



CAMPS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we move towards the end of the year, the 2019 planning process has begun. The governing body has been engaged in a discussion with the pupils and through myself with the staff, to inform of their planning for next year. Last night all these ideas were gathered together during an extended governors meeting to form a draft strategic plan. Werner Thetard is guiding us through this process and by the end of the month we should have a document that we can all revisit and continue discussing in a more focused way.

If you are wanting to know what we are looking at for 2019 and ask questions, then please attend the AGM and Budget meeting on the 14th November 2018 at 6pm. (See notice below).

NOTIFICATION

BUDGET MEETING

14 NOVEMBER 2018

AT 6PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

This is a formal notification that all parents are invited to attend the budget meeting. At this time the 2019 Budget for Camps Bay High School will be presented and then accepted by the parents who are present.

The proposed school fees for 2019 is R35 500. This is a 'just under' 6% increase.

The meeting should be an hour long and so I encourage you to attend.

MATRIC MARKERS

We are always so proud of our teachers who are selected to mark the Matric exams. This year the following teachers are markers (in the following subjects). Well done to them!

Mr Arthur	English	Mr Jenneke	Business Studies
Mr Becker	Geography	Ms Mobsby	Accounting
Ms Boot	Physical Sciences	Mrs Sehneke	Afrikaans
Ms Burger	Economics	Mrs Parsons	History
Mr Charters	History	Ms Gail Rose-Innes	CAT
Mrs Cronje	Afrikaans	Ms Samu	Consumers
Mrs Cross	English	Ms Siwendu	IsiXhosa
Mrs Hector	Life Sciences	Ms Mckay	English
Ms Horsfield	English		
Ms Janse van Rensburg	Afrikaans		

'PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN AND AFRICAN' - MR DE KORTE'S SPEECH AT CELEBRATION

"We started the year with 3 goals in mind, namely to:

- Be Amazing
- Be Mindful
- Be Grateful

So let me in true school fashion look at our report card for the year in these areas.

65% Grateful

- We made some progress in thanking our teachers after lessons. We also noted that there was more appreciation for trips and outings, sport practices and after school events. However, this an area we can still improve on. So I am going to look at how we can grow our gratitude next year.

80% Mindful

- The reason I gave us an A for Mindfulness is that we are a really caring school, and by school I mean you the pupils and teacher. If you look at what we do for others in through our service societies, Interact and Acta, we really do care. This year we have had projects that have involved the whole school and smaller projects that have been run just by those involved in that group and society. A recent Interact wholes school project was the bread buddies day when we made sandwiches for children at other school, and currently we are all involved in creating Santa Shoeboxes for needy children. I am going to include the Catering Society and the Xhosa society when flagging groups of pupils who have demonstrated Mindfulness. The Catering society have cooked for a number of school functions, the big ones are the Grade 8 camp and the Sports and Cultural Awards dinner. Anyone who was benefited from these activities will know just how thoughtful and service orientated the children in the catering society are. The reason I flag the Xhosa society is that I was so impressed to learn that on their recent field trip to the Eastern Cape, the did a clothes collection before leaving, and distributed these clothes on their visits to deep rural school in the Transkei.

- Then I must mention the schools “Outreach Programme”. This is a fund that is made up from donations from parents and teachers and is available to pupils who need some sort of financial assistance in order to operate as a normal child at school. This takes the form of support for transport, payments for outings and camps, payments for uniform items and books, and other extraordinary expenses that may arise.
- In the area of service, we decided not to make specific service awards tonight, as these awards have in the past ranked one service orientated society against another, and we don’t think that this is really the reason why our pupils are serving other people or the correct way or recognising their efforts. This discussion has led us to decide that service is actually a part of what we do as a school and we plan to include it as a new pillar of the school from next year.

