

(v) Kort daarna word die leningsplaas Wittedrift, groot ongeveer 2500 mag, aan hom toegeken.

(vi) Op 4.4.1779 is hy met Martha Claarsen getroud.

(vii) Uit die huwelik is drie seuns en twee dogters <sup>gebore</sup> ~~gebore~~ van wie die jongste seun, Hendrik, die plaas Wittedrift geërf het.

~~b)~~ (viii) Rutger is op 20 Maart 1825 oorlede.

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b) (i) Hendrik van Huijsteen (geb. 17.3.1787) was die tweede seun van Wittedrift.

(ii) Hy is op 11.9.1814 met Jacomina Marais (weduwe van N. Bouibaard) getroud.

(iii) Uit die huwelik is 6 seuns en 2 dogters <sup>gebore</sup> ~~gebore~~ getroud.

(iv) Na Jacomina se dood op 11.3.1828 is hy met Hester Jakoba van Zeyl getroud.

(v) Uit die huwelik is 3 dogters en 1 seun gebore.

(vi) In 1818 het die pleesseinanstelsel verander en in plaas van 'n leningsplaas te wees, is Wittedrift "in ewigduurende erfpacht gegee" aan Hendrik teen 'n jaarlikse betaling van 90 ritsdadders "recognitiegeld" of, soos die boere dit genoem het, "rekonie".

In 'n papier gekry. Is my in test. me.  
Addendum tot die testament van Hendrik Tertius van Huyssteen

Nademaal (wat 'n pragtige ou woord!) dit my begeerte is dat my kinders en kleinkinders meer moet weet van hulle Van Huyssteen-voorsate en wat hulle gedoen het ter opheffing van die gemeenskap, en in die vertroue dat dit hulle sal aanspoor tot ~~soortgelyke~~<sup>der</sup> deugdelike samelewing diens, wens ek die volgende oor ons tale van die Van Huyssteen-familie te boekstaaf:

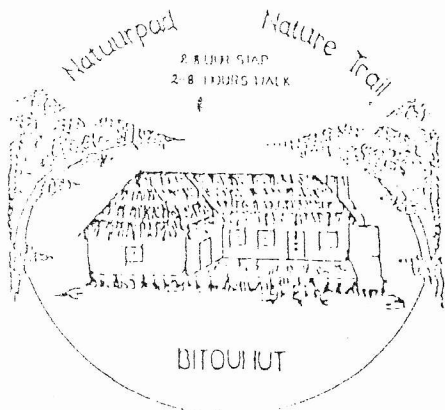
### 1. Die voorgeskiedenis in Nederland.

- a) Die plaas "De Huistede" waarvan die familie sy naam kry, bestaan vandag nog in die omgewing van Nijkerk.
- b) Sover bekend is die eerste voorbans van die van in die staatsargief te Münster (~~van~~ Duitsland) die van Walicho van Huijstede en Walleke's wyf te Huijstede in die jaar 1459.
- c) Die naam Henrick van Huystede kom in 1505 voor.
- d) Die naam Rutger kom eerste voor by Rutger Brandtoen van Huijstede, geb. 1628 en getroud met Aaltje Thomas.

### 2. Die eerste vier gerlagte.

- a) Die stamvader van die Van Huyssteen-familie in Suid-Afrika is Rutger van Huyssteen, seun van Brand Rutgersen van Huyssteen en Anna Mol, <sup>gebore</sup> 11.3.1725
- (i) Hy het as soldaat by die V.O.C. op 13 Mei 1773 op die skip "Azia" hier aangekom. Sy loon: 9 gulden per maand.
- (ii) In 1778 word hy as houthapper "aan het Paradys en de Witte Boomen" aangestel teen 12 gulden per maand.
- (iii) Op 22 Feb. 1780 word hy vyrburger nadat hy 15 vrugte hout aan die Kompanjie afgelewer het.

Hoërskool WITTEDRIFT High School



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NAVRAE 35 ENQUIRIES  
04457-9760  
8h30 to 13h00

### DIE NATUURPAD VAN DIE HOERSKOO WITTEDRIFT

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Perde en honde word toegelaat.

