



# The Buzz

Greater Expectations, Greater Success

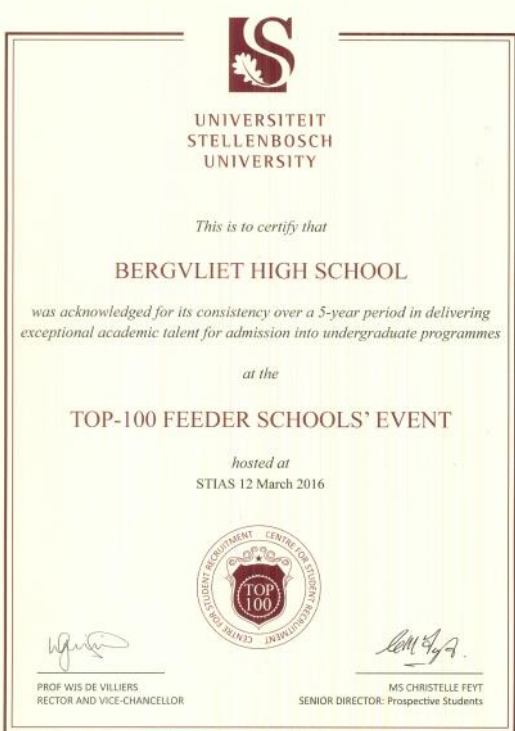
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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As a community school all role players work really hard to give our pupils the BEST opportunities we can offer. Parents are adamant about the type of school they want their children at and they are prepared to pay their school fees. At Bergvliet High we are blessed with parents who pay their school fees and for those who can't afford the full school fees, most offer to pay something towards the fees. Parents also support the school in the pursuit of academic excellence.

The children, for the most part (they are teenagers after all), work hard to achieve good results in order for them to achieve a bachelor's pass in the NSC. The bachelors pass is the first step in the long walk to tertiary education.

The staff assembled by the SGB of the school is a blend of youth and experience and I have had the privilege of visiting their classrooms over the past two terms as part of the ongoing staff development initiatives implemented by the School. It has been a wonderful experience to see staff and pupils alike, working hard in a mutually supportive environment. Naturally there are day to day discipline issues that crop up with the pupils but this is part and parcel of being a teacher. Overall the service delivery in the classroom is effective and produces excellent results.



What is my point in saying all this? Recently the School received acknowledgment from Stellenbosch University in the form of a certificate that highlighted Bergvliet High as one of their Top 100 Feeder Schools for our consistency, over a 5-year period, in delivering exceptional academic talent for admission into their undergraduate programmes. We are blessed with 3 excellent universities in the Western Cape and all three are very sought after by students from across the country, so it is indeed a great honour for the school to be acknowledged as one of the main feeder schools to a university as prestigious as Stellenbosch.

For many years now it has been widely acknowledged by Stellenbosch and other major South African universities, that students from Bergvliet High are well prepared for tertiary study and have a high conversion rate in achieving their degrees and, in fact, go onto to post-graduate studies. It is testament to our parents, our pupils and our staff that many of our pupils receive bursaries from Stellenbosch as the university recognizes the quality of our students.

At the moment Bergvliet High is sending more students into tertiary study than ever before and there has been a 15% real increase over the past 7 years of students achieving a bachelor's pass in the National Senior Certificate exams making them eligible for tertiary study.

The School was also recognised by the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation as a Gold Partner School for

2016. Membership of the Foundation's Gold Partner Schools is limited to the Top 100 South African schools as measured by the Foundation's criteria and offers our pupils the opportunity to apply for bursaries to a specific Gold Partner stream.

Bergvliet High is very proud of its academic track record both at secondary and tertiary level and it is a community effort. As the African proverb says.....it takes a village to raise a child.

Stephen Price



**R20 724  
raised so  
far this  
year from  
Myschool**

**Please  
keep  
swiping,  
every bit  
helps.**

## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL



Bergvliet High School presented a Readers Warehouse gift voucher to Crystal High School from the proceeds of the 2016 Battle of the Books competition, along with some books for their school Library.

L-R: Crystal High School's Librarian Amelda September, Bergvliet High School's Librarian Marlize Albers, Bergvliet High School's Principal Stephen Price and Crystal High School's Principal Dino Abrahams.

Achmat Hassiem was presented with the Astris Award during assembly on Friday 6 May in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Sport. Achmat matriculated from Bergvliet High School in 1999. While lifesaving in 2006 he lost his leg from an attack by a 4.5m Great White Shark. Since then Achmat has gone on to swim for Western Province and South Africa. In 2012 he swam in the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London where he won a Bronze medal in the 100m Butterfly and set a new African record in the final. Besides being an exceptional athlete he also works in Conservation, as a motivational and public speaker. The learners were so motivated and inspired by his talk that they gave him a standing ovation and rushed to have their photos taken with him and to get his autograph. Bergvliet High School will be keeping a close eye on this past pupil as he proudly represents South Africa at the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Bring home the GOLD Achmat!



Bergvliet High School had the honour of hosting Valerie Amani, an upcoming African fashion designer that aims to bridge the gap between the unrefined artists and the curious conservatives.

Valerie is the owner of her own fashion label, Kahvarah, based in Cape Town and has designed for names such as Sibaphiwe Matiyela (5fm DJ), Carl Wastie (Good Hope FM DJ), Woolworths and many more. As our grade 8 learners are focusing on green fashion this term, Valerie brought enthusiasm and light onto the subject of recyclable fashion, especially considering she had just completed her recyclable garment for the Cape Town Carnival earlier this year.

If you would like to find out more information about Valerie and Kahvarah, please feel free to contact her at: [valerieamani@hotmail.com](mailto:valerieamani@hotmail.com)

### CASH BACK REWARDS—TO BENEFIT YOUR SCHOOL

Whenever you swipe your School Benefit Card, Bergvliet High School earns 1% cash back on your purchases.

