



BERGVLIET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BPS NEWSFLASH - 17 of 2021 END OF TERM 3 – 01 Oct 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

We trust that you and your families are well. As you read this, we will have come to the end of one of the most tumultuous terms in living memory. Since the start of this term, we have seen the devastating impact of the pandemic on our families, friends and colleagues. It is with deep sadness that I would like to pause at this juncture, and remember Mr. Jonas and Mrs. Parenzee, both BPS parents who recently passed away, as well as Mr. Potts, the husband of one of our BPS staff members. We also remember in our thoughts and prayers all who are still impacted by Covid-19. May they continually feel our love and compassion.

We have successfully completed the school term, with our entire school community navigating the storms **together**. I must acknowledge our phenomenal and passionate BPS Staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, as well as our Leadership Team and SGB for their bold decisions made in the best interests of our school community. Credit must also be given to our very supportive parents and our Class Reps who remain level-headed and calm, sharing factual and up-to-date information. Our resilient and resolute learners, who have soldiered on despite challenging circumstances, deserve huge praise. We will always be **stronger** as a **collective**, and my fervent hope is that we will continue to work together, to realise our vision for BPS.

School Timetable – Term 4:

We will continue with our **current model** of **daily school attendance** for Term 4. It has been working well, thanks to a considerable team effort from our BPS school community. Although we have had a few positive Covid-19 cases amongst our learners, the efficacy of our safety protocols has been validated and reaffirmed in that there has not been a rapid spread of infections across the grades or the school. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into ensuring the safety of all. This vigilance must be maintained as we continue to navigate the pandemic.

Term 3 Academic Reports:

Term 3 Academic Reports will be sent home via email today, 1 October. Please contact the office if your email address has changed recently. We acknowledge that the results shown may not be an accurate reflection of every learner's potential, due to reasons beyond their control.

Our learners have been extremely fortunate to have had regular daily schooling at BPS. To ensure any improvement, our children are encouraged to adopt good work habits, including regular revision, daily reading, and adherence to due dates for the completion of tasks. If learners need to isolate for a period, classwork is provided on various platforms. However, parental supervision is needed to ensure that the work is done according to the guidelines provided. A good work ethic is one of the core BPS values – the rewards are commensurate with the effort applied!



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BPS Holiday After School Care (ASC):

The BPS ASC will be open for Holiday Care from Monday, 04 Oct to Friday, 08 Oct 2021, from 07:30 – 18:00.

If you are interested in placing your child at ASC in 2022, please contact Mrs. Shaban on 021 715 1103 or email bshaban@bergvlietprimary.co.za to secure a place. Only a certain number of learners can be accommodated, so please call soonest to secure a place.

Individual Music Lessons 2022:

If your child wishes to continue individual music lessons or join the individual music lesson programme in 2022, please click on the link <https://forms.gle/eB1wRS2tVBcFJ38UA> to complete the application form and read the Music Department Policy.

Budget Presentation and School Fees Notice – 2022

On Wednesday, 10 November 2021, the Governing Body will present the Budget and School Fees proposal for 2022. Please see the official letter from the Chairperson of the SGB, Mr Gavin Young, attached to this Newsflash.

Term 4: Start of Day and Dismissal Times:

*If running late, please drop at the Childrens Way Gate, as all other gates close at 07:55
Siblings can enter at the same gate, to avoid traffic congestion.*

GRADE	GATES OPEN FOR SCREENING	School Starting Time	ENTRANCE AND EXIT FOR LEARNERS	DISMISSAL TIME Mon – Thurs	DISMISSAL TIME Friday
R	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road Gate	13:05	12:50
1	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road Gate	13:15	13:00
2	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road ASC Gate	13:15	13:00
3	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road ASC Gate	Mon – Wed: 14:30	13:10
3	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Alphen Road ASC Gate	Thursday 13:25	13:10
4	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Childrens Way Gate	14:30	13:00
5	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Children’s Way ASC Gate	14:30	13:00
6	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Children’s Way ASC Gate	14:40	13:10
7	7:15 – 7:50	7:50	Children’s Way Gate	14:40	13:10



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Teachers' Day 2021

International Teachers' Day is celebrated worldwide on 5 October 2021. As this day falls during the school holidays, BPS will celebrate our Educators on Friday, 15 October 2021. I would therefore urge you to assist your child to write a note or create a card during the holidays, to show their appreciation and gratitude to our unsung heroes, who turn the ordinary into extra-ordinary blessings daily.

Final Word:

Mother Teresa famously said, **"None of us ever do great things. But we can all do small things with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."** These profound words certainly resonated with the BPS community this term. We are thankful for your continued support of various outreach initiatives. These include supporting Zeekoeivlei Primary through the weekly sandwiches and fruit drive, the amazing donations towards the Eco Garden and Outdoor Classroom and the Mandela Day Library Book Collection to assist 6 schools in Mitchell's Plain. Thank you for keeping hope alive, not just at BPS, but in other communities as well. May we remain a beacon of light amid all the turmoil!

Wishing you all a wonderful school holiday. Take care and rest well. Most importantly, keep safe and exercise the 5 Golden Rules daily. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 11 October 2021, when Term 4 commences.

Sincere regards

MR BLP PAULSE