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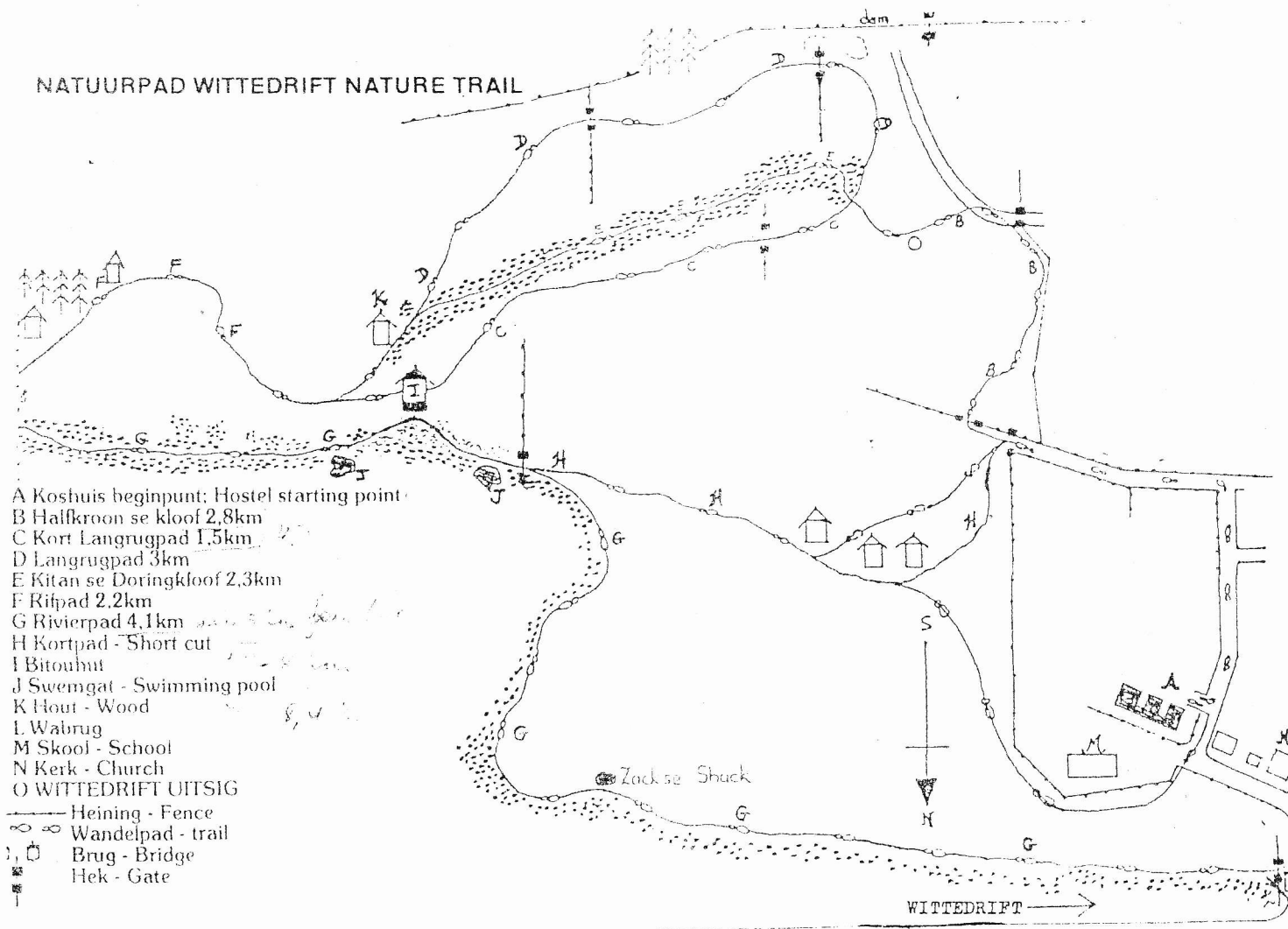
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One of the most picturesque overnight huts in S.A. is situated close to the meandering Bitou River. Up to 15 people can be accommodated in this hut for R3.00 per person per day. A R5 key deposit must be paid at the Wittedrift Butchery. Reservations can only be made at the same butchery from Monday to Saturday between 8h00 and 12h00 (Tel 04457-9760).