100% Amazing

- I am sure in the course of this evening you will see why I think you deserve a 100% for being amazing. Starting the year with Athletics, where at our Interhouse sports day we had over 80% of the pupils participating in some event or another. I know the fact that we have enforced compulsory sport was initially hard for some pupils, but I am sure you now see the benefits of this. We participated in a large number of sporting codes and teams, and here we demonstrated good sportsmanship in both victory and defeat. On the Cultural side we also have done really well indeed, from all the Olympiads we have been involved in to the debating, Xhosa cultural evenings, chess, and other cultural activities.
- Finally, you will see how we have done academically this evening as all our top achievers are awarded prizes, as well as our performers who will fill the evening with their special magic.
- So I present all this to you as evidence when it comes to being amazing, for 2018 you get full marks.

Earlier this year I was fortunate to be invited to attend a conference organised by the African Leadership Academy. They draw top school leavers from across Africa and put them through a 1 year leadership and entrepreneurial course that they hope will launch them as future leaders and job creators in their own countries across Africa. I came back re inspired about being an African. I thought I would like to take a moment to see if I can challenge you as well.

So I believe we are South Africans, and we are Africans. Now we are in a time when it seems that political parties are trying to claim that their members are really the true Africans, but this needs to be seen for the political posturing and rhetoric that it is. If you are a South African Citizen, then you are an African, claim it.

So let me ask a difficult question, how connected are we to our country and our continent. Does it make a difference to us here on the Southern Tip of Africa if a child in Sierra Leone picks up a pen or an AK 47? Does it matter that 1 out of 5 girls in Africa receives no education because of household poverty or because she lives in a conflict zone? When the first driverless car arrives in South Africa, will we have people qualified to fix it, or just wash it?

To answer these questions, let me present a picture of a bus. You are a passenger sitting at the back, the bus is full. In the front of the bus a fight breaks out between some passengers. Does this affect you? Well as the fight proceeds, they fall on the driver, obstructing his vision, he loses control of the wheel and the bus crashes. Now you are definitely affected, even though you were not part of the fight. I think our position in South Africa and then Africa is like this, no matter what we think, things happening around us do affect us. So let’s take an interest and be the people who build and don’t break down.

Addressing the problems facing our country alone pose a great challenge, let alone the massive problems facing our continent, Africa. Al Gore, the climate change advocate, says there are 3 questions we need to ask as we face a great challenge, namely:

- Must we change
- Can we change
- Will we change

In answering these 3 questions, I think we must change and we can, but you need to answer the question, will you change.

So can we recommit to South Africa, and recommit to Africa. Can we become a school community of shared purpose with passion and resolve?

Let me close with an exaltation from the African Leadership Assemblies Chief Financial Officer, Lara Rabi, who says,

“We cannot waste time,
We need relentless action
We need buoyant optimism
Africa

Now!”

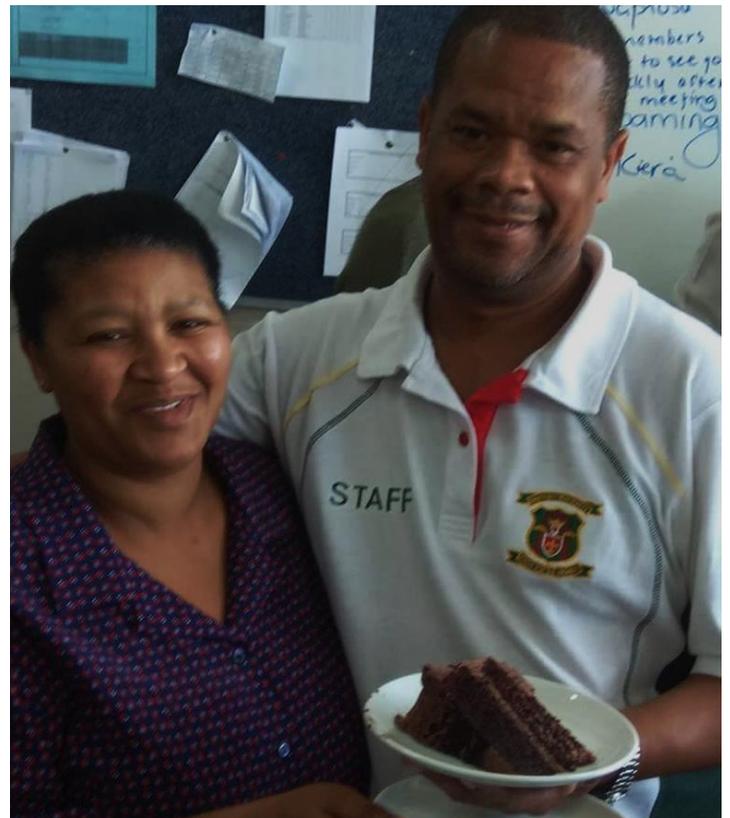
And I would add, South Africa now and Camps Bay now!

