



BERGVLIET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BPS NEWSFLASH - 09 of 2021 END OF TERM 2 - 29 June 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

We trust that you and your families are keeping well. In her press briefing on Monday, 28 June, the Minister of Basic Education confirmed the early closure of schools, as mandated by our State President in his most recent address to the nation. Schools will now close on Wednesday, 30 June at 11am for all learners and reopen on 19 July. The staff will be at school until Friday, 2 July after which we embark on our official winter break. The Minister will issue further Gazetted directives and we will notify you of any changes timeously.

As all our learners and staff will be enjoying a much-needed holiday, no new work will be uploaded to the Google Classroom platform. We urge our families to use this time to recuperate both physically and emotionally, as we prepare to meet the challenges that Term 3 will bring.

School Timetable – Term 3:

At this stage, we will continue with the **current model** of **daily attendance** for Term 3. It has been working well, thanks to a considerable team effort from our entire BPS school community. We appreciate all the hard work that went into ensuring that learners could enjoy a far more “normal” routine.

Term 2 Academic Reports:

Because of the early closure, the remaining Formal Assessments in our Intermediate and Senior Phase will not be completed this week. These have been postponed to the first week of the new term, with all Academic Reports following the week thereafter. This will ensure the integrity of the assessment process. Where necessary, Parent-Teacher meetings will be realigned to fit the adjusted calendar.

BPS After School Care (ASC)

The BPS ASC will not be open for Holiday Care from 1 July - 19 July 2021. As a precautionary measure against the rising rate of infections, all staff and learners will be off the campus. Should it become necessary due to directives received from the DBE, we will revisit this matter.

WhatsApp Parent Groups:

All parents who are not currently on the class WhatsApp groups are urged to join as soon as possible. The groups are an essential communication tool used to update parents with regard to the latest developments. Please ensure that the office has your correct contact details, including email addresses and cell phone numbers.

Please contact Mrs. Shaban at bshaban@bergvlietprimary.co.za or Ms. Fouten at secretary@bergvlietprimary.co.za to update your details, should you not be receiving school correspondence.



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BPS Mandela Day:

BPS has joined forces with Liberty Promenade Shopping Centre and Heart FM in an initiative to furnish library books to six primary schools in Mitchell's Plain. We are therefore appealing to our BPS families to donate books to this worthy cause! Any new or pre-loved books, in good condition, would be greatly appreciated. Boxes will be placed around the school for this purpose, and donations can be made from 28 June to 30 July.

Staff Farewells:

The end of the school term can sometimes be bittersweet, as we have to bid farewell to a few much-loved BPS stalwarts. Mrs. Anne Pollard, who has spent 27 years at BPS and Mrs. June Fuller - 14 years, will be retiring at the end of this term. Both staff members have recently turned 65 years old. As a school community, we give thanks to two remarkable individuals for their unstinting and faithful service to the BPS family. Our counsellor, Mrs. Natasha Swift, will also be pursuing new ventures as she takes the 'Heart Matters' programme onto a broader South African platform. We wish them much happiness, love and great health. They will be sorely missed!

In conclusion, we need to congratulate and thank our School Governing Body Members, our School Leadership Team, all our amazing Staff, our supportive parents and our resilient learners on the manner in which we have managed to navigate this challenging term. Henry Ford said, "Coming **together** is a beginning. Keeping **together** is progress but **working together is success.**" We have certainly managed this at BPS – together! May we continue to keep hope alive; knowing that tomorrow will be a better day.

Wishing you all a wonderful winter break, take care, please keep safe and exercise the 5 Golden Rules daily.

Sincere regards

MR BLP PAULSE