

BERGVLIET PRIMARY SCHOOL



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Intermediate and Senior Phase learners completed their final assessments for the year today. Thank you for the encouragement at home, the steady reminders, the early nights and the support you have offered along the way.

Thank you, as well, for the payment of school fees. As shared at the budget presentation on 19 November, these contributions support every additional opportunity, initiative and enrichment offered at Bergvliet Primary. We are grateful for your trust and your partnership. The 2026 Budget Information Letter was sent out, and provides further detail.

Over the past two weeks, it has been a joy to welcome our incoming 2026 Grade R and Grade 1 parents and learners at the Orientation Days. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the year ahead and to making those first school days warm, safe and filled with curiosity. Please be assured that the Orientation Days are only the beginning and that we are here to support every small step of this important new chapter.

A warm congratulations to our Grade 6 learners who were announced as Prefects for 2026. We look forward to seeing their growth as young leaders and are confident that they will bring energy, heart and a strong example to their roles.

Please note that our School Clothing Shop will close from Monday, 8 December for stock-taking and will reopen in the new year. We look forward to welcoming you on the following dates and times:

Saturday, 10 January 2026, from 09:00 to 12:00

Monday, 12 January 2026, from 09:00 to 12:00

Tuesday, 13 January 2026, from 09:00 to 12:00

Normal service will resume from Wednesday, 14 January 2026. Parents of learners in Grade 4 to Grade 7 are kindly reminded that the school blazer forms part of the compulsory school uniform from Grade 4.

Today, we had the privilege of recognising the extraordinary contribution of our support, after-school care and security staff. We are truly grateful for the care and commitment of our grounds team, after-school care staff and security team, and for the essential work they do for our school community each day.

Thank you to those families who contributed so generously towards their gifts.

We also bid farewell to the six members of the Basic Education Employment Initiative, who completed their term with us today. Their efforts have added real value to our school community and we wish them every success as they move forward.

Warm regards

B.M. HILL
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 4

DATE	EVENT
Friday, November 28, 2025	BPS 2025 Support Staff Day
Sunday, November 30, 2025	John Graham Senior Choir and String Ensemble Performance at 14:00 at John Graham Primary.
Wednesday, December 3, 2025	Grade 7 Games Day
	Grade R Graduation/Gym Presentation at 10:30
Thursday, December 4, 2025	Learner MEET THE 2026 TEACHER Day
Thursday, December 4, 2025	Grade 7 Braai Day
Friday, December 5, 2025	2025 FOUNDATION PHASE PRIZEGIVING: Grade 1: 08:15–09:00 Grade 2: 09:30–10:30 Grade 3: 11:00–12:00
Monday, December 8, 2025	2025 ISP ACADEMIC, CULTURAL AND SPORT AWARDS at 18:00. <i>Only for invited guests.</i>
Wednesday, December 10, 2025	LAST DAY OF TERM FOR LEARNERS – Dismissal at 11:00
	Grade 7 Final Assembly and Farewell Breakfast

Assessment Early Closure:

All learners will be dismissed at 13:00 from Monday, 17 November 2025, up to and including Tuesday, 9 December 2025.

Please arrange your transport requirements accordingly and ensure that your children are collected timeously.

End of Term, 10 December 2025 - closure at 11:00.



2026 GRADE 7 PREFECTS



With immense pride and excitement, Bergvliet Primary School announces its 2026 Grade 7 Prefect Body, a group of learners who have shown outstanding commitment, leadership potential and a genuine dedication to serving their school community.

Congratulations to Tarah-Leigh Adams, Cade Benjamin, Amaal Bux, Micah Corneilse, Georgia Cloete, Chelsy Davids, Salma Deers, Alex Fredricks, Isra Harnekar, Blake Jacobs, Naifah Karlie, Meghan Mei, Kanatshi Muanda, Marcia Mufudze, Tara Naidoo, Sophie Schippers, Libby Shargey, Luca Southgate, Isabella Summers, Noah Veroni and Eli Williams.

