



BPS MONTHLY NEWS

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Dates to Diarise Term 1 2020

- 28 Feb: Sun Valley Championships
 - 11 Mar: Online Booking for PTAs to discuss Term 1 Reports
 - 13 Mar: Grade 6 Cake Sale
 - 16 Mar: Soapbox Fun Day
 - 17 Mar: 2021 Admissions Close
 - 17 Mar: Gr R Story Time
 - 17 Mar: Class; Sibling Photos
 - 17 Mar: Term 1 Academic Report sent home
 - 18 Mar: PTA Meetings to discuss Term 1 Academic Report
 - 19 Mar: PTA Meetings to discuss Term 1 Academic Report
 - 20 Mar: End of Term 1— school dismisses at 11am
- For more Dates please visit the D6 Communicator**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents

We have just passed the midpoint of Term 1. In true BPS style, we have been extraordinarily busy with our packed programme, so much so, that the days have simply flown by. Indeed, many people have probably forgotten the December holidays and are already looking forward to the next break! We had our first Parent Meeting, our Inter Schools Athletics, Inter-House Gala, Grade 5, 6 and 7 Outdoor Education Camps, various cricket tournaments, and hosted visitors from Elburton Primary located in Plymouth, in the United Kingdom. Our full summer extra-mural programme was implemented as well, so it has certainly been a busy few weeks.

As a school community, we will continue to focus on becoming a "Thinking and Innovative School"- a school where our learners are exposed to every possible experience and opportunity; where they are prepared and equipped with the skills to deal with the challenges of our time and the time which lies ahead.

We will continue to foster a growth mindset, as outlined in the Habits of Mind. We will teach mindfulness, which is vital to well-being and success. In addition, we will emphasise the core values that we have identified as integral to our special BPS ethos. These are:

Respect – for Self, Others and the Environment

Responsibility

Honesty & Integrity

Perseverance

Gratitude

Unity and Teamwork

Embracing Diversity

Work Ethic

Alvin Toffler, an American writer known for his discussion on modern technologies, including the digital and communication revolution, remarked recently that "the illiterate of the 21st century are not those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn." With the speed of change in our modern world, especially in the sphere of education, this is an important lesson for all of us.

Above all, we want our learners to be happy and confident. They must have a place where they feel loved and validated. A true sense of belonging is essential. This can only be accomplished if we continue to journey together towards our common goal: doing the best for the learners in our care, and helping them to be the best that they can be. Only then can we say that we are living out our vision of "Holistic Education which nurtures and inspires extra-ordinary human beings.

May we always endeavour to be stronger together!

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

STAFFING NEWS—RESIGNATIONS AND BABIES

Due to health reasons, Mr Martin Jonas has tendered his resignation with immediate effect. As a school community, we wish to thank Mr Jonas for his 11 years of service to BPS. He has impacted hearts and shaped minds over the years. We thank him for his dedication, commitment and passion for Visual Art. We salute his willingness to participate in school productions and will miss his endearing personality. We wish him well with all his future endeavours.



We congratulate Mr & Mrs Theys on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. We wish them many happy years of parenthood – We have no doubt that Shylah will be a source of joy and blessings in the years to come!

BPS COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Please note the Grievance Protocol at BPS. The full Communications Policy can be found under *Policies* on the D6 Communicator, as well as in your child's BPS Homework Diary .

MY CHILD IS BEING BULLIED	THERE IS A PROBLEM IN THE CLASS
Firstly: Class Teacher	Firstly: Class Teacher
Secondly: Grade Head / Phase Head	Secondly: Grade Head / Phase Head
Finally: Deputy Principal / Principal	Finally: Deputy Principal / Principal
I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A TEACHER	I HAVE A PROBLEM INVOLVING SPORT
Firstly: Class Teacher / Subject Teacher	Firstly: Coach / Sports Co-ordinator
Secondly: Grade Head / Phase Head	Secondly: Head of Sport
Finally: Deputy Principal / Principal	Finally: Deputy Principal / Principal
I HAVE A SUGGESTION TO MAKE	I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A SCHOOL POLICY
Firstly: Teacher or secretary@bergvlietprimary.co.za	Firstly: Deputy Principal / Principal
Finally: School Leadership Team / SGB	Finally: SGB Members

KARRI APP

We have partnered with Karri, an app which helps parents with sending small sums of money to school at the click of a button. The app has benefits for both parent and school and will help reduce the need for money to be held on the school premises. Please note, should you wish not to download the app, you will still be able to send your money to school in same manner as in the past. The app can be downloaded in the Play or App Stores.