Horses and Dogs are allowed.

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## BOOMLYS

NO.	NAME (BOTANIES)	NAME (ENGLISH)	NAME (AFRIKAANS)
16	Podocarpus falcatus	Outeniqua Yellowwood	Outeniekwa Geelhout of Kalander
17	Podocarpus henkeli	Henkel's Yellowwood	Henkel - se - Geelhout
18	Podocarpus latifolius	Real Yellowwood	Opregte Geelhout
39	Celtis africana	White Stinkwood	Witstinkhout
50	Ficus sur	Cape Fig	Wildevy
118	Ocotea bullata	Stinkwood	Stinkhout
139	Pittosporum viridiflorum	White Cape Beech	Bosboekenhout
140	Cunonia capensis	Butterspoon Tree (Red Alder)	Rooi - eis
147	Prunus africana	Red Stinkwood	Rooistinkhout
221	Virgilia oroboides	Blossom Tree	Keuroom
221.1	Virgilia divaricata	Pink Blossom Tree	Pienk Keurboom
224.1	Crotalaria capensis	Cape Rattle-pod	Kaapse Klapperpeul
256	Calodendrum capense	Cape Chestnut	Widkastaaiing
261	Vepris lanceolata	White Ironwood	Witysterhout
265	Clausena anisata	Horsewood	Perdepis
298	Ekebergia capensis	Cape Ash	Essenhout
361	Harpephyllum caffrum	Kaffir Plum	Kafferpruim
380	Rhus chirimdensis	Red Currant	Bostaaibos
388	Rhus longispina	Thorny Currant	Doringtaaibos
388.1	Rhus lucida	Glossy Currant	Blinktaaibos
398	Maytenus acuminata	Silky Bark	Rooi sybas
401	Maytenus peduncularis	Cape Blackwood	Kaapse swarthout
409	Pterocelastrus tricuspidatus	Candlewood	Kershout
413	Cassine eucleiformis	White Silky Bark	Witysybas
414	Cassine perague	False Saffron	Bastersaffraan
415	Cassine papillosa	Common Saffron	Gewone saffraan
422	Apodytes dimidiata	White Pear	Witpeer
423	Allophylus decipiens	false Currant	Bastertaaibos
463	Grewia occidentalis	Cross-berry	Kruisbessie
496	Scolopia mundii	Red Pear	Rooipeer
503	Trimeria grandifolia	Wild Mulberry	Widemoerbei
566	Schefflera umbellifera	False Cabbage Tree	Basterkiepersol
570	Curtisia dentata	Assagai	Assagai
578	Papanea melanophloeos	Cape Beech	Boekkenhout
579	Sideroxylon inerme	White Milkwood	Witmelkhout
603	diospyros dichrophylla	Monkey Plum / Star apple	Toibos / Sterappel
617	Olea europaea	Wild Olive	Olienhout
618.2	Olea Capensis ssp. macrocarpa	Ironwood	Ysterhout
634	Nuxia floribunda	Forest Elder	Vlier
636	Buddleja saligna	False Olive	Witlienhout
637	Buddleja salivifolia	Sagewood	Saliehout
693	Rothmannia capensis	Wild Gardenia	Widekatjiejepiering
708	Canthium inerme	Common Turkey-berry	Gewone Bokdrol
733	Tarhonkanthus camphoratus	Camphor-bush	Widekanferbos



