



BPS NEWS ISSUE 3/2017

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Dates to Diarise

- 18 April:** Start of 2nd Term
- 21 April:** Cake Sale—Grade 5
- 25 April:** Grade 7 Helen o' Grady Drama Evening
- 27 April:** Freedom Day
- 28 April:** School Holiday
- 1 May:** Workers' Day
- 3 May:** Grade 6 Helen o' Grady Drama Evening
- 6 May:** BPS Uniform Shop Open
- 8 May:** Learners wear Winter Uniform
- 10 May:** Grade 5 Helen o' Grady Drama Evening
- 13 May:** Sports Derby Day

For more Term 1 dates please visit the D6 Communicator

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents

As you read this, we would have come to the end of a very long and busy term, but certainly a very successful term. We have had many highlights as we continue to make waves with our academic performance in the WCED Systemic Test. Many learners had the opportunity to participate in galas, playing against other teams from different parts of the country and many other sporting highlights. Our Music Department had a very successful Musicthon, which was magnificently supported by parents and extended family members. The annual Camp-out, proved to be yet another rip-roaring success, which was enhanced by the delicious aroma of the potjies being cooked. The dishes certainly get better every year.

Our learners and parents have been very generous, supporting many charity initiatives and our glass recycling proved to be very successful as we ended in 2nd place in the Western Cape Glass Recycling Competition. On a facilities front, we have completed the extension to our Aftercare. We added storage space for our hall and the hall toilets and kitchen have been refurbished.

These are just some of the many highlights that make Bergvliet Primary the amazing and sought after school it is. However, these things would not be possible if all of us, staff, learners, parents and community, did not work together and pull in the same direction. I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who contributed to the many highlights and successes this term. Please be assured that your contribution is always valued and appreciated.

We wish you a wonderful, peaceful and restful holiday, and to those who celebrate Easter, we wish you a blessed time with your families.

SERVIMUS

We have once again been thrilled by the response of our parents and learners who help those in need. When we saw the devastation caused to the homes of so many people affected by the fires in Hout Bay, we put out a request for parents to send in clothing and food. There was a tremendous response and we were able to deliver much needed supplies. We really appreciate your generosity in this regard. (See photos on BPS Facebook page)

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Egg drive. Your response was overwhelming. We are certainly going to make many children happy during the Easter weekend.

Next term we will be having a collection for the Help the Rural Child charity during the week commencing 8 May. Each family will be given a bag with instructions as to what goods they should be collecting. It might be a good idea to have a clothing sort out over the holidays so that you are prepared beforehand! (Please do not send anything before you receive the bags, as storage is a problem.)



WCED GR 3 & 6 SYSTEMIC AWARDS

As communicated in the previous BPS News, our Grade 3's & 6's were recognised for Overall Excellence in the WCED Grade 3 & 6 Systemic Results, and we were recognised as one of the Top 10 schools based on these results.

At the recent Metro South District Awards, we were again recognised for our outstanding results in both Grades 3 & 6 and we were awarded for achieving above 90% in both Language and Mathematics for both Grades 3 & 6. We were amongst only a handful of schools who received this award. Well done to all our Grade 3 & 6 learners of 2016, our incredible staff who work tirelessly to assist our learners to achieve their best and all our parents who ensure that homework and revision is completed daily. We are very proud of these achievements.



WCED LEARNER ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please note the WCED Learner Attendance Policy indicates that learners should be at school every day. Learners are not to be kept at home for any other reason than illness or a personal family crisis. Bergvliet Primary is not allowed to grant permission for learners to miss school because families wish to take holidays during the school term. Please cultivate habits where your child is encouraged to attend school regularly. Next term is littered with many school and public holidays. Please use these opportunities to plan family holidays, but do not use more than the allocated days. Please note the school and Public holidays for the 2nd Term, as set out below. Your co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.

18 April: Start of term 2
 27 April: Freedom Day (School closed)
 28 April: School holiday
 1 May: Workers' Day
 25 May: Ascension Day (School closed)
 16 June: Youth Day

WINTER UNIFORM—TERM 2

As we move into Autumn, one can certainly feel the chill in the air, especially in the mornings and evenings. Our official winter uniform switch over will happen on Monday, 8 May 2017. On this day all BPS learners are expected to wear their full winter uniform. Learners can still wear the summer uniform during the first few weeks of the term, but will not be allowed to mix and match the uniform. The BPS Uniform shop will be open on Saturday, 6 May 2017, should you require any items of 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.

BPS BEING WATER-WISE

In our endeavour to conserve our precious natural resources and look after our planet, Bergvliet Primary has started a water wise initiative. In our attempt to save water, we have started a 'Grey Water Campaign' in which we have been asking families to help us collect as much grey water as possible. We have been encouraging our learners, parents and staff to become more water wise over the past months.

The grey water our learners have been collecting over the past month, is used to help water our fields and gardens, and keep our school happy and environmentally aware. We encourage all families to continue saving water at home.



