



The Buzz



Greater Expectations, Greater Success

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Why do we have a Development Fund Levy? As with many schools the lion's share of the income we receive is school fee income. A budget is produced and this income is allocated to a multitude of expenses. Many of these expenses deal with the day-to-day running of the school – salaries, electricity, water, paper, internet access to name but a few. Sometimes the growth and development of the school is restricted by the fact that the day-to-day running of the school absorbs so much of our income. To this end the school introduced a Development Fund levy many years ago that was jealously protected from being absorbed into the day-to-day running costs and allocated to specific development projects over the years.

Many years ago, long before I became principal, the SGB of the time made a decision that they were going to limit on-going large scale fundraising projects and events as these events often put additional financial burden on parents who are already stretched financially. It was then decided to introduce a Development Fund levy of R500 per annum which effectively amounted to R50 per month for 10 months per family. This Development Fund levy was voluntary (VDF). Over the years this VDF levy has financed many projects that directly benefitted the pupils of the school. Resurfacing of tennis courts, additional cricket nets, the purchase of computers for the computer room, the development of the school library and many other projects have been provided by the VDF.

Sadly though fewer parents are choosing to pay the VDF levy nowadays and this, I do realise, is a sign of the difficult times the school community finds itself in. Putting this into perspective though, we have about 850 families in the school, yet only 100 families contribute the VDF levy of R500 which brings in around R50 000 per annum. If we could get half the families of the school choosing to pay the VDF levy we would bring in just over R200 000 per annum for specific projects. For example we have a Consumer Studies kitchen that could do with some refurbishing and this would be an ideal project for the VDF.

The VDF hasn't been increased from its original R500 per annum which, in those days, was quite a high levy. In this day and age, R500 once off or at R50 per month for 10 months is doable for most families. I would like to encourage you to really make every effort to make this voluntary payment. Even our families who receive part or full exemption from paying fees could contribute to the fund. If you didn't know about our VDF, or had forgotten about it, please consider making this donation to the school. Besides the obvious benefit to your children, the contribution is also tax deductible and the school can issue you with a Section 18A certificate on request. To those families who already do contribute to the VDF, we thank you very much for keeping the school's growth and development close to your heart.

Stephen Price

Principal



PRESTIGIOUS AWARD PRESENTED TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The Astris Award is a prestigious award that is conferred upon those past pupils who, throughout their chosen careers, have excelled in their field of expertise over many years. This may be in sport, business, the arts, science or any other field. The Astris Award was first awarded in July 2007 at a special past pupil assembly as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the School. The award takes the form of a framed citation/certificate and medal.

During the Prize Giving ceremony earlier this month, Minister of Education, Ms Debbie Schafer was presented with an Astris Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community and the Western Cape.

Mr Price said " Ms Schafer is a true star of Bergvliet High School and worthy recipient of the Astris Award".



BERGVLIET GOES “ALL OUT” FOR THE OPEN DAYS



BERGVLIET SWIMMERS MAKE A HUGE SPLASH



Bergvliet High School swimmers participated in the Sanlam Cape Mile on 19 February. Six of our swimmers competed in the 1 mile open event, landing Nazario Stevens in 8th place. We also participated in the 500m fun race where many of our junior swimmers experienced open water swimming for the first time.

Bergvliet High School then continued to excel walking away with 3 prizes on the day. 1) School with the most swimmers, 2) 5 fastest female, 5 fastest male earning the school the total of R14000

Swimming Coach: Ms Sian Gibbs

Photographer: Tobias Ginsberg

The swimming department is very proud of their swimmers and looking forward to another open water swim soon. Ms Sian Gibbs



Top Photo L-R: (back) Mrs B Nygaard, Raul Hendricks, Jamie Myburgh, Adrian Ndayambaje, Malcolm Redpath, Loufran Duncan, Sven Biggar, Benjamin Gubb

Middle - Ross Davids, Nazario Stevens, Ms S Gibbs, Isabella van der Rede, Adam Newman, Seth Strydom, Che Ardense, Michael Meyer, Joshua Herold, Joshua Ndayambaje

Front - Olive Santi

Absent - Chelsea Petersen, Yazid van Schalkwyk



Back - Adam Newman, Michael Meyer, Joshua Ndayambaje, Yazid van Schalkwyk, Ms S Gibbs, Chelsea Petersen, Benjamin Gubb, Raul Hendricks, Seth Strydom, Mrs B Nygaard, Loufran Duncan, Jamie Myburgh

Front floor - Che Arendse, Jordan Manuel, Joshua Herold

GATTIS MAKES THE FUN RUN “COOL”



This year the Fun Run took place in scorching heat but thanks to Gattis each participant was rewarded at the finish line with an ice cold, ice lolly. Thank you Gattis, your generous donation was a real treat!



THE BHS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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

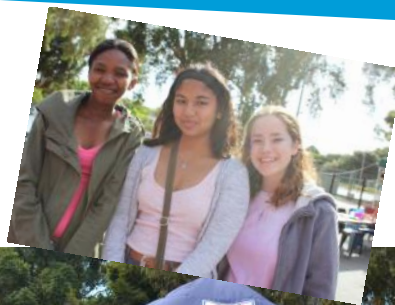
If you are interested please complete the application form and return it to kwarne@bhs.org.za

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

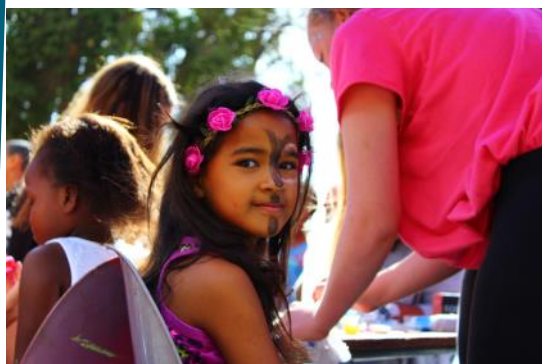
We at Bergvliet are very excited about working together to strengthen the Bergvliet High School community!

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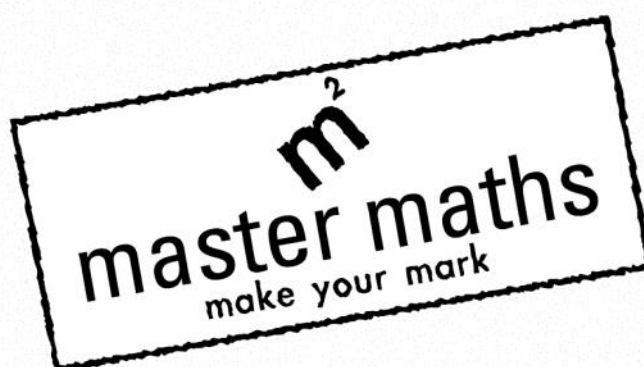


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