## BIRDS OF THE BITOU

The numbers are those in Roberts BIRDS OF SOUTH AFRICA

NO.	ENGLISH	AFRIKAANS
6	Dabchick	Klein Duikerjijie
47	White Breasted Cormorant	Witbors - Duiker
50	Reed Cormorant	Rietduiker
52	Darter	Slanghalsvoël
54	Grey Heron	Blou Reier
55	Black - Headed Heron	Swartkop Reier
57	Purple Heron	Rooi Reier
59	Little Egret	Klein Witreier
61	Cattle Egret	Bosluisvoël
81	Sacred Ibis	Skoorsteenveër
84	Hadeda	Hadeda
85	African Spoonbill	Lepelaar
88	Spur - Winged Goose	Wildemakou
89	Egyptian Goose	Kolgans
90	South African Shelduck	Bergeend
94	Cape Shoveller	Kaapse Slopeend
95	Black Duck	Swarteend
96	Yellow Billed Duck	Geelbek
97	Red - Billed Teal	Rooibek - eendjie
98	Cape Teal	Teeleendjie
130	Black - Sholdered Kite	Blouvalkie
149	Fish Eagle	Visarend
152	Jackal Buzzard	Jakkalsvoël
188	Red - Necked Francolin	Rooikeel - Fisant
192	Crowned Guinea - Fowl	Tarentaal
210	Moorhen	Klein Waterhoender
211	Red - Knobbed Coot	Bleshoender
219	Stanley Bustard	Veldpou
237	Kittlitz's Sandplover	Geelbors - Strandloperjijie
241	Grey Plover	Grys Strandloper
242	Crowned plover	Klewietjie
243	Black - Winged Plover	Swartvlerk Klewietjie
245	Blacksmith Plover	Bontkiewietjie
251	Curlew Sandpiper	Krombek - Strandloper
253	Little Stint	Klein Strandloper
256	Ruff	Kemphaan
262	Marsh Sandpiper	Moerasruiter
263	Greenshank	Groenpoot - Ruiter
269	Avocet	Bont Elsie
270	Stilt	Rooipoot - Elsie
274	Water Dikkop	Waterdikkop
275	Dikkop	Dikkop
311	Rock Pigeon	Kransduif
314	Red - Eyed Turtle Dove	Groot Ringduif
316	Cape Turtle Dove	Rooibors - Duifje
319	Tambourine Dove	Witbord - Duifje

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336	Knysna Loerie	Knysna Loerie
348	Jacobin Cuckoo	Nuwejaarsvoël
351	Klaas's Cuckoo	Meitjie
352	Diederik Cuckoo	Diedrikkie
357	Burchell's Coucal	Vleioerie
373	Fiery - Necked Night - Jar	Afrikaanse Naguil
380	Black Swift	Swart Windswael
384	Horus Swift	Horus - Windswael
390	Speckled Mousebird	Gevlekte Muisvoël
392	Red - Faced Mousebird	Rooiwang Muisvoël
394	Pied Kingfisher	Bont Visvanger
402	Brown - Hooded Kingfisher	Bruinkop - Visvanger
418	African Hoopoe	Hoep - Hoep
432	Pied Barbet	Bont Houtkapper
440	Greater Honey - Guide	Groot Heuningwyser
450	Cardinal Woodpecker	Kardinaal - Spegt
493	European Swallow	Europese Swael
502	Greater Stripped Swallow	Groot Streepswael
517	Fork - Tailed Drongo	Mikstert - Byvanger
521	Black - Headed Oriole	Swartkop - Willewaal
522	Pied Crow	Witbors - Kraai
543	Cape Bulbul	Kaapse Tiptol
545	Black - eyed Bulbul	Swartoog - Tiptol
551	Sombre Bulbul	Willie
581	Cape Robin	Janfrederik
599	Willow Warbler	Hofsanger
606	African Marsh Warbler	Klein Rietsanger
621	Crombec	Stompstert
622	Bar - Throated Apalis	Brandkeel - kleinjantjie
637	Neddicky	Neddikkie
651	Karoo Prinia	Karoo - Langstert - Tinktinkie
658	Tit - Babbler	Tjeritkik
665	Fiscal Flycatcher	Fiscal - Vlieëvanger
682	Paradise Flycatcher	Paradys - Vlieëvanger
686	Cape Wagtail	Kwikkie
703	Orange - Throated Longclaw	Kalkoentjie
707	Fiscal	Fiskaal
709	Bou Bou	Waterfiskaal
717	Olive Bush Shrike	Olyf Boslaksman
722	Bokmakierie	Bokmakierie
733	European Starling	Europese Spreeu
745	Red - winged Starling	Rooivlek Spreeu
758	Greater Double - Collared Sunbird	Groot Rooibors - Suikerbekkie
765	Grey Sunbird	Grys Suikerbekkie
772	Black Sunbird	Swart Suikerbekkie

## History

# The history of schooling in the valley Wittedrift

### Wood industrialists 1777 - 1787

The first inhabitants of our area, now known as the Greater Plettenberg Bay Area, were wood industrialists. Around 1777, concessions, valued for one year, were issued to these people by the Government. These people's main focus and interest was in the wood industry and records show no mention or interest of schooling. Many of these people gave up on this industry around Plettenberg Bay and moved to Knysna around 1803 to try their luck there.

### Permanent Residents 1787 - 1814

In 1787, the forefather of the Van Huyssteens, Rutger, made the Wittedrift Valley his permanent residence and the fore father of the Van Rooyens in Piesang Valley. The descendants of these two great men led to the fact that in 1962, half of the pupils of our school were made up of Van Huyssteens and Van Rooyens (43 Van Huyssteens and 34 Van Rooyens out of a total of 150).

### Non-official Schooling 1815 - 1863

Hendrik I, the eldest son of Rutger was getting worried about the education of his children and started schooling by employing distracted marines as schoolmasters. We can accept this fact because there was no mention of teachers in this area. This type of schooling took place between 1815, when Hendrik's eldest child was seven years old and 1855, when his youngest was fifteen. According to records, many ships were shipwrecked in the Bay Formosa at this stage, so unemployed marines were plentyfull.

### The start of formal schooling: 1863

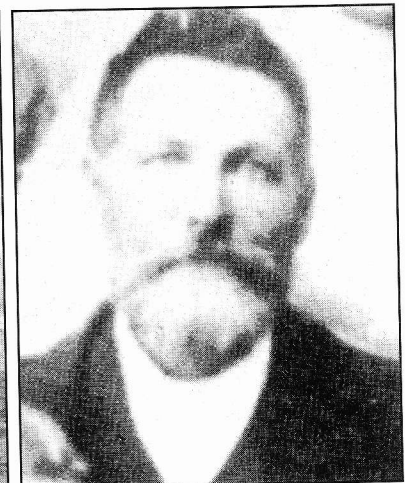
According to the minutes (1861) of the Dutch Reformed Church Councilmeeting, Knysna, Elder GNF de Graaf suggested that schools must be established at Knysna and Plettenberg Bay, but that no funds would be contributed from the Government. On the 27 September 1862, a meeting was held at Wittedrift/Plettenberg Bay, chaired by GNF Graaf of the Civil Commissioner's Office in Knysna, for the purpose of establishing a public school at this place. On 7 November 1862 Sir Dale wrote his note to his secretary: William Henry Cooper was nominated as the first teacher and resumed duty on 1 January 1863. The community had to provide an established residence with a vegetable garden to the government teacher. Shortly afterwards, at the end of the third term, Cooper asked to terminate his position. This matter was discussed at a school committee meeting on 30 September 1863. It was also discovered that Cooper wrote a letter to the SGO, without the knowledge or consultation of the committee, asking them to alter the term dates. Not only this matter but various other complaints were minuted.

On the 18 August 1865, Herman Dreyer "teacher of Public School Wittedrift" received the circular letters of 21 July. He became the next principal.

