In their life, everyone has at least missed an opportunity and has faced some misfortune. "When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us" said Alexander Graham Bell. When a person is closed-minded, they don’t see the opportunities or potential in any given situation. There are so many opportunities for each one of us in the PPA, we only need to open the door and enter. You’ll find many surprises and wonderful opportunities to do the right thing.

En voordat ons, ons oë kan oopmaak het hierdie jaar sy gat gesien, maar soos 'n baie goeie vriend van my sê, dit is nie al nie. Baie ander het ook. Ek hoop en vertrou dat jou 2011 'n wonderlike en vreaudevolle jaar was. Die PPA se jaar het gelukkig uit meer hoogtepunte as laagtepunte bestaan en die komitee verokies nogsteeds die half volglas en nie die half leë ene nie.

Now let me immediately say that Bosmansdam PPA has got the most amazing committee anybody can wish for. They are committee and they take their portfolios very seriously and do much more as what they ought to do. One of our most important functions, as all other schools also do, is fundraising. We were fortunate to raise the money we budgeted for this year, however in 2012 the minimum amount we need is R50 000, 00. We can only do that with your help. Without past pupils we are lost. I must also say a big thank you to the sponsors that we have and I’m glad to report that almost 90% of them are past pupils.

The school’s website www.bosmansdam.co.za is kept up to date and there are many memories hidden there under past pupils. Go and have a look. The newsletter also appears there only and you can read all the previous ones too.

I was unfortunately sick the last 5 months and in and out of hospital, with the doctors telling me to take it easier. Well that’s what I’ve done. Thankfully I’m 100% again. Thanks for all the calls, cards, e-mails and SMS’s.

Mag ek jou vra: Hoe is jou glas vir Bosmansdam se Oud-leerdervereniging vir 2012? Is dit halfeel of halvvol? As ons almal saamwerk kan ons dit nog ‘n groot jaar maak vir die skool. As we say in English, we must be a TEAM. Together each achieves more. Come on Bossies, I want to hear from you, what you suggest we do to make it work and what you are prepared to do. Please e-mail your suggestions. The e-mail address is above.

Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind: 7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O 7PR0V3 H0W 0UR M1ND5 C4N D0 AM4Z1NG TH1NG5! I3PR3551V3 TH1NG5! N3 TH3 B3G1NN1NG 17 WA5 H4RD BU7 N0W, 0N 7H15 LIN3 Y0UR M1ND 1S R34D1NG 17 4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7 3V3N TH1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD! ONLY C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD 7H15.

Daar in sukkie die engels. Die hele saal. Toe hulle Jannie vir Koos: "Jes Koos hoe antw: "Wate Jannie se: "Ons vraestel staan 'draw a line'!"

End of year function

The PPA committee will have their function on 30 November. It is just right that we as a committee celebrate our successes of the year and also to say thank you to all the hardworking members.

What is the difference between a Harley and a Hoover? The position of the dirt bag.

What do you call a smart blonde? A golden retriever.

Why do men want to marry virgins? They can’t stand criticism.
QUESTIONNAIRE TO HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER.
Please tick off and send to bossies71@gmail.com

☐ Do you want a Bring ’n Braai on the last Friday of every month in the school’s clubhouse?
☐ Do you want a Bring ’n Braai on any other Friday, except last Fr. of every month in the school’s clubhouse?
☐ Are you prepared to buy tickets from the committee to join in on shows, musicals, etc.?
☐ Do you want the committee to arrange a dance for past pupils every term?
☐ Are you prepared to help organise functions for past pupils to raise funds for the school?
☐ Do you read Snippets, the past pupils newsletter, on the school’s website?
☐ Do you want Snippets to appear once a term?
☐ Do you want Snippets to appear on an ad hoc basis, (whenever)?
☐ Are you prepared to serve on the Past Pupil Committee?
☐ Are your full contact details on the school’s databank? Form available on website. www.bosmansdam.co.za
☐ Have you attended any function organized for past pupils before?
☐ Please give us a suggestion of what you think we need to do to raise money for the school
................................................................................................................................................................
☐ Are you prepared to help look for sponsors for events like Golf Days, etc.?
☐ I’m happy with the work done by the committee for past pupils.
☐ I’m unhappy with the work done by the committee for past pupils.
☐ I’m neither here nor there about the work done by the committee.

Why does the school need funds?
Your old school needs funds to help to educate those in the school who cannot afford education or anything else. It must be awful to know that you have the intellect to go places, but no funds to back you up. The same goes for sport and other extra-mural activities, because at Bosmansdam we believe in educating the whole child and not only a part of it. That is the reason for fund raising and we have done that since the school’s inception in 1971. The school has helped hundreds of learners through all 40 years and will continue to do that, but we need more past pupils to donate money because no-one knows better what is needed than the school. I want to make a few suggestions of how to help the school. It’s free and will only take a couple of minutes of your valuable time.

1. **Partnerships.** You and a couple of your classmates form a partnership with the aim of fundraising for the school. If you are 5 and you want to donate R100 it is only R20 per partner and so forth. Maybe in the group there is somebody who knows someone from a business and can approach them for a sponsorship, etc.

2. **My School Card.** If you would like to raise much needed funds for your school, apply for your free card today. When you get the card make Bosmansdam your beneficiary. In that way the school gets a percentage of everything you buy from a shop in the program, and many of them. Just swipe your card.

3. **Makro card.** It works the same as the above but you must register the school as your beneficiary. After that everything happens automatically. The price you pay is the same and everything is the same. Please do it.

Get involved today and start raising valuable funds without costing you a cent.

Lesson from life
When I was twenty I had all the answers, when I was thirty I was annoyed that everybody did not appreciate that I had the answers, when I was forty I doubted whether I ever had all the answers, when I was fifty I knew I never had all the answers and now that I am sixty it doesn't matter anymore.

From the PPA’s constitution.
The objects of the PPA are:
**First:** to encourage and foster the interest of the past pupils in the present day activities and aspirations of the school;
**Second:** to make some contribution in the sphere of education by giving help primarily to the school and also to the community in general;
**Third:** to help past pupils maintain the ties of friendship;
**Fourth:** to administer the collection of funds from past pupils and their contacts in order to help the school;