



CAMPS BAY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24 February 2021

Back to School

It has been great to have all our learners back at school and to see them all getting down to work on Day 1 last week. We are fortunate to have the space and resources to have everybody back simultaneously meaning we can avoid the 50% attendance or “platooning” which is the case in most other schools. To this end we were visited by the City Health Department to ensure that our protocols are being observed correctly. The result of this was that two of our Grade 2 classes had to be moved due to insufficient ventilation. One of these classes has moved to the hall while the other moved to another available classroom. We are very pleased with the outcome and I am grateful to the whole staff team that have made this possible.

Back to Sport

Our learners were able to return to physical activity this week and choose from a fairly wide range of offerings. We are aware that there have been some teething problems with this programme as a result of a completely different system of delivery having to be used. This is because under COVID protocols numbers are unfortunately limited. COVID limitations also dictate that we are not allowed to offer contact sports or competition with other schools. This is why we have chosen to focus on skills for the short term. (Please note that sports clubs do not fall under the WCED and can therefore operate under different protocols.) We will be adapting this programme as the situation changes. **Please note that the online sports signup closes 25 February 2021.**

Cultural Offerings

We have started with music tuition and art at school. Drama is being offered as an extra mural in the Primary School. We are looking forward to seeing more of these activities coming on stream as the term progresses.

Upcoming Events

26 February

Assembly

School admissions for 2022 open online

SGB Elections

Camps Bay Primary School will be holding its School Governing Body elections on 25 March 2021. It is important that we have a competent and balanced SGB in order to support the management of our school. Please consider nominating a parent who you think will contribute positively to our school. Please also consider standing for a position on the SGB if nominated and if you feel you can contribute. More information will be made available shortly regarding this important process.

Staff News

Mrs Pat Readman has retired as from the end of January after many years of dedicated service. She was celebrated at a small function where tributes were shared. It is unfair that a larger function was not possible under COVID protocols, but such are the times we are living with. We wish her well with her retirement.

We welcome **Ms Stacey Shanker** who has replaced Mrs Readman as PA in the school office. She will be managing admissions and WCED and departmental requirements. We hope that she will be very happy at our school.

We also formally welcome **Ms Julia Olatunbosun** who is our new Grade 5 teacher. She very kindly helped us out at the end of last year with some substitute teaching and has already settled down well at Camps Bay Primary.

Welcome too to **Mr Jonathan Sass** who is our new Sport Coordinator. He has had to hit the ground running with our new programme. We look forward to seeing further progress in this area.

Finally, it is good to see **Mr Matthew Schenck** in his new role as Grade 4 class teacher. We hope that this will be the start of a long and rewarding career as an academic teacher to add to his skills as a sport coach and Physical Education specialist.

Assembly

This week Friday we will be announcing the new House Captains for 2021 in assembly. The new House Captains are required to assist with organising, singing and spirit-building in their respective houses.

Academics

Grade 4-7 Assessment planners will be emailed to parents on Monday, 1 March 2021. Teachers will also be uploading these planners onto Google classroom. Please note that these assessments are scheduled if we have an uninterrupted academic term. Any changes will be communicated to parents timeously.

Please ensure that your child has all the correct stationery and textbook requirements. If you have any concerns please email the class teacher.



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Learner Attendance

All learners are expected to attend for the full school programme unless there is a valid reason for non-attendance.

Valid reasons include, but are not limited to, illness, religious or cultural observances, or exceptional circumstances for which, in the view of the principal, a temporary absence from school is either unavoidable or in the best interest of the learner. This does not apply to extensions of holidays. Your cooperation here would be appreciated.

If you or your child were exposed to a positive COVID case or test positive, please inform the school immediately so that we can take the necessary action.

Please consult with a medical professional and supply the school with a letter from the doctor or a reference number from the COVID hotline along with your child's expected date of return to school.

Request to leave school early

We have had a few requests for learners to miss part of the school day to attend therapy sessions, extra-mural activities etc. Please note that we are only allowed to grant permission if it is a once off appointment but not for an extended period of time.

Message from Miss Nina at the Prep

I am available to parents to purchase caps/reading packets/chair bags at home time (12:30 - 13:30) only as I am screening in the morning.

Alternatively, parents can send money in a clearly marked envelope to school if it is easier and I will deliver the items to the child's class.

Prices:

Caps R90

Chair bags (Gr 1 & 2 only) R60

Reading packets R30

Personal Information

If contact details or cellphone numbers change during the course of the year, please inform the office as we need to update school records in the event that we need to contact you urgently.

Thank you

A special thank you to one of our families who made a very generous donation to CBPS and we were able to purchase new desks to assist with the social distancing in one of our prep classes. We really appreciate this kind gesture.

CBHS Matric 2020 results

Congratulations to the Camps Bay High School Matric Class of 2020!

The Top Candidate was Francois Kemp who achieved an incredible 95.7% average with 8 distinctions. Francois achieved 97% for English, 96% for Afrikaans, 97% for Maths, 98% for Life Orientation, 96% for Accounting, 97% for Physics, 89% for Music and 94% for AP Maths (IEB exam).

Grace van Heerden who attended Camps Bay Primary came in second position with 7 distinctions with 5 of those distinctions being above 90%.

Other Camps Bay Primary School learners in the top achievers included

- Amicah Evans with an A aggregate and 6 Distinctions with 2 distinctions above 95%
- Alaya Ashby with an A aggregate and 5 Distinctions with 2 distinctions above 90%
- Mila Engelbrecht achieved an A aggregate with 5 distinctions with 2 above 90%
- Justine Garde received 5 distinctions
- Flynn Annesley received 6 distinctions
- Jessica Woan received 4 distinctions
- Cleo Sirin received 4 distinctions
- Jonathan Landstedt achieved 2 distinctions
- Daniella Letizia received 2 distinctions
- Talulah Maltbie received 2 distinctions
- Thandeka Mdawini received 2 distinctions
- Storm Rhoda received 2 distinctions
- Liam Ramsden received 2 distinctions
- Dane Wise received 2 distinctions

Congratulations

A special congratulations to Holly Smith, a CBPS past pupil who achieved 8 distinctions from Westerford High school. Holly achieved 88% for English, 95% for Afrikaans, 95% for Maths, 94% for Life Orientation, 91% for Science, 97% for Physics, 100% for Art and AP Maths (IEB exam). Romy Suter a CBPS past pupil who achieved 6 distinctions from Westerford High school.