



BPS MONTHLY NEWS 5/2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Dates to Diarise

24 July: Start of Term 3
 27 July: Civvies Day (Madiba)
 28 July: Staff Dev—School closes at 12:20 for all learners
 31 July: Start of Extra-mural programme
 2 Aug: Grade 3 Drama Evening
 3 Aug: Gr 7 Entrepreneurs Day
 7 Aug: Grade R Drama eve
 9 Aug: Woman's Day
 11 Aug: Grade 3 cake sale
 16 Aug: Grade 2 Drama eve
 23 Aug: Grade 1 Drama eve
 30 Aug: Music Concert
 2 Sept: Start of Test Week
 2 Sept: No Extra-murals
 11 Sept: Production Tickets on sale
 15 Sept: End of Test Week
 15 Sept: Grade 2 Cake Sale

For more Term 3 dates please visit the D6 Communicator

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of another busy, but productive term, please allow us to reflect on some of its highlights. It has been a strange term in many ways, with many stops and starts along the way. We had numerous public holidays, and experienced the unprecedented closing of schools by the WCED, due to heavy storms. However, teaching and learning continued at BPS, where we remained undaunted by the elements.

The term kicked off with our learners participating in a Netball and Soccer festival hosted by Sun Valley Primary. Two of our boys received accolades, being voted Best Goalkeeper and Best Defender of the tournament respectively. Our Grade 7 learners did us proud, competing in the World Scholars' Cup for the first time, and winning many trophies and medals for their efforts. Yet another group of Grade 7 learners participated in a competition organised by the Meadowridge Public Library. BPS competed against a few of our neighbouring schools, and thanks to the efforts of two Grade 7 girls, we took top honours in both the English and Afrikaans sections. Our choirs excelled at the prestigious Cape Town Eisteddfod, winning both the Junior and the Senior sections. Many other learners achieved awards in the Creative Writing and Art sections of the eisteddfod.

In sport, BPS participated in many tournaments, as well as the league fixtures as per usual. For the most part, we achieved very pleasing results. This term also saw the presentation of the Helen O' Grady Drama Evenings for our senior classes. Audiences were greatly entertained, and were wowed by the learners' wonderful, confident performances. BPS participated in the Horizon Maths Competition, in which five of our Gr 6 and 7 learners were placed in the top 200 finalists. These are just a few of the highlights which we celebrated this term.

None of the above would be possible without the input, guidance and commitment displayed by our passionate and dedicated staff, as well as our wonderful learners and parents who support the ethos of BPS. Thank you to all those capable individuals who transform ordinary days into extraordinary opportunities!!!

We wish you a wonderful, restful holiday and to those who will be travelling, please take care and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all on 24 July, for the start of the Third Term.

DANK JE TO OUR DUTCH STUDENTS

This past term we had the pleasure of hosting students from Holland. They have been spending time learning about our South African schooling system and will hopefully apply some of the things they have learnt when they complete their studies on return to Holland. They spent most of their time in Grade 3 & 4 this term. We wish them all the best as they complete their degrees back home. Tot ziens, Ms Schotman and Ms Leferink!!!!



MADIBA DAY @ BPS 2017

Our outreach project for next term will tie in with Madiba Day, embracing the concept of giving of our time in order to help others. This year we have decided to assist a school in our area, Glenbridge School in Diep River. This is a special needs school, catering for learners with intellectual impairment or autism. At present, they are trying to raise funds to replace fencing around the school as they have experienced much theft and destruction of property.

We ask that each learner in Grade 1-7 do some chores over the holidays to raise money which we can donate to this worthy cause. The money collected in this way should be brought to school by Thursday 27th July which will be a Civvies Day for those contributing to the cause. During the holidays you could have a bit of a clean out and any puzzles (complete, up to about 36 piece), picture books, Duplo, sandpit toys or other educational toys could be sent to school. We will then pass it on to Glenbridge.