WCED DRAFT ANTI-BULLY CHARTER

The WCED has put together a Draft Anti-Bully Charter, with the hope that all schools will adopt it, thus making our schools happy and safe places of learning. The Draft Charter is currently on our D6 Communicator. Please have a look and e-mail any comments to secretary@bergvlietprimary.co.za. We will pass on your comments to the District office, with the hope that the Charter will be adopted by all schools from June 2017.

FUNDRAISING – AN ESSENTIAL PART OF BPS LIFE

2017 has seen us achieve the following activities on the fundraising front:

Camp Out
Grade 6 & 7 Cake Sales
Jewellery by Design
Soapbox Fun

Term Two which commences on 18 April, will see us enjoying our annual winter fundraiser, The Sports Derby Day. This is scheduled for Saturday, 13 May. More information at the beginning of the new term. It may be a good idea to stash away a little cash for this event, which comes hard on the heels of the Soapbox Fun Day, leaving us only one pay- day in between the two fundraisers.

Grades 4 & 5 will be having their Cake Sales offering delicious baked treats and other edible goodies to add to the term's fundraising



LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION

The Library has had a busy start to the year. It is now open at second break from Mondays to Thursdays for those who would like to read or exchange their books and there are many new books on the shelves for everyone to enjoy.

We ended the term with our Library Week celebration which took place on Friday, 24 March. Each class took 30 minutes to read or listen to stories and enjoy books. The Library Monitors went from class to class asking Literature questions and giving the children opportunities to win prizes. Grade R and Grade 1 classes had Grade 7 learners reading to them and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with the senior pupils. Well done to all the Grade 7's involved. A very big thank you to Mrs Whyte and Miss Cooke for all their help with covering, fixing and sorting of books this term.



GR R FUN SPORTS DAY

Our Grade R learners and their parents enjoyed a morning filled with laughter and excitement at their annual Fun Sports Day held on Thursday, the 23rd of March. The children enjoyed participating in 9 different activities followed by a picnic with their parents.



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.

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CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

This term members of the Creative Writing Club were hard at work writing stories and poems for upcoming competitions. With the drought on everyone's mind, we looked at a theme of Water. Here are two poems written by our learners.

Water

Water is cold and blue,
It is like a fridge
Shallow and deep.

Water is wonderful,
Mysterious and calm.
We drink water and we bath in it.

Water is a tsunami
It can destroy
Anything it passes-angry
Water can make a flood and kill.
Water is beautiful and furious.

Calla Charles Grade Four

Water

Water's the silent, clear
stream swimming through the town.
It is the clean, refreshing cup of water
It sparkles in the moonlit sky.

Water is the destructive, furious
Tidal wave, destroying homes.
It is the dirty, muddy dam
It violently rushes past villages.

Water wets your thirst
And keeps you clean.
Water keeps you cool
And freezes to an ice-cube.
Water is a cold sensation!

Ehren-Leigh Steyn Grade Six

SPORTS REPORT TERM ONE—MR HOMAN

The first term of our 2017 sport programme has been nothing shy of a success. It has been a long and strenuous term, packed full of fixtures, tournaments, galas and meetings.

Our cricket boys started the year off with a bang, with our U10a team staying unbeaten in all their games this term, our U8 mini-cricket team taking part in a packed festival at Sun Valley and our other age groups posting some impressive victories throughout the term. Our U13 side had a very busy term, playing some memorable fixtures, most notably our matches against Redhill from Johannesburg, Northcote from London, and our T15 tournament under lights against Sweet Valley and Kirstenhof U13a's.

The tennis team at Bergvliet Primary have had a good season, with many of our players getting the opportunity to experience singles and doubles matches against other schools. The boys and girls have been working very hard with their coaches, and have been improving every week, as the numbers continue to grow.

Bergvliet Primary's swimming team has grown from strength to strength in 2017, and produced top results. We enjoyed a well-spirited inter-house gala, a fun gala at Kirstenhof, but the stand-out performance was the Zonal Gala, which was hosted at BPS, where our swimmers gave it their all and managed to finish in 2nd place out of 6 schools, just behind the very strong Grove team.

Moving to athletics, our runners have exceeded all expectations this term. We introduced middle and long-distance running for the first time at BPS and took a record number of 40 athletes to our annual inter-school athletics day hosted at Fish Hoek Primary. The boys and girls did us proud, and 5 of our runners made it through to the next round, with Jaden Janson making it all the way to the final round of the Western Province Champs. Moving towards the end of the term, our top 16 sprinters enjoyed a fun athletics meet at Sun Valley Primary school, where our boys and girls showed that we are a force to be reckoned with. Jaden Janson sprinted to victory once again in both his races, with other notable performances by Jadyn Thomas and Pabalo Magadla, who managed to bring home two podium finishes in the ladder relay event.

The first term is now at an end, and it is time for us to change our cricket bats for hockey sticks, our swimming caps for netballs, and our running spikes for soccer boots. If the first terms results are anything to go by, other schools better watch out... winter is coming!

Bring on Term 2!

