

BERGVLIET PRIMARY SCHOOL



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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As we come to the end of a remarkable milestone year, which included the 75th anniversary of Bergvliet Primary School, we reflect with pride on a busy, rewarding and historic chapter in our school's journey.

Thank you for your continued support, the encouragement you provide at home and your commitment to our shared values. Your involvement throughout the year, in both significant moments and everyday routines, has helped build a strong, vibrant and caring school community.

THANK
YOU



Warm congratulations to all learners who received recognition at the Academic, Sports and Cultural Awards Evening. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, dedication and hard work across all areas of school life.

This term we also bid farewell to several staff members who have completed their learnerships. We thank them sincerely for their valuable contributions and wish them every success in their teaching careers: Mr Du Plooy, Mrs Afrikaner, Ms Jassett, Mr West and Ms Arnold.

We wish
you
all
the
Best



This morning, we held the Final Assembly and Breakfast for our Grade Seven learners and their families. We extend our thanks to them for their positive contributions in the classroom, on the sports field and on the stage. We wish them all the very best as they begin their high school journey.

Hard and electronic copies of learner reports were issued today.



Please note that school reopens on Wednesday, 14 January 2026.



To all families celebrating Christmas, may it be a peaceful and meaningful time.

To our entire school community, we wish you a festive season filled with joy, rest and special moments with loved ones. If you are travelling, we wish you safe journeys and a safe return.

Season's
Greetings

Thank
you

Thank you once again for a truly memorable year. It has been an honour to celebrate 75 years of service, learning and community with you.

Warm regards

B.M. HILL
PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING 2026 EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 1	
DATE	EVENT
Monday, 12 January 2026	Start of 2026 Holiday Care
Wednesday, 14 January 2026	Start of the 2026 School Year for learners
Friday, 16 January 2026	Prefect Camp
Monday, 19 January 2026	Start of Summer Extra-Murals
Wednesday, 21 January 2026	Parent Meetings
Friday, 30 January 2026	Bi-Athlon 2026 13:30 – 18:00
Saturday, 31 January 2026	Interhouse Sports Day (Grade 3 – 7) 08:00 – 12:30
Monday, 02 February 2026	Grade 7 Camp – High Africa
Tuesday, 03 February 2026	Grade 7 Camp – High Africa
Wednesday, 04 February 2026	Grade 7 Camp – High Africa
Friday, 06 February 2026	Foundation Phase Picnic [Details will be communicated soon]
Thursday, 12 February 2026	Soap Box Fun Day
Tuesday, 17 February 2026	Start of Ramadan Fast

School Clothing Shop Notice



Please note that the School Clothing Shop will be closed from Monday, 8 December 2025 for stock taking and will reopen in the new year.

Families are welcome to visit the shop on the following dates:

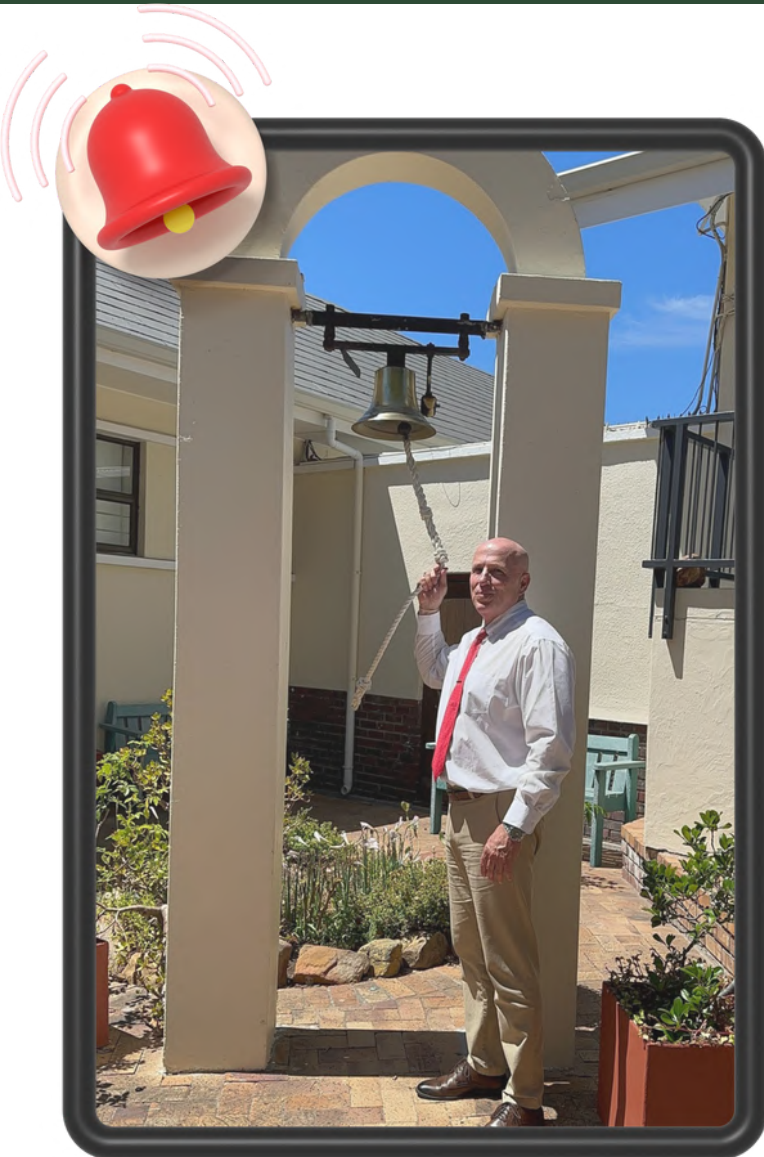
- Saturday, 10 January 2026, 09:00 to 12:00
- Monday, 12 January 2026, 09:00 to 12:00
- Tuesday, 13 January 2026, 09:00 to 12:00