These learners represent the strong values of Bergvliet through their integrity, resilience, teamwork and enthusiasm, and they will play an important role in guiding, supporting and inspiring their fellow learners in the year ahead.

We are equally proud of every Grade 6 applicant who put themselves forward with courage and confidence, and we cannot wait to see all of our learners step into Grade 7 in 2026 with pride, purpose and a continued commitment to excellence.

Congratulations!

THE LIVING MATHS OLYMPIAD 2025:



In October 2025, learners from Grade R to Grade 7 took part in the Living Maths Olympiad.

Every participant is to be commended for their effort, perseverance and commitment to challenging themselves beyond the classroom.

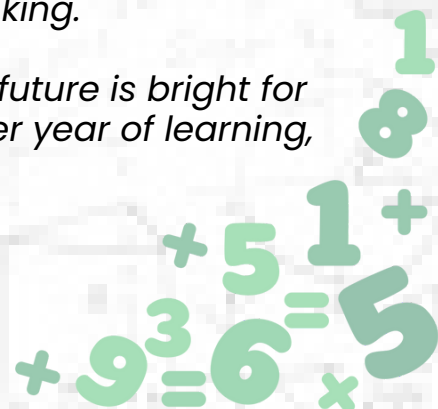
A special congratulations goes to Yaqeen Dollie and Uzair Phillips in Grade Seven, who achieved an outstanding result by placing third in the country in the pairs division.

A total of 191,853 learners from 604 schools participated in the competition, making this an exceptional national achievement and a true testament to their hard work and dedication.

We are incredibly proud of you both, well done, boys.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited to see how this experience will continue to inspire our learners to set bold goals, embrace new challenges and grow in confidence in their mathematical thinking.

With such determination and talent within our school, the future is bright for Bergvliet's young problem-solvers as they step into another year of learning, curiosity and excellence.



SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY:



On Friday, 28 November 2025, we proudly celebrated Support Staff Appreciation Day at Bergvliet Primary School.

It was a heartfelt opportunity to honour our Ground Staff, After-School Care team and Security Guards, whose dedication, hard work and care ensure that our school remains a safe, welcoming and well-prepared environment each day.

We are incredibly grateful to our parents and guardians for their generous donations via Karri, which enabled us to present vouchers to each member of our support team as a token of appreciation for their invaluable contribution to our school community.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff who thoughtfully catered for a special tea, allowing us to gather, give our thanks in person and celebrate together in a warm and meaningful way.

It was a lovely moment of connection and recognition, one that truly reflected the appreciation we hold for those who work so diligently behind the scenes.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day so memorable and to our support staff, whose commitment and care continue to make a difference every single day.



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY:

Bergvliet Primary School recently marked Gender Based Violence Awareness Day on the 21st of November 2025 by joining schools, business and many South Africans across the Country in acknowledging the Women's Shutdown.

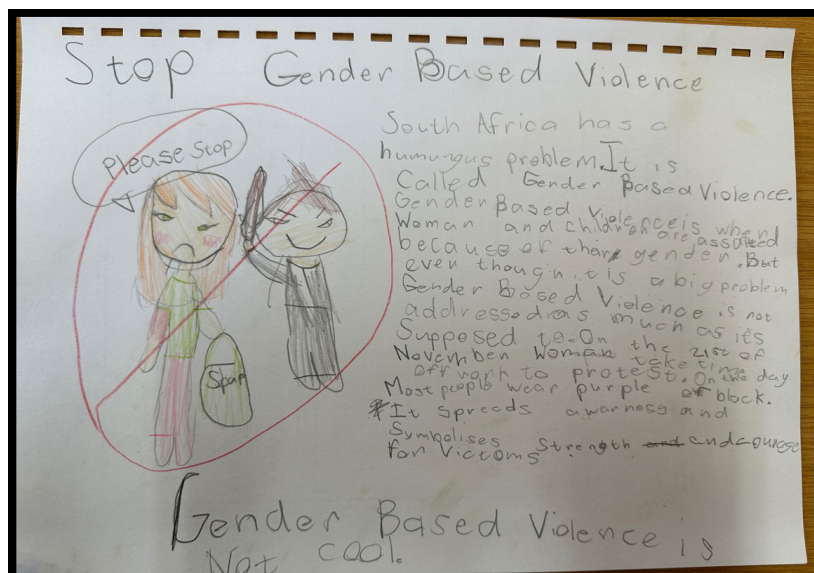
Learners were encouraged to wear a touch of black and reflect on the importance of empathy, respect and speaking out against violence, and at 12:00 p.m. the school observed a moment of silence to honour those affected.

