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The Boy Friend

This summer the musical production is going to be „**The Boy Friend**“, written by Sandy Wilson. It's set at a girls finishing school on the Riviera in the roaring twenties. It will be our 1st outdoor production and we need help to make this great musical a production that truly reflects all the talent and skills of Mougins School

It will be held on the **25th and 26th of June**.

For the preproduction we need help with construction and painting of scenery and props, and design and making of wardrobe. Closer to the performance dates help will be required with make up, dressing, preparation and rigging of lighting, back stage scenery shifting, front of house, arranging tables and chairs etc. Help will also be needed in organising and running a fabulous Pimms, wine and food bar!!!

Pupil or parent...If you can help please get in touch with either...
 Kaisa, 0620438539; Bryce, 0672799646 or Margot 0676471156



absent friends
 RADA – the Riviera Amateur Dramatic Association – is presenting **Absent Friends** by Alan Ayckbourn. Performances will take place at the Mougins School on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd, and Saturday 23rd May at 8.00pm.

Tickets, which cost 10€(including a drink at the interval), will be able to be reserved by phone on 04.93.75.49.39 , or by email at rada06@yahoo.com, or from the English Book Centre in Valbonne.

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Headmaster's Notes

Dear Parents and Students,

Final Term

Welcome back from our Spring Vacation. I hope you were all able to enjoy the break, despite the variation in weather in our region. We are now into the final term of the school year, which is 10 weeks long, and will pass very quickly.

National Holidays

The month of May in France is "peppered" with national holidays, the first of which is this Friday, 1st May. The other days in this month are Friday 8th May and Thursday and Friday 21st & 22nd May. There is no school on these days. You should note that Monday 1st June is also a national holiday. However, there is no "half term week", as in some countries. The end of the school year is on Friday 3rd July. All these details are on the school calendar, which is printed at the back of your Family Guide.

Spring Concert

Congratulations to the Music Department, and particularly to Nicki Elcome, for organising, once again, a superb Spring Concert, held this week. As usual, the Hall was packed out, and the audience was treated to performances of the highest standard.

PTA Events

Our PTA continues to be very active, organising events on a regular basis. In this newsletter, you will find full details for this month. Please support as many events as you can.



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Drug Awareness Evening

We will be holding an evening for parents on Wednesday 6th May at 19h00 in the School Hall to share information on Drug Awareness. The evening will be led by Mr Robert Cooke, who teaches the School's Drug Awareness Programme to secondary school students. The evening is open to parents of children of all ages and, in addition to sharing our policy and programme with you, we will hopefully be able to give parents help and guidelines as to how to deal with this difficult issue from a family's point of view.

External Examinations

Students in Forms 10 and above begin their external GCSEs, AS and A level examinations next week. Whilst some students in Form 10 are taking their French GCSE a year early, students in Form 11 will be sitting a full set of GCSE, and those in Form 12 & 13 will be sitting their AS and A Levels. We wish all our students, involved in these important examinations, the very best of luck and look forward to an excellent set of results in August.

Best wishes,

Brian G. Hickmore
Headmaster

From the Desk of Sue Dunnachie

On Saturday 27th June the School will be celebrating the end of the year with an International Food Fair around which we will be organizing several events. One of these will be a **Fashion Show** (Follow the White Rabbit), prepared by **Candice**, an ex-student. She would be delighted if some of our students (female and over 13) would like to take to the catwalk and show off her original designs. This is a great opportunity to have some fun. If you are not ready to strut the catwalk, perhaps you would like to assist behind the scenes. This is the fourth Fashion Show organized at School and they are always very enjoyable so I hope that some of our students will **contact Candice** at Candice.sivalax@gmail.com. If you wish to be a model please send a photo. If you would like to have any more information please come and see me.

Our congratulations to seven budding authors in Form 5. Mrs Byles submitted work from her students to the **Young Writers' The Adventure Starts Here** creative writing book series. Pupils were asked to write a mini saga on any theme that inspired them. Work was then selected for publication based on perception, imagination, expression, good use of language and completing the deceptively difficult task of writing an effective story in 50 words or less.

The Adventure Starts Here –Global Tales is scheduled for publication on 30th June 2009 and orders can be placed through Mrs Byles. Our winning students are: Myrto Kampouris, Amélie Labis, Maxime Laurent, Isidore Partouche, Max Richards, Sophie Taraniuk and Franz Virkus.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our **Walkathon for Guide Dogs for the Blind**. After a week of rain the heavens cleared and a sunny day was enjoyed by all the staff, parents, students and dogs who participated. Our thanks to all members of the PTA who assisted with the promotion and management of the event. To date the money is still being counted but, with money already raised we will have reached a total in the region of 4,000€ (exact amount will be given in the next Newsletter). Eighteen raffle gifts have been handed out to happy recipients and I would like to thank all those parents who made donations, your kind generosity is much appreciated. I would also like to mention the following professionals who assisted with free advertising and/or made donations for the Raffle:
Family First, AngloInfo, Riviera Reporter, Riviera Radio, Riviera Times, Fine Wine Works, Tiara Yaktsa Hotel, Riviera Sea

2) **Wednesday 6th May**, 09h00 in the canteen: Another themed **coffee morning** with Deborah Marzohl is going to take place. It is going to be about nutrition again following the demand of a large number of parents.