Normal service will resume on Wednesday, 14 January 2026.



A reminder that the school blazer is a compulsory uniform item for all learners in Grade 4 to Grade 7.

RINGING OUT THE YEAR



A cherished Bergvliet Primary tradition brought the 2025 school year to a close as our principal, Mr Hill, rang the historic school bell, signalling the start of the summer break.

This year, the moment carried even greater significance as it formed part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

The bell, which has stood at the heart of our school for generations, is more than a symbol of dismissal, it represents continuity, community and shared memories.

At the end of every year, as we bid farewell to our Grade Seven learners, each learner has the honour of ringing the bell to mark the completion of their primary school journey.

This meaningful tradition holds a special place in the hearts of our school community, and watching the bell ring out across the campus during this milestone year reminded us of the legacy we proudly uphold and the new chapters our Grade Seven learners are about to begin.

GRADE 7 2025 FINAL CELEBRATIONS



GRADE 7

On 10 December 2025 we proudly celebrated our Grade Seven learners as they marked the end of their Bergvliet Primary journey.



The morning began with a heartfelt Final Assembly, where achievements were recognised and memories were shared, followed by a beautifully hosted breakfast in the Peace Quad. It was a joyful and meaningful send-off for a remarkable group of learners as they look ahead to the next exciting chapter of their education.



2025 PREFECT LEGACY GIFT



Our 2025 Prefect group has ended their year of leadership with a thoughtful and memorable contribution to the school. After months of dedicated fundraising, they planned, designed and funded a new **Research Corner in the library**, which was officially unveiled on 10 December 2025.



This special space includes comfortable seating, a vibrant mural and a dedicated area for computers, creating an inviting environment where learners can explore, research and work on their projects. It is a meaningful legacy that will benefit Bergvliet Primary learners for many years to come.

We are deeply proud of our Prefects and grateful for the lasting gift they have given to the school community.



ISIXHOSA CORNER

Grade R Graduation:

Our Grade R learners proudly showcased what they have learnt in isiXhosa this year by including a few isiXhosa songs in their graduation performance. They delivered a wonderful rendition of the counting 1–10 song in isiXhosa, as well as "Umzi Watsha", a popular nursery rhyme-style isiXhosa song.

Well done to our Grade R learners – we are incredibly proud of their progress and confidence!



IsiXhosa in 2026:

It has been a fantastic year in isiXhosa, and we are proud of the enthusiasm, effort and growth shown by our learners from Grade R to Grade 7.

✓ From 2026, we will be introducing small progress check-ins for Grades R–7 to help us better monitor learners' understanding and engagement. These will be brief, low-pressure assessments designed to track progress and support learning, while we continue to prioritise fun, confidence and enjoyment in every lesson.

At this stage, marks will be recorded but will not appear on reports. We will share more details and dates early next year.

We are also excited to introduce new isiXhosa workbooks in selected grades from 2026. These have already been included in your Stat Books book list.

We appreciate your support as we implement and refine this new system.

Enkosi, siza kubonana kunyaka ozayo!
(Thank you, we will see each other next year!)

Titshalakazi / Miss Gelb

WE NEED YOU

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



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Community Support Network**

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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 onwards. 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
- 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.



WhatsApp

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.



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 2026 onwards, 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.

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.

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.

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 ZEEKOEVLIEI 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:

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."
Chinese Proverb

UNIFORM SHOP:

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



REMINDER



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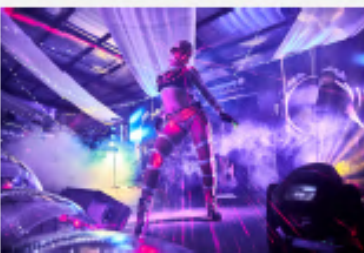


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(Grade R will be included -
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