



CAMPS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Our musical opened last night to a full house. “*Hit List*” really is a hit. The production is slick, crisp and highly entertaining. From the lights, to the sound, to the staging, acting, singing and dancing, it is amazing. The show tells a story of life and love, of ambition and fame and the cost of putting your career before your relationships. The medium of acting, dance and song is used to convey this story in a way that takes the audience on a roller coaster ride from start to finish. The show does have some big surprises, but I won’t spoil it by mentioning them here. By the final curtain, even the audience was breathless with the pace and intensity of this production. The take home is a big smile as this show is massive on the feel good factor.

So let me say well done to everyone involved in this excellent school production. The three teachers responsible for making the components work and fit together are; **Mrs Harvey**, in charge of the music, this involved pulling together a school orchestra to provide the backing. Then **Mrs Scarborough**, who created and implemented the dance pieces for her crew to perform. Finally, **Mr Cross**, who directed the actors and takes overall control of the production.

These three key teachers have been assisted by a few more important people:

Mr **Mileham** and his Sound and Lighting crew

Miss Laufer has been hard at work back stage, making all the costume changes, set changes and general management run smoothly.

Mrs Ashcroft has marketed the event brilliantly that we anticipate 3 sold out nights.

Last but not least, **Mr Cawood**, who has been an ever-present support, providing advice and counsel where needed. I would also like to thank **Mr van Heerden**, **Mr Alexander** and team, for the set building and **Miss Terry** for providing and producing the props.

Finally to our **cast and support team**, 60 pupils who have worked tirelessly for months to put this magic together. I am so proud of all of them and what they have achieved. If you haven’t seen the play yet, you still have two nights to experience this show. You will not be disappointed. Contact **Mrs Ashcroft** (campsbayschools@gmail.com).

Science Expo

A group of our Grade 11 Scientists have taken their Science Projects to the UCT Science Expo. Judging took place yesterday, with each group having to do an oral presentation to the judges. Today between **13h00** and **15h00**, parents and teachers can view all the projects, after which the prize giving will take place.

We wish them well and are holding thumbs for the results.

School Discipline

On Monday I informed the school that one of our Grade 11 boys had been expelled from the school for stealing. This was after a disciplinary hearing before the governing body, where a request was made to the Head of Education, **Mr Schreuder**, to expel the learner, which he subsequently did.

The parents of the boy then had the opportunity to appeal this decision to the Minister of Education, **Mrs Schaffer**. We learnt last week that she had upheld the decision of the Head of Education and endorsed this expulsion.

Just to add that we consider expulsion only as a final resort when we believed the offense is extremely serious and warrants this extreme sanction. This is not a step we take lightly or without due thought and consideration.

The Week Ahead

Friday 11 August	19h00 – <i>Hit List</i> musical
Saturday 12 August	Rugby & Hockey matches at home 19h00 – <i>Hit List</i> musical
Friday 18 August	Prefect Assembly
Saturday 19 August	Groote Schuur Derby (played away)

In Assembly this morning the RCL Chairman, **Ziev Kazansky**, encouraged the school to keep saving water. He reported that the schools water usage was *80 000 litres down* from May last year. This is good news. How is your water saving going at home?

Yours sincerely

David De Korte
PRINCIPAL

TROY'S TRIUMPH

Some of you may have heard that on Thursday 27 June 2017, The Ferguson family got the worst news that the amazing Troy has being diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

It's going to be a 6-month journey of chemo treatment. Troy has had a Port implanted near his chest to be able to receive his chemo which he has started. Overnight their lives change direction. Now, it's not about school and being a teenager, it's about getting WELL! The lymphoma Troy has, has a high cure rate and we don't doubt that Troy WILL be 100% healed after his treatment.

He and his family are going to need all the support they can get and fundraising will be very important. The first fund raising initiative will be a golf day on Sunday 6th August at the Durbanville Golf Club, through a wonderful organization called Jason Schouw Cancer Fundraiser. Below is the Letter they have put out for the day.

"This initiative was started 3 years ago by friends of Jason Schouw who himself was diagnosed with Cancer in September 2015. Jason was fortunate enough to receive treatment and he has been in remission since January 2017. He decided to make this an annual event, to raise funds for children diagnosed with cancer in particular to assist with the huge medical expense for treatment of such children.

The Golf Day has proven to be successful over the last 2 years with over 120 players participating on the day.

We have earmarked a 14-year-old boy Troy Ferguson as the Main Beneficiary this Year.

Troy was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma on the 27th of June. He is currently in grade 8 and had to undergo his first chemo on Monday the 17th of July after which his port got infected.... exactly as what happened to Jason.

This young man presently excels at Sport, namely Athletics and Water Polo and he has achieved Provincial Colours for Athletics. Hopefully with our assistance we can take some of the pressure of the Family and let them rather concentrate on Troy's recovery.

We respectfully request any assistance from your side in this regard."

Should anyone want to know more about the golf day or make any donations big or small, please contact Debra Sivertsen on 0737192800 or on debra.sivertsen@radissonblu.com

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