A pledge was shared, affirming our collective commitment:

Bergvliet Primary School stands united with South Africa in the fight against gender based violence and femicide. As a school we affirm today, tomorrow and every day that we stand against all violence towards women and children. We stand behind women, we support survivors and we uphold justice, dignity and safety for all. We honour, value and respect every woman and child, and we remain committed to nurturing understanding, empathy and respect in every learner. We stand, we speak and we act, not only on one day, but every day, for a safer South Africa.



Grade 7's observing the moment of silence



Stop Gender Based Violence:

South Africa has a humungous problem Called Gender Based Violence.

Gender Based Violence is when Women and children are assaulted because of their gender.

But even though it is a big problem Gender Based Violence is not addressed in such a big way. Supposed to, On the 21st of November Woman take over to protest.

On the day women wear purple to spread awareness and symbolises strength and courage for victims.

Gender Based Violence is Not cool.

[Annabella Williams in Grade 2]

EXCITING SPORT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:



Work is progressing on our brand-new multi-surface turf, with the foundations now ready to be laid.

Our contractors have been working hard behind the scenes, and it is wonderful to see this much-anticipated project taking shape.

This upgraded facility will provide a high-quality space for our hockey, netball, tennis and cricket players, supporting development, performance and the future growth of our sports programme.



We extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has supported this project so far.

If you would like to assist with funding or support in any way, please email Ms Gensicke on kgensicke@bergvlietprimary.co.za.

WE NEED YOU

Bergvliet Primary is powered by its people, past and present, and right now we need you.



**Join the Bergvliet Primary
Community Support Network**

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FORM](https://forms.gle/jfFTuM6Vsknrg4V29)

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BPS COMMUNICATION UPDATE:

Strengthening Communication at Bergvliet Primary School

Bergvliet Primary School is introducing a new Communications Plan to improve how we share information, support families, and coordinate parent involvement across the school.

As part of our new Communications Plan, Bergvliet Primary School will be moving away from the traditional WhatsApp class groups and the Class Representative model from 2026. Parent involvement will transition to the newly established Bergvliet Parents Association (BPA), which will support greater consistency and collaboration across the school.

We extend our sincere thanks to all Class Representatives for their commitment and dedication over the years.

The school will adopt BPS WhatsApp Communities as our official communication platform, operating at three levels:

- Class, for class-specific reminders
- Grade, for grade-wide notices
- General, for school-wide announcements and newsletters

All Communities will be one-way channels from the school to parents and guardians to ensure clear, consistent communication.

All existing school-created WhatsApp groups will be deleted by Monday, 08 December 2025, after which all communication will take place exclusively through the new Communities.

How to join the new WhatsApp Communities
Parents and guardians can join the BPS General Announcements Community using the link below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ISMts5UOo4X86MTDmFUd25>

If the link does not open when clicked, please copy and paste it into your browser.

Within this Community, you will find sub-communities for:

- your child's class
- any extramural activities they participate in

Please ensure that you join all relevant sub-communities to receive the correct updates.

A Frequently Asked Questions page will be made available soon. Suggestions are welcome and can be emailed to Ms Gensicke at kgensicke@bergvlietprimary.co.za.