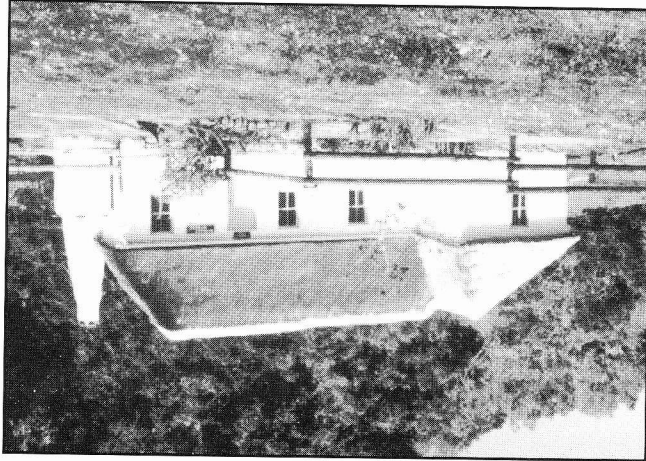
Mr Dreyer was succeeded by Mr Ernest Salvanus Smith, who resigned in 1867 and was succeeded by Mr W Smith. Patricia Storrar took us out of the dark with her description of the next teacher, William Jones, a resident of Plettenberg Bay, who taught here between 1869 and 1872.



VAN HUYSSTEENS EN VAN ROOYENS



HENDRIK VAN HUYSSTEEN



# Open Your Eyes

JACO VDBERG

Look around you, what do you see? I see the beauty of mother nature around me. The trees, the flowers and fresh air, the sun that shines and when it rains, the water splashes down on us from the sky. That's the beauty around us.

That's why I like my school. This school, Wittedrift High, in the middle of the nature's beauty. The trail on the way to the **Bison Hut**, the horses in the camp by the school and on the hill. My school, the best school.

CARIN BRINK

The sweet surrender of thoughts inside, of friendship bonds, torn apart.

Once love, once cared, torn apart.

5 years of sharing secrets and hopes and dreams.

5 years of hurt, sadness and hate

All because we're one, all because we're Friends. All because we care,

And all because we know the emptiness of loneliness. Don't you see, the danger of losing the most precious gift of all?

Friendship. Made out of Dreams and hopes, of love and appreciation, we may not think as one, love as one, care as one, but...

- But friendship is our Bond of time, and there are no limits to time. We may not be one, in thought and minds, But we are together as one, because we are friends forever.

# To the Matric Class of '97

My first memories of this school will be as great as my last. Because the little school in the middle of nowhere, as it seemed when I first arrived (in std 6) has a certain "thing" about it which makes this school so extravagantly gorgeous.

I don't know if it's something in the air, but the teachers and everybody else who spends a lot of time here, are who they are, but they also have that "something" that makes them different. Is this the thing that makes the Wittedrifter?

Mr Grobler is the most wonderful storyteller I've ever listened to. If there was a new piece of work to be done, there would 90% of the time be a story to go with it.

There are so many things to remember about each of our teachers, but there are too few words in the Oxford dictionary to define them; for instance Mrs Brebner's giggle. There is no way to explain it; you have to hear it. And then the way Mrs Beukes's cheeks light

# Honorary Prefect

At the prize giving of 1999, the premier occasion in the life of the school, the award of honorary prefect was made for the first time and a prefect jersey presented. The recipient was Mr Kysie van Huyssteen. (sien Knakhuis foto)

This award was made in recognition of all that "oom Kysie" had done over the years. It was unanimously awarded by the staff and the prefects of 1999. It was felt that Kysie, over years, had exemplified all the qualities of leadership and sacrificial service on behalf of the school, without thought of recognition or reward. That this service was practical, costly, dedicated and that his personal life and character, his constant support was an extraordinary example of what a prefect should be.

The award gave Kysie the following: The right to have his name inscribed on all prefect honour boards, the right to wear the prefect jersey, the right to attend any prefect meeting or function and to use the prefect room at his convenience.

MATTHEW GARISCH, 2000

I know for a fact, no one will forget Mr Bain's Boxer tobacco or his killer accountability tests. Nor will any one want to forget PT with Mr Coetzee. We cannot forget Maths with Mrs Wood. If there was something to be solved, it would be demonstrated with some food item. And last, but not the least, Mr Bouwer's total commitment to the school. If there was rugby, squash, hockey, tug-of-war, you name it, he was there, and if he wasn't, you could be sure there would be a catastrophic reason.

Of all my great memories, none are greater than the other. Not one is easier to forget than another. The only person who doesn't like our school is the person who hasn't been in it.

up when she gets angry, and we cannot forget Mrs Reid's obsession with Red.

# What makes a Wittedrifter?