



BPS NEWS ISSUE 2/2017

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**Dates to Diarise**

For more dates see D6 Communicator

10 March: - Mini Cricket Festival @ Sun Valley
 10 March: - Grade 6 Cake Sale
 11 March: - Musichthon
 16 March: - Fun Gala @ Kirstenhof
 20 March: - School Holiday
 21 March: - Public Holiday
 23 March: - Gr R Sports Day
 23 March: - Cricket Triangular @ BHS
 24 March: - Athletics @ Sun Valley

For more Term 1 dates please visit the D6 Communicator

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents

It is unbelievable to think that we have passed the mid-point of our term, and that we are now heading full steam ahead towards the end of term. This is most certainly a busy school, with many events, besides the usual hustle and bustle of the academic programme.

We have just completed an amazing camp-out event, which brought our parents and learners together, encouraging community building as well. Despite the threat of much needed rain, the event went ahead, and as always, proved to be a highlight on the year's calendar. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all parents who volunteered their services in any way, and contributed to the success of the event.

Another vitally important event is the end of term Parent-Teacher Meeting to discuss your child's progress during the First Term. This will take place on Tuesday 28 March and Wednesday 29 March 2017. Please look out for the invitation to book your time slot with the teachers.

Even though life may seem busy and challenging, I am often reminded about this saying: "Never get so busy making a living that we forget to make a life." Wishing you and your families an awesome week ahead .

GRADE 3 & 6 WCED SYSTEMIC RESULTS FOR 2016

We were recognised by the Western Cape Education Department at a recent awards evening, for Overall Excellence in Grades 3 & 6 Language and Mathematics Systemic Tests written in October 2016. We were also placed in the top 10 primary schools in the category for Excellence in Grade 3 & 6 Language and Mathematics in the Western Cape. Only 3 other co-ed schools were placed in the top 10, which included Sweet Valley Primary, The Grove and Welgemoed Primary. The rest of the top 10 was made up of single sex schools.

Our Results for Grades 3 & 6 are as follows:

Grade 3 - 2016:	Mathematics:	100%
	Language:	97%
Grade 3 - 2015:	Mathematics:	99%
	Language:	94%
Grade 6 - 2016:	Mathematics:	100%
	Language:	96%
Grade 6 - 2015:	Mathematics:	100%
	Language:	99%

In celebrating these amazing results, we wish to thank our dedicated and committed staff, learners and parents who have all played contributing roles in ensuring that BPS continues to achieve remarkable results in these Provincial tests.



BEING PUNCTUAL, PRESENT & PREPARED

Parents, please be reminded that school day starts at 07:45 for all learners from Grade R-7. This is the time of the first bell of the day. The learners need time to settle and be organised before the second bell goes at 07:55, which signals the start of the 1st period of the day. All children should be in class by this time. Should you be late for whatever reason, please do not walk your child to class, then try and explain to the teacher why you are late. This creates disruption and upsets the routine of the day, not just for the teacher, but also for the other children already settled in class. Please let children walk in by themselves, or if you are uncertain, leave them at reception, and the staff will ensure that your child gets to class without too much fanfare. This also helps us with security, as we then don't have any people in the building, when they should not be there.

The SGB are in the process of reviewing our current Access Control Policy and this will be communicated to our all parents shortly.



PRIVATE PARTIES

At BPS we understand your desire to celebrate your child's birthday and perhaps some other important milestones in their young lives. Whilst not wanting to discourage such occasions and celebrations, we feel it appropriate to inform parents that such parties and celebrations are not planned or discussed with staff at the school, as they take place outside of school hours – in short they are private functions/events and can never be called official school functions, even if the participants attending such gatherings are learners attending Bergvliet Primary School. Any incidents of any nature, injuries, physical or emotional, or any damage to property or possessions which may take place during the course of such celebratory activities, are therefore not the school's responsibility, and BPS can most certainly not be held liable in any way. Our advice to parents whose child(ren) have received an invitation to any event away from your own home and thus your own supervision, are to enquire from the parents hosting the function, all details pertaining to supervision, safety and security issues, as well as the usual information regarding venue, detailed directions to said venue and any dress code requirements there may be.