Also for every rand you spend you are given loyalty points. These points earn you cash back for future purchases.







## From Bergvliet to Florida



In 2013 grade 12 learner **Aliyah Cloete** won the award for Best Female Vocalist at the High School Jam Competition at Grandwest Casino. Since then Aliyah's singing has improved to the point that during July 2016 she will be participating in the ITS Talent Search in Florida, USA. Aliyah has been singing since she was five years old and we are sure to hear of her for many years to come. All the best in Florida Aliyah!

## The Franschhoek Literary Festival



This has become an annual and much loved outing for the Bergvliet High School Librarians

L - R : **Thomas Stranex, Kyle Rossouw, Johanna Cirine, Jo-Lee Davids, Alyx Pinto, Jen de Goede, Shannon Williams, Dithare Paulsen-Moore, Amber van Niekerk, Shana Lewis, Lisa Mylie, Frances Pohl, Tara Dunn, Lisa Makangira, Riaan Gous, Chrisley Joy Vlotman, Luke Lenz and Tariro Wafawarowa.**



## Blood Donation Committee



Back L - R: **Joshua Williams, Hunter Baron, Mish'al Groenewald, Jaymo Reynolds.** Front: **Taylor Christians, Shanice Cole** (in chair). **Keren Fisher** (not in photo)

## GET YOUR NAME OUT THERE

We are aware that many Bergvliet High School parents run their own businesses and since we value entrepreneurship, we would like to give you the opportunity to network and advertise within the Bergvliet High School community.

With this in mind, we have set up a **BERGVLIET HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS DIRECTORY**.

This will provide an excellent opportunity for you to market your business/services not only to our school family but also to the broader community. Take a look [www.bhs.org.za](http://www.bhs.org.za)

If you are interested please complete the application form and return it to [kwarne@bhs.org.za](mailto:kwarne@bhs.org.za)

The cost of belonging to the Business Directory will be R50 per annum.

We at Bergvliet are very excited about working together to strengthen the Bergvliet High School community!

**NEED SOME WORK DOING OR LOOKING FOR A SERVICE IN THE AREA TAKE A LOOK AT**

<http://www.bhs.org.za/component/content/article/10-school-news/921-business-directory-listing>

**THE BHS BUSINESS DIRECTORY**



## WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENTS



These learners competed in the Metro South Education District Business Studies Grade 12 Quiz. Teams 2 and 1 achieved 1st and 2nd place respectively. They competed alongside 30 other teams in the district and had to study 11 chapters of their textbook. Their teacher Mrs Demas is tremendously proud of their achievements. In August they will compete against the winners of the other districts before heading off to provincials if all goes well.

Back L-R: **Danielle Carter, Stephanie Booyesen, Mrs Demas, Savana Nadler, Ammaarah Kherekar, Melissa Scholtz.**  
Front L - R: **Mitch Conradie, Zen Parenzee and Azaan Arendse**



## HOCKEY STARS

We are very proud to announce that the following learners have been selected for the Western Province Zonal Hockey teams for 2016.

WP Boys U/16 Hockey Zonal Team: **Aidan Wain** and **Mikhael Naylor**

WP Boys U/18 Hockey Zonal Team: **Jaydee Rossouw, Justin Barodien** and **Dean Paulse**

WP Girls U/18 Hockey Zonal Team: **Stephanie Adams**



## BIG BAND MAGIC



Early morning rehearsals in the Music Department for the Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival at the Baxter.



What a lovely time was had at the Big Band Baxter Festival. Thank you to EVERYONE who came to support these lovely students.  
Harlene Veotte

## Makro School Programme.



The m-STUDENT program is designed to generate extra funds for the school. This programme REWARDS SCHOOLS by giving them a percentage of the profits, made on purchases from parents who have linked their Makro access card to the school on our system.

All you need to do is link your Makro access card to the programme. If you do not have a Makro access card, simply apply for your free card today <http://www.makro.co.za/school-programme>



Bergvliet High School learners certainly got into the spirit of things on Africa Day by selling African food, painting faces using traditional African designs and making African wall hangings.



Learners lining up to get their face painted.



Mrs Demas and Mrs Riffel leading by example



## STAFF NEWS



Congratulations to Mr Brandon van der Walt and Mr Stuart Maclaren who won the Western Province Senior Men's Doubles category in May which was held at Peninsula Canoe Club, Zandvlei.

### Congratulations to.....

Mrs Kaye Cloete and her husband on the birth of their son Cullen.

Jody Engelbrecht and his wife Crystal on the birth of Gemma

Justin Matthews on his engagement to Denika McKenzie

Bursar, Linda Marais became a grandmother to Joel, the youngest of 3 boys



A spot of table tennis for the teachers as they take time out from marking.



Having completed a course in Foundational Electrical Skills, Maintenance Supervisor Salvan De Wet was presented with a certificate from MNA Consulting. Congratulations.

Pick 'n Pay Family Store, Plumstead donate 1% of the total value of all till slips to Bergvliet High School.

Please send all your valid till slips from Pick 'n Pay Plumstead to the school's Reception. **NB** slips must be captured annually, old, out of date slips are not valid. Please note that account payments (Telkom, Municipal payments, etc.) are excluded from this scheme.

Fund raising opportunities like this generate extra income for our school at no cost to the parents. Please support our school by shopping at Pick 'n Pay in Plumstead.

Thank you once again to Mr John Kotze and Pick 'n Pay Family Store Plumstead for this ongoing partnership with Bergvliet High School.

**PLEASE LEAVE THE DATE ON THE BOTTOM OF EACH SLIP FOR ADMIN PURPOSES.**

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Inspired by you