Our Grade R's will be supporting the Cape Town Clothing Guild. This charity is the oldest in the Western Cape. It is divided into 22 districts and donates thousands of items of warm clothing to 40 different organisations during its annual collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and willingness to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.



HORIZON MATHS COMPETITION

Five of our Grade Six & Seven learners were placed in the Top 200 in the Horizon Maths Competition. 5365 learners from 44 primary schools participated in the 1st round with 668 qualifying for the 2nd round. Zainab Davis was the best placed BPS learner. We are super proud of their achievements!



INTER-SCHOOLS LITERACY QUIZ

On Tuesday 27 June, Bergvliet Primary participated in our first Literature Quiz held at Herschel Preparatory School. Our team used their knowledge of many different authors and books to compete against schools from all over Cape Town. They did very well, considering that this was a first for the team. We hope to build on this positive start in the terms ahead.

EARLY CLOSING DUE TO STAFF DEVELOPMENT

On the first Friday of the term, 28 July, we will be closing at 12:20 for all learners due to Staff Development taking place. Our Madiba Day assembly will take place in the morning, as opposed to the usual Friday 12:20 slot. Please make sure that the necessary transport arrangements are made, as all staff will be part of the Staff Development. The after school care will still operate as per normal.



BPS ANTI-BULLYING SURVEY FINDINGS

In the previous newsletter we made reference to the survey done last term by an independent service provider, to ascertain whether we were on track with our policies and strategies to combat bullying and create happy and safe learning environment at BPS. Of the random sampling of parents, learners and staff the following findings were observed

- (1) There was a big misunderstanding between what bullying was, as opposed to normal conflict and friendship and play ground issues.
- (2) Parents felt that the systems in place were effective, and that the school dealt with bullying issues when they arose or were reported.
- (3) When learners were occasionally rude or nasty to each other, they thought that this was bullying.

Some other observations were that it was vital for the school and parents/caregivers to partner together, and that the values, such as kindness, respect for all and embracing our cultural differences, has to be taught and reinforced regularly both at home and at school.

WINTER EXTRA-MURAL AND SPORT REPORT

Bergvliet Primary sport has been on the rise throughout the year, and term 2 has been no exception. The 1st of the two winter terms saw some changes in the sport programme which included the changing of practice days to allow our athletes to participate in more than one sport. The introduction of outside coaches was implemented to provide specialised and professional coaching, as well as to add numbers to our coaching team already implemented at BPS. The goal is to have at least 2 or 3 coaches per team, and the participation of our learners in more tournaments and festivals, which has helped them grow and develop in becoming more skilful and competitive.

Term 2 kicked-off with our U13 Boys Soccer team and U13 Girls Netball team participating in the Sun Valley Champions shield tournament. Our sportsmen and women were definitely the surprise package of the tournament. Our boys ended 3rd overall in the soccer, with Jordan Phillips and Jordan Roman receiving best defender and best goal-keeper of the tournament respectively. Our girls were amazing, and despite a slow start, got better and better throughout the day, beating some of the top competing Netball schools and academies.

Hockey at Bergvliet Primary has continued to grow throughout the last 2 years, with some notable performances in Term 2, which included our girls' clean sweep of victories against Bay Primary. The U13 Boys' impressive victories over Pinehurst and Pinelands, and our U10 boys remaining unbeaten this term. Our U11 girls played in a festival hosted by Sweet Valley and competed against top opposition. They did us proud by edging to victory in tough games, showing that anything is possible when we show grit and determination.

Soccer has always been strong at Bergvliet and 2017 has been no different. This term we have managed to consistently field 2 teams per age-group, and in some cases, we have had enough learners to field a 3rd team! The soccer results for term 2 speak for themselves, and the teams have continued to work hard at training and in matches, to become the best soccer school in our league.