It is always a good idea to remind children that you, as parents, will expect them to display good manners and appropriate behaviour at all times, ensuring that no unpleasant repercussions follow their participation at these get-togethers. When planning these events, please take into account the age range of the children invited to attend, so that all activities, entertainment and also eats and beverages on offer are indeed appropriate to the enjoyment of those present.

SERVIMUS

As a school we are always striving to be a community which actively and enthusiastically serves humanity. Recently, we had a Valentines Day civvies. The money raised will be used to help those in need in the community. Learners are currently bringing Easter Eggs for the Lions Club of Bergvliet, which will be distributed to help make Easter meaningful to those in need. Our learners regularly provide sandwiches on a Thursday, and this is distributed to schools where sadly learners come to school without having had anything to eat.

A sincere thanks to all parents and learners who regularly support our ongoing recycling efforts, and for your generosity of heart in supporting all the various initiatives to help those most in need of our help and care.



SPORTS UNIFORM

Please be reminded that the new sports uniform for boys and girls is now available from the BPS Uniform shop. We are pleased with the positive comments about the quality, style and look of the new uniform. Please be advised that 2017 is the phase in period for the uniform, and that it will officially replace the "old" uniform in 2018.



MANNERS AND RESPECT CAMPAIGN

At Bergvliet Primary our children are expected to show exemplary manners and respect 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 towards achieving this.

COMMUNICATION AT BPS

A decision was made about 3 years ago to embrace online communication at Bergvliet Primary School. As a green school this is another way of reducing our carbon footprint. We currently use the D6 Communicator, where newsletters, school letters and circulars, and dates for the term are communicated to our parents. Please download the D6 School Communicator, which is available in both the App stores for Apple and Android, as well as Microsoft platforms. It can also be downloaded from the D6 website for desktop computers as well. The SGB is committed to adopting a comprehensive Communications Policy and this will be shared with all parents before the end of term.

MEASLES OUTBREAK IN THE WESTERN CAPE

The Western Cape Education Dept., as well as the Dept. of Health has issued a health warning with regard to the outbreak of measles in a Stellenbosch school. Parents are reminded that should your child contract measles, to let the school know, but also to keep the learner at home. This is also the policy for all other contagious childhood diseases.

Measles symptoms can present as, "fever of 38°C or more, a generalised blotchy rash and any one of the following three symptoms: cough, conjunctivitis (i.e. red eyes) or coryza (i.e. runny nose)."

SPORT & EXTRA-MURALS

The SGB is committed to increasing our school's sporting profile. The idea is to be competitive and hold our own against opposition, but at the same time, to recognise that it not about winning at all costs. Ideally it would be great for every learner to be participating in a summer and winter extra-mural, especially when it comes to our team sports. We have wonderful representation in our cultural extra-murals, but we are still lacking in some team sports. The SGB has created a sports administrator post, with Mr Homan holding this position. His brief is to identify the gaps and work with the staff and parents to address these. We have also started a formalised ball skills programme for Grade 1 and 2, and this programme should go a long way towards closing the fitness and skills gap that currently exists.

This term we have participated in the Swimming Gala, Inter-School Athletics, Cricket from under 9-13, tennis and various other sport tournaments.

Jaden Jansen made it all the way to the Western Cape Athletics Championships, and was placed 5th in the 150m final, missing out on a place in the Western Cape Team by one place. Our Swimming Team was placed a close 2nd to The Grove in the Zonal Gala, hosted by Bergvliet Primary. Our Under 13 cricket team hosted the touring Redhill School from Johannesburg and only lost in the final over of the game. A highlight for the boys was meeting cricket legend, Peter Kirsten, who is currently director for cricket at Redhill School.

There are still a few more tournaments scheduled for this term. Sport is certainly on the up at BPS, but parents, we need you to encourage your boys and girls to participate so that we can create the depth in our teams that we so desperately need.

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 assist us 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.



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www.bergvlietprimary.co.za



When I see you through my eyes,
I think that we are different.



When I see you through my heart,
I know we are the same.

~Doe Zantamata

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH