



BPS NEWS ISSUE 1/2017

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Dates to Diarise

16 Jan: Cricket Nets U/9 to U/13
 17 Jan: Inter-House Swimming Trials—Jeffcoat
 18 Jan: Inter-House Swimming Trials—Eksteen
 18 Jan: Parent-Teacher Meetings (see note)
 19 Jan: Inter-House Swimming Trials—Hertzog
 23 Jan: Start of Term 1 Extra-Mural Programme
 25—27 Jan: Grade 5 on Outdoor Education
 31 Jan: Foundation Phase Workshop @7pm
 1—3 Feb: Grade 6 & 7 on Outdoor Education
 4 Feb: Inter-School Athletics @ Fish Hoek
 7 Feb: Wynberg Boys High Open Day
For more dates see D6 Communicator

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to BPS 2017! We trust that you had a wonderful holiday and a great start to 2017 and that you are still on track with your New Year's resolutions. We are on our way with our 2017 School Programme and we are very excited about the endless possibilities that 2017 will bring for all of us..

We extend a very warm BPS welcome to our new families, and especially our new learners. We wish you a long and happy association with BPS.

We warmly welcome the following people to the Bergvliet Family: Mr. Matthew Barnwell, who teaches in Grade 4, Mrs Julie Junor who takes over as Librarian, Ms. Leslie Smith who joins our Music Department on a part time basis, Mr Robyn Falken, employed in a Learnership capacity, working in Gr 6 & 7, who will also assist with coaching of sport, and Mrs Estelle October who is a WCED employed Learning Support Teacher. We also welcome to After School Care, Ms. Basson and Mrs Leary. We trust that their time at our school will enrich their teaching experience and add a dimension of happiness and fulfilment to their lives. We know that they will find support and encouragement from all the members of the BPS family.



On the first day we were visited by Espresso, the Talk show on SABC 3, who filmed our learners arriving on the first day of school, and had some conversations with parents and Grade 1 learners. The YouTube video can be viewed by using the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoghQzP0NIk>

Congratulations to all our past pupils who passed Matric in 2016. We are very proud of all your achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS—WEDDING BELLS

We congratulate Ms Haupt, our Foundation Phase Learnership who tied the knot during the December/January school holidays and married her sweetheart, Neill. Ms Haupt will now be known as Mrs Brigg. We wish them happiness and many years of joy, as they make a new life together as husband and wife.



PARENT—EDUCATOR MEETING: 18 JANUARY 2017

ALL PARENTS and their children's after school care-givers are required to attend this very important meeting. Kindly be punctual to avoid causing disruption and missing any information already imparted to parents by the educator. Please be advised that this first meeting of the year is a fairly lengthy one. Secure parking for vehicles will be provided on the South Field.

The educators will address parents on classroom matters of general educational interest. It will be far too early in the academic year for them to be able to deliver individual reports on learners' progress. You will be able to schedule meetings with the class educator at a later stage in the term.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME OF THE MEETINGS:

18.15—18.45	Parents of learners in Grades R, 1, 2 & 3 will meet the Educators in their classrooms
19:00—19:50	General Meeting for ALL PARENTS (Reception Grade to Grade Seven) in the Hall
20:00—20:30	After the general meeting in the Hall, parents of learners in Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7 will meet the educators in their classrooms.

SCHOOL STARTING AND DISMISSAL TIMES 2017

The day starts at 7:45, with learners arriving and settling in their classes. The 1st period of teaching starts at 07:55

Grade R:	07:55 – 13:15 Monday to Friday
Gr 1 & 2:	07:55 – 13:20 Monday to Friday
Gr 3:	07:55 – 14:40 Monday to Wednesday
Gr 3:	07:55 – 13:20 Thursday and Friday
Gr 4 – 7:	07:55 – 14:40 Monday to Thursday
Gr R – 7:	07:55 – 13:20 Friday



For the first three weeks of school, commencing Wednesday, 11 January 2017 until Friday, 03 February 2017, the Grade R school day will finish at 12.00. Normal dismissal time of 13.15 commences on Monday, 06 February 2017.

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL PRESENT AND PREPARED

Learners may enter the school building from 07.45 – school starts promptly at 07.55 so please ensure that your child is brought to school with time to spare in order to unpack and prepare for the day without the stress of being late.

When dropping off and collecting learners, please remember NEVER TO HOOT to attract their attention. Children wait inside the school grounds and not on the pavement – this is for their safety and security.

By law attendance at school is compulsory – when a child is ill or exceptional circumstances require absence from school, a telephone call or an explanatory note will ensure that the educator is aware of the reason for the absence. Permission to leave school early should only be requested when emergencies arise or when it is absolutely unavoidable. **Please try where possible to make appointments for after school hours, as it can be disruptive when a learner has to leave the classroom in the middle of a teaching lesson.**

EXTRA-MURALS—2017

The extramural programme commences on **MONDAY, 23 January 2017**. Every child is encouraged to participate in at least ONE Summer and ONE Winter extra-mural. Sport keeps the body healthy and the mind active. Once they have made a commitment to a particular sport or activity, they are expected to continue with it until the end of the season. Learners from Grade Three to Grade Seven are expected to participate in an activity on at least two afternoons per week, and details of these extra-mural activities are to be found on the termly Extra-mural Timetable.

For Summer outdoor activities learners should be equipped with sunscreen, a hat/peak cap and supplies of water. These items should accompany your child to school **every day** especially during the Summer Terms when the effect of the sun is extremely powerful, even on cloudy days. Pack these items as a general rule and you will hopefully engender good lifestyle habits.

MANNERS AND RESPECT CAMPAIGN

At Bergvliet Primary our children are expected to show exemplary manners and respectful at home, at school and in public places. Please encourage them to greet politely and if they are not sure of the name of the individual they are greeting to use, "Good Morning Sir or Ma'am." Our mission statement makes reference to producing well-rounded individuals and the value of good manners and respect goes a long way to achieving this.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

THE PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES IS COMPULSORY BY LAW AS STIPULATED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT

New parents wishing to pay school fees via debit order should please contact the Bursar's Office for a form if they do not already have one. All existing debit orders will roll over for 2017. The first payment deduction would take place on 01 February 2017.

The annual school fee for 2017(Grades One – Seven) has been set at R 17 380.00 per annum and is payable on the first day of the new school year. However, the following payment options are available:

1. R 17 380.00 annual fee (once off)
 2. R 4 345.00 per term (payable within 2 weeks at **beginning** of each term)
 3. R 1 580.00 per month by Debit Order (01 Feb 2017 until 01 Dec 2017)
- 5% Discount is offered if full fees are paid by **28 February 2017** (R 16 511.00)

METHOD OF PAYMENT OPTIONS

11 payments via Debit Order (School's preferred choice)

Electronic payment

Direct deposit of cash into school's account

Credit and Debit card facilities are available at the Bursar's Office

Account details: Standard Bank – Bergvliet Primary School Levy Account

Blue Route Branch, Tokai

Branch Code – 025609

Account No. 27 007 1520

Parents are encouraged to pay by debit order. If you require a form please contact the Bursar's Office. All forms must be completed and returned by Monday, 23 January 2017.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMPS FOR GRADES FIVE, SIX & SEVEN:

The Outdoor Education Camp for Grade 5 takes place from 25 – 27 January. The Grade 6 & 7 Camps takes place from 01 – 03 February 2017. Please note that Outdoor Education Camp is just the temporary moving of the classroom to the beautiful surrounds at the camp venues. Camp is compulsory for all Grade 5 – 7 learners.

All camp fees are to be settled before your child attends the annual school camp.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RECYCLING:

We are in desperate need of volunteers to assist our dedicated team at our recycling depot. If you are able to help out for even one hour a day, it will certainly go a long way in assisting with this vital service to the community. Grannies and Grandpas are most welcome! Please contact the office and hand in your name.



WOOLWORTHS AND MY SCHOOL CARD:

Thank you to all family and friends who continue to swipe their MYSCHOOL card and have BPS as a beneficiary. Every swipe helps BPS, no matter how big or small. If you need a new card, please contact Mrs Bettie Shaban who will gladly assist in ensuring that you receive a card.



We're on the web.
www.bergvlietprimary.co.za

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Sandwich Day is every Thursday. We collect extra sandwiches to donate to a neighbouring school where many of the children are in need of this assistance.

Library books borrowed from our School Library are precious and must be looked after with great care, please ensure that they are returned by the due date. If any parents would like to assist in the school Library, they are encouraged to contact the School

MySchool & Makro cards are very good fundraising tools for our school. Mrs Bettie Shaban, our Events Co-Ordinator, will provide you with the necessary application forms for these cards. Swiping your cards when out shopping ensures valuable monthly income for BPS.

Parking and Drop & Go: We please urge you to park and drop with consideration to other parents as well as to our neighbours, especially in Alphen Way.

GRADE 7 HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2018

Our Grade Seven learners and their parents need to begin preparations for High School applications early this term. Parents and learners are encouraged should avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the various high schools and keep abreast of information pertaining to bursaries, scholarships and other study options. Diarise the Open Day dates at High Schools of your choice so that you are able to visit and examine the many and varied options in order to make the vital decisions concerning High School, less than a year away for our current Grade Sevens.

SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2017

- First term 11 January – 31 March
- Second term 18 April – 30 June
- Third term 24 July – 29 September
- Fourth term 09 October – 06 December

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

“First comes *interest*. Passion begins with intrinsically enjoying what you do...Next comes the capacity to *practice*. One form of perseverance is the daily discipline of trying to do things better than we did yesterday...Third is *purpose*. What ripens passion is the conviction that your work matters...And, finally, *hope*.

Hope is a rising-to-the-occasion kind of perseverance.”

Angela Duckworth