WhatsApp



BPS COMMUNICATION UPDATE CONTINUED:

Streamlined Communication and Safety

For learner or class-related queries, please follow the school's line of communication:

- Class Teacher
- Grade Head
- Phase Head
- Deputy Principal or Principal if required.

General school enquiries should be directed to the Front Office, which will forward your query to the relevant department. Staff aim to respond within 12 to 24 hours, or within 48 hours during peak periods.

Urgent matters during school hours must be reported to the Front Office.

After School Care staff, coaches and supervising staff have access to emergency systems and contact information, ensuring that parents can be reached promptly if needed.

From January 2026, parents and guardians will have access to a Google Classroom Homework Portal for Grades 4 to 7, a Google Drive Resource Folder for school letters and circulars, and a Parent FAQ page.

Email will remain the school's formal communication channel, while WhatsApp will be used only for brief reminders.

Please note that any privately created WhatsApp groups are not affiliated with or endorsed by Bergvliet Primary School, and the school is not responsible for their content. Parents are encouraged to follow the formal communication and escalation process as outlined in the School Code of Conduct.

Parents who would like to become involved are invited to join the Bergvliet Parents Association, BPA, by completing the linked Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/1YSN2wmRE8A9HoQh7>

Any suggestions or feedback may be emailed to Ms Gensicke at kgensicke@bergvlietprimary.co.za.

DONATION REQUESTS:

As we continue to strengthen and grow our sporting programmes at Bergvliet Primary School, we are seeking support from our school community and valued partners through the donation or sponsorship of the following key items:

- **One to two iPads or tablets for cricket and athletics scoring**
- **The moving or construction of a wooden hut to safely store our athletics equipment and mats**
- **Rugby uniforms to support our learners on the field**

If you, your business, or a contact you know may be able to assist in any way, we would be most grateful to hear from you. Please contact Ms Gensicke on kgensicke@bergvlietprimary.co.za to discuss how you can get involved.

TOY DONATIONS UPDATE:



We are delighted to share that the toys collected during this year's annual BPS Toy Drive were donated to the **Ukama Community Foundation**, which supports informal crèches and early childhood development centres in the Deep South of Cape Town.

These donations will bring joy, comfort and opportunity to many young children in need.

A heartfelt thank you to every family who contributed to this wonderful initiative. Your generosity truly makes a difference and reflects the caring spirit of our Bergvliet community.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME:

In support of the 16 Days of Activism, BPS will be collecting Care and Dignity Packs



Care and Dignity Packs

DUE DATE:
FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER

LOCATION: THE ART ROOM

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Our Environmental Club learners have been busy this term planting the beautiful Erica fynbos, which also forms part of our school badge. The Grade 1 learners have been assisting by watering the plants regularly, learning first-hand the value of plants and their importance in our environment.

Earlier this month, in November, our learners joined the Music Department during their concert.

The Eco Club learners presented their grandparents with recycled jars, which they had decorated themselves and filled with lovely treats.

This thoughtful gesture was a way to thank the grandparents for their ongoing support and to highlight that, just as they help to nurture our children, we are committed to nurturing the environment.



MEDICAL

Should your child have a medical condition or serious allergy (potentially life threatening e.g. epilepsy, diabetes, allergies to bee-stings etc), **kindly send an updated photograph of your child together with details regarding the condition / allergy as well as instructions regarding medication and procedure to deal with an emergency**, if you have not yet done so.



MEDICATION

Please note that by law the school is **NOT** allowed to administer medication to children. Should **medication** be sent to school with your child to administer themselves, **kindly ensure that the teacher is informed about it.**

RECYCLING

The Recycling Depot is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 09:00 - 13:00. Children are allowed to bring recycling to school every day.

Please continue to bring in the following:

- White paper
- Mixed white paper
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Books



We also collect glass, tins and certain plastics.



BLUE RIBBON BREAD PACKETS

Bring your empty Blue Ribbon bread packets to school and help us win! The competition runs from October to January 2026, with prizes for the top school and top collector.

FRUIT & SANDWICHES

Every Thursday we collect Fruit and Sandwiches.

PLEASE DONATE SANDWICHES & FRUIT TO SUPPORT ZEEKOEVLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents and guardians are reminded to respect all road and traffic rules around the school. Do not park in front of residential driveways or block access to our neighbours' homes. Please be courteous, obey the rules, and help us maintain positive relationships with our community.

BIWEEKLY QUOTE:

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." — Winnie-the-Pooh (A. A. Milne)

UNIFORM SHOP:

PLEASE NOTE THE HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES IN THE PRINCIPALS LETTER. THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HAS THE LATEST PRICE LIST.



REMINDER



ANNOUNCEMENTS:



ADMISSIONS:

Parents to please inform the front office in writing should your child NOT be returning to Bergvliet Primary School in 2026.

Please email secretary@bergvlietprimary.co.za

NEED FOR UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS:

Parents and Guardians are kindly requested to notify the Front Office urgently if your email address, phone number, or home address has changed. It is imperative that we have your correct and current contact details on our system, as important communication and school reports are sent via email. Please email any updates to secretary@bergvlietprimary.co.za as soon as possible.

MEET THE TEACHERS DAY – 04 DECEMBER 2025:

All Bergvliet Primary School learners, excluding Grade R 2026 learners, are required to be at school on Thursday, 04 December 2025 for Meet the Teacher Day. On this day, learners will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for 2026 and spend time becoming familiar with their new classroom environment.

Please note that this is an in-school activity for current BPS learners only, no parents or guardians will be permitted to attend.

We look forward to welcoming all learners for this exciting step into the 2026 school year.

HOLIDAY CARE DATES AND INFORMATION:

Please note the following BPS Holiday Care and After-School Care dates:

- After-School Care remains open until Wednesday, 10 December 2025.
- ASC will be closed on Thursday, 11 December 2025 due to a staff function.
- ASC will operate on Friday, 12 December and Monday, 15 December 2025.
- Holiday Care will be closed from Tuesday, 16 December 2025 to Sunday, 11 January 2026 due to the public holiday.
- Holiday Care reopens on Monday, 12 January 2026.

Holiday Care operates from 07:30 to 18:00. All Bergvliet Primary learners may attend at a cost of R80 per day. Current After-School Care learners may attend free of charge.



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PLAY BY NATURE

Play by Nature is an early childhood development centre designed to nurture creativity, connection, and learning through the beauty of nature. We would love to have you in our studio where children can play, explore, and grow in a calm and creative environment. Please see what we offer below:

1. Play Sessions:

One of our qualified teachers facilitates each session, ensuring children are engaged and supported. We have a different theme each week and activities to match. We have so much to offer during these sessions, our play items are eco-friendly and diverse, encouraging imagination, fine-motor skills, and sensory learning. Parents can relax and enjoy a coffee made by our barista, with Wi-Fi and air-conditioning this is the perfect spot for a play date or remote working!

2. Baby Class:

Our Baby Class is a sensory-based experience facilitated by one of our teachers, designed for babies to explore textures, movement and sounds. Parents are also encouraged to explore with their babies!

3. Toddler Class:

Our Toddler Class led by one of our teachers is a very creative, sensory-based class with activities such as potion making, painting, clay creations, imaginative sensory trays and so much more! Children are encouraged to get messy and explore all their senses.

Please see our website linked below for our weekly schedule and bookings.
<https://www.playbynature.net/westlake-studio>

We look forward to having you in our studio!



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AFTERCARE

Monday - Friday
13:30 - 17:30
2 years - 8 years old

BUTTERFLIES	BUGS	BEEES
		
18 MONTHS - 3 YEARS	3 - 4 YEARS	4 - 5 YEARS
Max 12 in a class 18 months to 3 years old	Max 12 in a class 3 turning 4 years old	Max 18 in a class (Grade R will be included - Separate Fees)

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