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#### **Dear Parents and Guardians**

Time passes so quickly and we are already in the third week of the First Term of 2022. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend the Parent-Teacher meetings last week. We are also grateful to those parents who have made themselves available to be Class Representatives. It is always beneficial to have the parents and teachers meet each other at the start of the year, so that the expectations for the year ahead can be clarified.

We have also been able to have the whole school attend the first assembly of the year, on a rotational basis.

A value that underpins the learning at Bergvliet Primary School has been allocated to each fortnight. The values will form the basis of the assembly messages, as well as the class discussions.

The values have been allocated to the weeks of Term 1, as follows:

Week 2 and 3: Respect

Week 4 and 5: Responsibility Week 6 and 7: Work ethic

Week 8 and 9: Unity and Teamwork

Week 10: Gratitude

### COVID-19

This week we received the announcement that the special Cabinet meeting approved changes to the Adjusted Alert Level 1 Covid-19 regulations. The national Minister of Basic Education, **Angie Motshekga**, announced that all primary, secondary and special schools will return to daily full-time attendance, effective from Monday 7 February 2022.

The subsequent letter from the Western Cape Education Department (WCED), states, "The scrapping of the 1-metre physical distancing rule in schools will ultimately mean an end to rotation and a return to the traditional school timetable. This morning, a meeting was held with the National Minister of Basic Education, Angie Motshekga, who has indicated that these changes will come into effect on 07 February 2022."

Bergvliet Primary has been fortunate to have had all our learners at school since 29 March 2021. From Monday 7 February, we will no longer utilise the arrangement of the extra-class for Grade 5, 6 and 7 and all of the learners will be back in their own classrooms.

BPS is cognizant that the Covid-19 virus remains a reality and will continue to apply the Covid-19 protocols until we receive further directives from the WCED.

#### **EXTRA-MURAL PROGRAMME:**

The Term 1 extra-mural programme started on Monday 31 January 2022. The programme has been shared via our communication platforms. Should your child be participating, please make the necessary arrangements. Learners will not be allowed to wander the premises un-supervised, and must therefore be collected timeously.

Please remember to pack sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle for the days that your child is participating in any sport.

#### **SUMMER UNIFORM:**

All learners are required to wear the official summer uniform.

The Uniform Shop is open at the following times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 07:15-08:30, and Thursday from 13:00-15:00.

# **AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**

Our After School Care reopened on 10 January 2022. Should you need to utilize this facility, please contact Mrs. Shaban.

# **TRAFFIC:**

Both Children's Way and Alphen Way become very congested with traffic at the end of the school day. Please be considerate of our learners, other motorists and the neighbours when fetching your children in the afternoon.

### **MEDICATION:**

If your child needs to take medication during the school day, please ensure the following:

- The office and the class teacher need the specific details concerning the medication
- The medication must be sent to school in a sealed container
- The instructions as to the dosage, times etc. must be clearly written
- No glass containers are permitted

If your child suffers from any serious allergies or illnesses, please ensure that you send an updated photograph of your child, the details of the allergy or illness and how to treat the allergy or illness.

#### **RECYCLING:**

In 2021 we participated in the M-PACT Paper Recycling Competition. We came second and received a R4 000 Makro voucher. Please remember to send your recycling to school, as it means much needed money in our coffers.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

Please remember to swipe your MYSCHOOLCARD at the relative partners. If you have not yet applied for a card, please contact Mrs. Shaban.

## **SOAPBOX FUN:**

Soapbox Fun Day will be on Friday 18 March 2022. More details to follow soon.

Please keep safe and remember to apply the Five Golden Rules daily.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Mr. B.M. Hill Acting Principal