The most notable change in sport at Bergvliet Primary this term has without a doubt, been our Netball. We have been blessed with massive numbers in our age-groups, and decided to do away with social netball, and instead, introduce 'A' and 'B' teams for term 2. There have been impressive results throughout the term: Our U13 girls have beaten teams by more than 15 goals, and continue to be the strongest team in their league. The U9 girls played their first ever match, and have continued to grow and develop throughout the term. Our U11 girls, who started slowly at the beginning of the term, have ended Term 2 with some fantastic results, including a 20-2 victory over St Anthony's, and a 5-4 victory over Timour Hall. Our U10 and U12 girls have been consistently strong throughout the term, and produced great results from week 1 right through to week 11. Bergvliet netball is definitely a force to be reckoned with, as we are the only school in our league to have two teams per age-group, from U9 to U13. Keep it up, girls!

Our cross-country runners and chess players, who have both had a busy and successful Term 2, have dominated Fridays at Bergvliet Primary. Our chess players have enjoyed the competitive matches on Friday afternoons, and in particular, the clean-sweep victory over Muizenberg Junior. Sport at Bergvliet Primary continues to grow. Term 2 has set the foundation for what is to come in Term 3. We look forward to another successful Term of sport, remembering, importantly, to be humble in victory, and gracious in defeat.

Mr. Homan (Sport Administrator)

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

In my Garden

I sit in my garden feeling bored.

Wondering what to do.

So I pick up a stick, stone, leaf and seed pod.

The stick feels rough like the gravel at a construction site.

It looks like a destroyed submarine at the bottom of the ocean.

The stone feels smooth and hard like a cement wall.

It sounds like a cup being gently but quickly put down on a table.

The seed pod is prickly like a pineapple skin.

It looks like a small disco ball especially when hanging from a tree.

The leaf feels smooth like a fruit skin and soft like a pillow case.

It looks much like a tortoise shell, lying peacefully on the green grass.

I find myself cured of boredom running around in the garden feeling looking and thinking about all the big, small and medium objects that I find.

Tristan Kayster

Grade 5J

Age 11

The Woods

As I walk through the woods, a piece of bark catches my attention. I lean down to pick it up.

The rough side of the bark feels like an old, dull brick wall. Though on the other side it looks like a big messy painting. As I turn it around it forms the shape of a rooster.

I gently place it back on top of all the bright leaves.

I sit down on a patch of fresh green grass and notice a peculiar looking rock. I pick it up.

It feels like a bumpy gravel road, not very pleasant.

I put it on the grass and look at it again from a from another perspective , now I see it looks like a miniature steep cliff.

I drop the stone on the patch of grass and walk away.

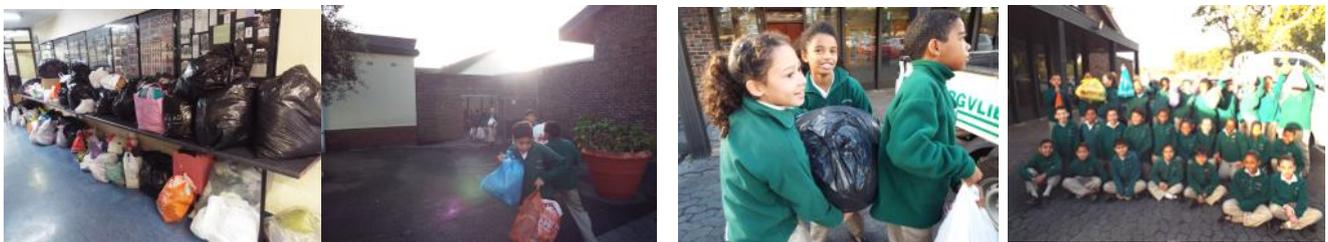
Morgan Thompson

Grade 5M

Age 11

OUR MOTTO, SERVIMUS, IN ACTION

As a school we, have been putting our school motto, Servimus, into action this term. We have supported the Help the Rural Child Charity and also the Knysna Fire Relief requests. Your generosity and kindness of heart is very much appreciated. Our learners, parents and staff go to great lengths to support the various charities earmarked by our school. We are truly a community serving humanity.



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.