WCED ONLINE ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR 2021

Online Admissions are open for 2021 and can be submitted until 15h00 on 17 March 2020. Application forms are available from the school office during office hours. Completed forms, together with all certified documentation, must be returned timeously.

Our current Grade R parents need not use this process when applying for Grade 1 at BPS. Parents of Grade 7 learners are advised to check with the relevant high schools to ascertain whether or not this process must be followed. Grade 7s are also reminded to check bursary and scholarship opportunities and apply timeously. Independent or private schools have different criteria and due dates, and parents are advised to take careful note of these when applying.

The link to the online system is: <https://admissions.westerncape.gov.za>

BPA AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

We have had an overwhelming response to the appeal for Class Reps. Functions of Class Reps include the setting up of WhatsApp groups to be the liaison between BPS and the general parent body. If you have not yet returned your Consent Form to release your phone numbers, please do so soonest. Our main fundraiser for this term is the Soapbox Fun Day on Monday 16 March. This event incorporates dressing up in the class theme, go-kart racing and fun games thereafter. Assistance on the day is always appreciated. Please return reply slips regarding assistance, prizes, Sponsor Cards and monies at your earliest convenience. Look out for blue notices regarding further fundraisers during the year, which include Sports Derby Day, our Ladies Tea, the Variety Show and a Musical Evening.



SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS

The digital world can be scary, and with the speed at which new online crazes seem to go "viral", it is no wonder that many of us are concerned for our children and their online exposure.

The latest viral video challenge doing the rounds - **"the jump trip challenge"** - is the current cause for concern. The jump trip challenge requires 3 participants standing next to each other, while being filmed (with the video posted to social media). The two outer participants jump and the third (in the middle) jumps a short while thereafter. The outer two kick out their legs to trip the middle person, so that he / she lands flat on his / her face or back. As you can well imagine, this can be extremely dangerous and has the potential to inflict serious harm to the third person.

There have been numerous reports from different countries where people have been seriously injured, with fatalities recorded as well.

In recent months, there has also been much concern over the TikTok video-sharing App, which has increased in global popularity over the last year. Like all other social media platforms, it is definitely not free from risk, so extreme caution is advised.

We do, however, live in a digital world, and there are a number of safety precautions that can be taken. Please monitor your child's social media activity and chat groups, and make sure that passwords are known to you. Please continue to discuss internet safety with your children, and teach them to be responsible digital citizens.

At BPS, we teach our children to be responsible and aware of themselves and others, both on-and-offline. This includes guiding them to be digitally aware and internet safe.

We also strongly advise our parents and learners not to take and share photographs of themselves and others in their school uniforms on social media without parental permission - as a school, we use only our official school channels, for which permission has been granted.



QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

Good, wise leaders respect the law and basic values of their society

-Nelson Mandela-



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. Please swipe during the holidays. If you need a new card, please contact Mrs Bettie Shaban who will gladly assist you.



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<https://www.facebook.com/BergvlietPrimarySchool/>

MAINTENANCE WORK AROUND THE BUILDING

Please be reminded as communicated in Newsflash 2, that essential maintenance work is taking place around the BPS campus. The contractors will be on-site until the end of July. The work will include repairs to roofing around the school, the upgrade of ablution facilities, the replacement of fascia boards, guttering, and other critical maintenance issues. The contractors will have a dedicated Safety Officer on site and will liaise with the Estate Manager and School Management Team with regards to any issues. Parents, learners and visitors are reminded to avoid areas that have been cordoned off for building works, for their own safety.



BPS 6-A-SIDE CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On Valentine's Day, BPS hosted a six-a-side cricket tournament. Schools who participated in the triangular tournament were Fish Hoek Primary School, Muizenberg Junior School and Bergvliet Primary. The U13s who participated were blessed to meet and gain tips from Cape Cobra players Jason Smith, a past pupil of Bergvliet Primary, as well as Zubayr Hamza, a current SA Test Cricketer and Cape Cobras player. SA cricket legend and Cape Cobras Coach, Ashwell Prince, also popped in to offer his encouragement to the players.

Fantastic cricket was on display throughout all the matches of the tournament and great sportsmanship was shown by all.

Well done to BPS for winning a very exciting final match against Fish Hoek by just one run!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 2020

We are always in need of volunteers to assist in various areas of the school. We wish to strengthen our BPA, with more parents being involved in fundraisers and the planning of events. We also require volunteers to help with reading, tuck shop, uniform shop, the school library and recycling. Another area where we are in need of parent volunteers is in assisting our learners who require a reader or scribe when doing assessments and exams. We will provide training to parents and grandparents. If you are able to assist in any of these areas, please call the office or e-mail secretary@bergvlietprimary.co.za. If you have an hour to spare, we would be extremely grateful. Together we achieve more!

