

## April 2010

### More excellent results in maths and science in the November 2009 exams

In the March 2010 newsletter I wrote about our matric students who excelled in the 2009 exams. They were Kalinka Faul, Nancy Liu, Calvin Fraser, Julian Joubert, Kreeson Pillay, Arnu Pretorius, Mark Snell and Jan-Harm Swanepoel.

In this newsletter I want to write about other Maths Success students who did equally well in their November 2009 exams. Here is some background as to how they managed to achieve them:

**Marina** from Trinityhouse High School worked very hard throughout the year and achieved an A pass in her November exams. This result was particularly rewarding for her as she missed an A mark a year earlier by just 1% when she got 79% in November 2008. Well done!

**Anina** from Kingsmead College achieved 94% for maths and 86% for science in her Grade 9 November exams. Well done!

**Raesah** also from Kingsmead College achieved 91% for maths and 82% for science in her Grade 9 exams. Well done!

**Peter** from St John's College obtained 81% for maths, 76% for advanced programme maths and 77% for science in his grade 10 exams. This is an excellent achievement considering the fact that Peter is in the first team for both rowing and rugby and therefore has limited study time. Well done!

**Jasveer** from Rand Park High School improved in maths from 68% to 80% in his Grade 8 November exams. This is an outstanding improvement since he started his lessons in October last year. Well done!

**Madien** from Parktown High School for Girls improved in maths from 51% to 74% in her November Grade 11 exams. This is a superb improvement of 23% since she started her lessons in February last year.

I am very proud of what Marina, Anina, Raesah, Peter, Madien and Jasveer have achieved. Once again, well done!

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**On a lighter note:** if you thought maths and science were tough, think again! They are child's play compared to ... English. Here is a delightful poem I came across that explains why:

## Our English language

We'll begin with box, and the plural is boxes;  
But the plural of ox became oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or nest full of mice;  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be pen?

If I spoke of my foot and show you my feet, and I gave you the boot,  
would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of both be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those;  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose;  
and the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren, but though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim.