



BPS MONTHLY NEWS 7/2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Dates to Diarise

15 Sept: Grade 2 Cake Sale
 18—22 Sept: No Extra-murals unless by arrangement of coach or teacher
 18—22 Sept: E-learner Assessments Gr 4—7
 18 Sept: Gr 2 Outing to Imhoff Farm
 18 Sept: Gr 7 Outing—Coke Cola Outing
 21 Sept: General Knowledge Quiz
 22 Sept: Dress Rehearsal for "Let us Entertain You"
 22—25 Sept: Mr Paulse to attend ICP Conference
 25 Sept: Heritage Day (Public Holiday)
 26 Sept: "Let us Entertain You Show: 9am & 7pm
 27 Sept: "Let us Entertain You: 7pm
 28 Sept: "Let us Entertain You: 7pm
 29 Sept: End of Term 3: School closes at 11am for learners

Dear Parents & Friends of BPS,

Recently a video of Naval Admiral, William H. McRaven who, returned to his alma mater to speak to graduates about lessons that he has learnt, went viral. Mrs Hector also shared this video with the rest of the school as part of her and Grade 6 H's assembly presentation. I think some of these lessons are well worth sharing as a reminder to all of us.

He starts his speech by using the University of Texas slogan, "It all starts here". He reckons that if we can just start by influencing the lives of ten people, and those ten people influence the lives of another ten, then over time we can influence many people for the better and can ultimately change the world. He then proceeds to share ten tips, my favourite which is number 10.

- #1. If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed.
- #2. If you want to change the world, find someone to help you paddle.
- #3. If you want to change the world, measure a person by the size of their heart, not the size of their flippers.
- #4. If you want to change the world get over being a sugar cookie and keep moving forward.
- #5. But if you want to change the world, don't be afraid of the circuses.
- #6. If you want to change the world sometimes you have to slide down the obstacle head first.
- #7. If you want to change the world, don't back down from the sharks.
- #8. If you want to change the world, you must be your very best in the darkest moment.
- #9. If you want to change the world, start singing when you're up to your neck in mud. Find someone to help you through life.
- #10. If you want to change the world, don't ever, ever ring the bell.

This is probably my favourite... He goes on to say... Respect everyone. Know that life is not fair and that you will fail often, but if you take some risks, step up when the times are toughest, face down the bullies, lift up the downtrodden and never, ever give up—if you do these things, then next generation and the generations that follow will live in a world far better than the one we have today and—**what started here will indeed have changed the world—for the better.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxBQLFLei70>

WEDDING BELLS



We congratulate Ms De Jong, our Grade 2 Teacher who will be getting married to Mr Adrian Horsley on 14 October . The couple got engaged during January. We wish them every happiness and many, many years of joy, as they make a new life together as husband and wife.



WORLD SCHOLARS CUP

Our World Scholar's Cup teams participated in the Global Round of the competition held at the CTICC from 11-15 August. It was an exciting five days meeting others from the 32 countries involved, in social events such as the Gold Restaurant evening, the Scavenger Hunt in mixed teams held at the V&A Waterfront and the Scholar's Ball. The Bergvliet Primary teams also worked hard during their debates, collaborative writing, individual challenges and the team challenge.

The questions were tough, but the learners rose to the occasion demonstrating knowledge across all subject areas and winning medals for their efforts. One of our teams also qualified to attend the Tournament of Champions which is being held at Yale University, USA in November. This is an incredible achievement. We are proud of all nine of our BPS representatives for their hard work and determination throughout the competition. Well done!



LEARNERS MAKING WAVES OVERSEAS

Luke de Klerk and Ross Jeffery had the amazing opportunity of representing their club and country in Sweden and Croatia recently.

Luke represented Tramway FC at under 12 level to compete in the Gothia Cup in Sweden (The world's largest international youth football tournament). Luke who was the youngest player in his team, played in all 6 competitive matches where they have progressed all the way to the last 16 teams of the competition. His team was eliminated by an academy team from Russia.

Ross participated in the World Karate Federation Youth World Cup held in Umag, Croatia. He competed in the boys age group 10—11 Kumite (fighting) category weight + 45kg division. Ross was the youngest Protea to compete with the South African Team. Two weeks later, Ross competed at the Karate South African elite Open Championship in Durban and won a silver medal. He was also awarded the Protea Trophy at the Commendation Awards in July.



ZONAL HOCKEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Matthew Paulsen (Grade Seven) and Kayley Coetzee (Grade Six) were selected to represent their zone in U13 Hockey. They both made the Southern Zone team and participated in the Inter-Zonal Hockey Tournament held at Hartleyvale Astro turf in August. Kayley's team came first gaining the gold medal at this tournament. We congratulate both of these BPS buddies on their outstanding achievement.



SENIOR PRIMARY TEST WEEK

As you read this, all our learners are busy completing continuous assessments, as well as their test series in Foundation and Senior Phase. Please ensure that homework, projects, tasks, reading and orals are completed timeously, as all these count towards the term and final year mark allocations.



LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

Our annual Variety Show will take place on Tuesday 27 September, Wednesday, 28 September and Thursday 29 September. Tickets are currently on sale through Quicket. All tickets for the evening shows have been sold, but there are still tickets available for the morning show on Tuesday, 26 September. Our talented cast will excite, enthrall and enthuse you, so please do not miss out.

There is also a morning show for members of the family who are unable to come to the evening shows. A DVD will be made available, so please place your order with Mrs Shaban.



UNIFORM UPDATE

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete and return the Blazer Survey form. Thank you for the very interesting and innovative suggestions as to how we can improve on our current uniform. The survey was completed by parents from Gr R to Gr 6. The results were extremely close with the Yes' and No's receiving almost equal votes. At this point, the SGB, will put the blazer proposal on hold and go back to the drawing board with regards to alternative options.

The new sports uniform has received many plaudits and will become the official sports uniform in 2018. As communicated previously, the old one is being phased out and only the new one will be sold in 2018.

SPORT TOURNAMENTS & FESTIVALS

Our Under 9 Hockey Boys and Under 9 Netball Girls participated in a Sports Festival at Kirstenhof Primary recently. It was a fun evening, which was enjoyed by all. Some of our boys and girls played their first competitive match during the tournament. It was a great experience and gave them a taste of what to expect in future matches and tournaments.

The Under 12 Girls Netball Squad played in the Simon vd Stel Sports Festival. The girls enjoyed the experience and more than held their own against their competitors. Thank you to their teachers and coaches, as well as a big BPS thank you to all the parents who supported. Your presence galvanised the teams and made it an enjoyable experience for all concerned. Well Done!!!!



AFTERCARE 2018

Should you be requiring After School Care in 2018, please contact Mrs Shaban at bshaban@bergvlietprimary.co.za to ascertain availability of space. We have increased the capacity of the Aftercare, but places are snapped up quickly for this much sought after service.

OUR MOTTO, SERVIMUS, IN ACTION

Our Grade 7 learners spent the morning at Glenbridge Special School. The Grade 7's were overcome with admiration for the learners and staff of Glenbridge Special School. This was a mutually beneficial experience for both Bergvliet and Glenbridge. The Grade 7's left with hearts filled with love, and eyes opened to a whole new perspective of the world around them.

We put our motto, Servimus, into action as part of our Mandela Day initiative. Through our learners' generosity and kindness, we raised R14000 for Glenbridge, which they will put to good use in purchasing much needed resources for their school.



RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR CHILDREN

We have noticed a concerning increase in the number of social media related "incidents" that are surfacing at school. Most of these incidents involve WhatsApp, Messenger or Instagram accounts. Learners are participating in inappropriate conversations with their friends and sometimes strangers via private messages or group chats - and the fall out of these conversations then occurs at school.

As social media impacts our daily lives more and more, we urge you to please be involved in monitoring your child's usage of online apps and familiarise yourself with the legal requirements thereof. Safer Internet South Africa has researched the impact of social media on children. They have also put together a guideline for parents to monitor their children's online behaviours. Please visit their website and <https://saferinternetsouthafrica.co.za/social-media-guides/> and explore the wealth of knowledge around this subject. Technology has many uses in the learning space, but responsible usage must be taught and clear boundaries must be put in place.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BPS

We are in desperate need of volunteers to assist our dedicated team of staff at our Recycling Depot, Tuckshop, Library, Uniform Shop and assisting with reading in the Foundation Phase. If you are able to help out for even one hour a day, it will certainly assist us with these vital services to our school community. Grannies and Grandpas are most welcome! Please contact the office and hand in your name.