3) **Saturday 16th May**, 09h00 to 16h00 at school: The Mougins School **Car Boot Sale**, that has already become very famous around the area! I doubt you would still be able to find a place by now but we can try to squeeze you in if you don't mind paying 5€ les and keeping your car outside! Don't worry, you would still be able to have your 12 sq. metres! Clean out your cupboards and come and join us. It is also a great outing for the kids as everyone brings his own! Delicious sandwiches, snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

4) **Tuesday 19th May**, 09h00 - meeting in the car park: A **culture club** visit to "La Bas-

tide du Parfumeur", as well as the "Espace de l'Art Concret" in Mouans Sartoux. Please drop your name and the requested 15€ down payment in the PTA mailbox in Elisabeth's office as soon as possible to guarantee a place.

5) **Tuesday 26th May**, 19h00 in the Library: The **PTA's Annual General Meeting** will take place. During this meeting the elections for the next year's committee will take place. Please fill in the nomination forms, when you receive them, either by nominating yourself, or someone else, for a specific position or function.

For information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Mobile: 06 27 31 75 54.
Email: lea.assi@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Lea Assi
President Parent Teacher Association

Mougins School PTA - Nomination Form 2009/2010

Open positions:
Vice President, Secretary, Coffee Morning, Upper School Representative

First Name Family Name:.....

Children in Form(s).....

I would like to nominate.....

For the position offor 2009/2010

I do not wish to be a committee member, but I am happy to help at PTA run events

My contact details are:

phone..... email.....

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(Signed) (Date)

Culture Club May 2009

**La Bastide du
Parfumeur**
May 19th 10:00 to 12:00

Lunch @
L'Organic Cafe'
12:00 to 13:30

**Espace de l'Art
Concret**
May 19th 13:30 to 15:00



LA BASTIDE DU PARFUMEUR - Guided Tour

A botanical garden on our door step!

Located in Mouans-Sartoux, la Bastide du Parfumeur is a conservatory for fragrant plants traditionally grown in the area around Grasse and it provides us with the opportunity to discover the fragrances used in perfume making. A guide will take us around illustrating this center of excellence reflecting the local agriculture and landscape heritage.



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**Booking Deposit
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details addressed to the
Culture Club in the PTA
BOX, Reception Office.

ESPACE DE L'ART CONCRET Guided Tour

It is within the premises of an architectural wonder of the 16th century, the Castle of Mouans-Sartoux, which you will discover this center dedicated to concrete art in all its forms and the temporary exhibition "Vivre l'Art", an exceptional opportunity to admire the work of 52 very famous contemporary artists. The Space of Concrete Art was created in 1990 around the Sybil-Albers-Barrie collection.

School, Le Mazagran (porcelaine blanche), English Book Centre, Chateau St Martin Spa, Hotel Balladin, Andrée Browne Consultancy, Candice (follow the White Rabbit. I would remind you that the **Fine Wine Works** offer of six bottles of wine from various destinations (Chile, Argentine, South Africa, America, Italy and France) is ongoing. The box costs 47€ and 1€ on each bottle will be given to the Guide Dogs. A chance to taste some different wines and help the cause. Please see me if you wish to order.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the PTA who so kindly contributed to the **Staff Lunch** on 8th April. The wonderful variety of food was witness to the fact that we really are an international community and everyone who sampled your glorious dishes was both impressed and grateful. Our thanks to you all for such a generous gesture and for your support of the School and our students throughout the year.

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PTA News

Dear parents,

I hope everyone has had a fun and relaxing Easter break and is looking forward to start a new term. The Summer term is going to be extremely busy for the PTA, but before telling more about it, let me first recapitulate what we did during April.

On the 2nd April, a PTA meeting was held to discuss forthcoming events.

On the 4th April, the PTA worked with the



school at the Walkathon. Parents helped as marshals, prepared delicious sandwiches at the stand, donated a large number of tasty cakes and by that helped the school to buy "one quarter" of a guide dog for the blind!

On the 7th April, there was a culture club outing to visit a number monuments and sites in Nice that were built during the Belle



Époque. A big group of parents had a lot of fun exploring downtown Nice, stopping at no other than the very glamorous Negresco Hotel for the most unforgettable coffee break you can imagine! Our event organizers had chosen a very friendly and knowledgeable guide to accompany the group. The tour ended at a good and very reasonably priced restaurant. Thank you Giordiana and Leila!

On the 8th April, a Staff Appreciation lunch



was organized by Mercedes Lafuente Gils and Beata Galipienzo. Many thank you notes were sent to us from the staff, as both the quality of food and the organization were very much appreciated. Well done Mercedes and Beata!

We have also purchased for €1500 worth of books and shelving for the main Library and the primary library and another €1000 are allocated for the same purpose.

A very practical trolley was bought for the PTA to help us carry food during our various events and finally 2 small second hand bikes were purchased for E.Y and Reception classes!

Our next project on the list is to buy a much needed good quality piano for the music department, so let's all work together to achieve this important goal.

Forthcoming events for the month of May

1) **Thursday 7th May**, 09h00 in the canteen: PTA meeting and coffee morning. We will be discussing future events and projects. As always, your presence will be very much appreciated!