, plus a huge bake sale, the outcome was a great success!

Fanny Schultz and Kjersti Borud Andressen organised a **Themed Coffee Morning on the 18th March**. They arranged for Deborah Marzohl, a well known nutritionist, to come to school. The theme was "Choosing the right foods to increase your energy and get the most out of life". The event was very well attended. We were not expecting to learn much more than we already knew about the topic, but surprisingly enough, we all did! Thank you Deborah for an outstanding presentation. We will definitely invite you again!

Giorgiana Brignone and Leila Rossi Taraniuk organised a visit to the **Perfume Museum in Grasse** on the 19th March for this month's **Culture Club** outing. Following a very interesting guided tour of the museum, we had a workshop session where everyone sat with test tubes, jars and various essences and created his or her own perfume. The results were totally unexpected and everyone had a big laugh! Then there was lunch, of course, at a delicious nearby restaurant. Thank you Leila and Giorgiana for such a delightful day.

The **Talent Show** this year, which is tonight, is organised by Marie-Claude Yaghil, Kaisa Törmä, Beata Galipienzo and Sarah Green. Thank you to them and the various talented kids, staff and parents who are taking part. The evening promises to be a huge success!

PTA forthcoming events:

Walkathon on Saturday April 4th from 10h00 to 15h00 at School.

The PTA will be working with the School at this

event. Kathy Licciardi will be collecting prize donations for the Tombola, which is going to take place on the day. For any donation, please contact Kathy kluacukr@yahoo.com.au 0493365370 or lea.assi@gmail.com tel:06 27 31 75 54

Culture Club Visit - Nice and the Belle Epoque on Tuesday 7th April. Rendezvous at 09h00 in the school car park

Please reserve your place now with Giorgiana Brignone or Leila Rossi Taraniuk, who are kindly preparing this opportunity to learn more about the glamorous history of Nice. Contact details: geabi@wanadoo.fr and leilarossi@mac.com

Staff Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday 8th April.

Mercedes Lafuente Gil and Beata Galipienzo will once again be organizing this event. This is an occasion for parents to show their gratitude to the staff for their hard work throughout the year by preparing a special lunch for them and thank you Mercedes and Beata for your beautiful contribution. Contact details of the organisers: merche-ig59@orange.fr and beata.galipienzo@9online.fr

You are all invited to the next PTA meeting on Thursday 2nd April at 09h00 in the cafeteria. Everyone is most welcome to meet and prepare for the forthcoming events. The more the merrier!


P.S: please do not forget to secure your place at the next **Car Boot Sale, Saturday 16th of May** as we cannot guarantee places later on. To do so drop your registration form along with the payment in the PTA box. For further inquiry ask Elisabeth or send an email to videgrenier@mouginsschool-pta.org or call Lea 06 27 31 75 54 (you can download a form from our website or get one from Elisabeth)

Kind regards
Lea Assi/PTA president
lea.assi@gmail.com

Meeting Point
Mougins School Parking
April 7th, 9 am


Booking Deposit
Requested

15 Euros with your contact
details addressed to the
Culture Club in the PTA BOX,
Reception Office



Culture Club - April 7th

Nice and the Belle Époque



The city of Nice is well known for its Belle Époque legacy. During the Belle Époque period, Nice, the main tourist destination of the Côte d'Azur, was the Salon de l'Europe, attracting with its de luxe hotels, good weather and nice beaches, the celebrities of the aristocratic and artistic world. Queen Victoria, Leopold II King of Belgium, Oscar of Sweden with their illustrious entourage, Nietzsche and Tchekhov were amongst the city guests.

A number of monuments reflect the intensity of this mundane life:

The Opéra house, the "Théâtre de la Photographie et de l'Image", the Anglican Church, the American Church (which has become the Reformed Temple), the German Church (Lutheran), "Petite Eglise de la rue Longchamp", built in 1859. The increasing importance of the Russian colony brought the construction of the Cathedral (1912) considered the most beautiful Orthodox church out of Russia, the Notre-Dame church is built in Neo-gothic style and many more.

Come and join us for a Belle Époque unforgettable experience!

Looking forward to seeing you,
Leila & Georgiana
Mougins School Culture Club

For booking please send an email to Georgiana Brignone geabi@wanadoo.fr and/or Leila Rossi Taraniuk leilarossi@mac.com. In order to secure your booking please leave a deposit of 15 Euros with your contact details addressed to the Culture Club in the PTA BOX, Mougins School Reception Office.

From the Desk of Sue Dunnachie

Following a first experience last year, nine students from Mrs Griffoul's **Form 10 Emile Roux** in le Cannet. On 17th February our students received a warm welcome from the Directeur followed by a visit of the College. They were then integrated into the classes to follow a normal day's work. The lessons included history, geography, science, art and Spanish and lunch was taken in the refectory with the College students. This experience was repeated in reverse when 25 students from Emile Roux came to Mougins School on 24th March. These exchanges prove to be extremely beneficial for all the students involved and we hope to continue with this exercise in the future. Thank you to Mrs Griffoul for all her organisation.

On Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April Mrs Lecoy's **GCSE Drama Group** will be presenting '**Between Mouthfuls**' by Alan Ayckbourn and a short play created by the students during their workshops, as well as a couple of surprise items. The performances will be in the **Hall at 19h30** on both evenings and entrance is free. All parents are welcome.

Friday 13th may be bad luck for some but not for **Red Nose Day** which saw our campus a sea of red. The Red Noses were all sold by 09h30 and cake sales commenced. Lots of Hugs and Kisses were exchanged, at a price, exemption from homework was given, at a price and these combined efforts **raised a stunning total of 2590.50€** of which 1,590.50€ will be sent to Comic Relief and the remainder will go towards a local charity, our fund-raising for a Guide Dog. (To follow our efforts take a look at '**Paws for Thought**'

outside the Office). In England the money helps young carers, the homeless, those in situations of domestic violence, and many others. In Africa they are fighting to relieve malaria by providing mosquito nets in every home and bringing aid to so many families affected by Aids. Helping women and children to have a better life is an important priority. It is heart-warming to know that, in the present economic climate a record sum of over £59 million was raised. Our efforts may seem like a small drop in the ocean but one only has to look at the power of the sea to know how important each drop is. A heartfelt thank you to every student, parent, member of staff and the PTA who have given their time, money and enthusiastic support.

On **Saturday 4th April** the School will be hosting a **Walkathon in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind**. This year we would like to raise enough money to finance the purchase of one Guide Dog which costs 16,000€ (yes, sixteen thousand euros!) and it is vital, therefore, that we have as much support and sponsoring as possible. There will be a number of fund-raising efforts on the day, which will commence at 10h00 and continue until 15h00. Children's artwork will be on sale, games will be organized, a raffle will be held, food will be available and, of course, there will be the Walk in the woods. A wooden dog, '**Paws for Thought**' created by Nora Törmä in Form 13 and our Maintenance Team, will be visible outside the Office and, as money is raised he will be covered with paws representing sums raised, in order that you may follow the progress of this fund-raising effort. The Walkathon is open to people outside the School so please

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	31 GCSE Drama	1 GCSE Drama	2 PTA Meeting	3 Presentation Guide Dogs for The Blind Doggy Disco	4 Walkathon	5
6	7 Culture Club	8 Staff Appreciation Lunch	9	10 12h00 Spring Vacation begins	11 Spring Vacation	12 Spring Vacation
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bring along friends and workmates. I realize that this is quite a challenge but I believe our community will rise to it and help to change the life of someone less fortunate than ourselves. For further information see **From the Desk of Sue Filer**. As you will see in this Newsletter, **Fine Wine Works** have given us a generous offer to help our fund-raising and I hope that you will all take this opportunity to savour some excellent wines with an international flavour and

raise money at the same time.

Our first collaboration with **LAMDA (London Academy of Dramatic Art)** as an Examinations Centre will be when examinations are held at School on Thursday 2nd April 2009. The School will be used for both internal and external exams and we have eleven Mougins School students who will be examined and two external candidates.

From the Desk of Sue Filer

On Friday April 3rd, we will be welcoming the organizers and dog trainers from our local Guide Dogs for The Blind School in Biot in preparation for our forthcoming sponsored walk. They will give a presentation to the Primary School and lower Senior School in the morning and the students will be given a chance to see how a blind person handles their dog and learn about the training of the dog.

On Friday afternoon there will be a Doggy Disco for the Primary School from 15.30 – 17.30. Entry 5 euros, refreshments provided. Come dressed up for this fun event organized by the Student Council. There will also be a Disco for the older students from 19.00.

Mougins School WALKATHON in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind will take place on SATURDAY APRIL 4th from 10.00-15.00.

Mougins School has supported this local charity for several years and this year we hope to raise money to train a dog (16,000€).

Sponsor forms will be available from the office or the Library.

Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

You can walk or run as many kms as you like around the forest track. Find as many sponsors as you can to sponsor each km.walked/run or a fixed amount can be promised. A sheet is provided to fill in names and addresses of sponsors and the financial promise made. Every student, no matter how young, is encouraged to participate and even your dog can be sponsored! Dogs are welcome (on leads please!)

Parents and students will be organizing stalls with refreshments, fund raising activities, a raffle and games. There will also be a prize for the student who walks/runs the most kilometers. Fun for all the family.

If you would just like to join in the fun, you can donate 10 euros to enter which will also buy you a raffle ticket!! Offers of help as marshals, to make cakes or organize a fund raising activity would be greatly appreciated. More details from Sue Filer in Room 2, Denise Aughton in the Library or Sue Dunnachie in the Office.

Thanking you, in advance for your help and support.