So in our terms this means that we start by being proudly Camps Bay, then proudly South Africa, and finally proudly Africa.

Thank you.”

EDWARD MOTH

Today we honoured one of our General Assistants, Edward Motha. Eddie has worked as a lab technician and printer technician at Camps Bay High School for 30 years. This is quite an achievement. I invited him to our assembly where he received a warm round of applause from the school. This was followed by a special staff tea. Eddie is a key member of the staff and we are so fortunate to have him. He provides so many valuable support services for the staff and always in a pleasant, professional and efficient way. So a big thank you to Eddie for 30 great years at Camps Bay High School. We look forward to many more.



CLOTHING SHOP

It is that exciting time of the year when we buy or replenish uniforms for our kids. Past experience has shown that parents who delay until the last minute queue for long periods of time which creates much tension and chaos. Where possible, please avoid the last or first days of term to purchase uniform.

To help solve this problem, we have introduced a 'Uniform pre-order system'. If you wish to use the pre-order service, please complete the attached form and return it as instructed on the form. Parents who have pre-ordered uniform will have a dedicated, express queue for collection.

Since its introduction in 2016, we've had very positive feedback from parents who have used the system and been through the process.

We hope that your experience purchasing uniform is a pleasant one. Please feel free to provide feedback and suggestions to Vanessa Miller at cshop@campsbayhigh.co.za.

Operating hours:

Please take note of the Clothing shop opening hours for end of 2018 and beginning of 2019:

The Clothing shop will close for the holidays on Monday, 3rd December 2018 at 15h30. It will re-open on the 7th and 8th January 2019 from 08h00 - 14h00 (doors close at 13h30).

Thereafter, normal operating hours resume - from 17 January 2018 (Monday to Thursday 07h30 - 15h30)

INFORMATION EVENING ON 30TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 5PM FOR OUR EXPEDITION TO NEPAL IN 2019: 21 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

Camps Bay High School ran a successful trip to Nepal this year working with an organisation called Global Vision International (GVI). The learners were able to give back to the Pokhara community by assisting with renovating a Boys' Home and by donating toys and educational supplies. We will be doing this community project again in 2019! There will be an information evening on Tuesday (30 October 2018) at 5pm in Room 38. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me: ncross@campsbayhigh.co.za - Mrs Cross

ANNUAL CAMPS BAY SCHOOL MAGAZINE:

We are busy putting together the annual Camps Bay High School Magazine. We would love to involve as many families and pupils as possible in the magazine. Here are some opportunities:

Magazine Page Sponsorship: To keep the costs of the publication down, we are offering families the opportunity to sponsor pages in the magazine. A page will cost you just R350 to sponsor and in exchange for this sponsorship you will receive a one liner credit on a magazine page thanking you for your sponsorship.

Magazine Advertising: This year, we have decided to cut down on the advertising and offer just the inside front cover and back inside cover for advertising.

Across the Generations Feature - is a photographic spread of children with their parents and/or grandparents who were past pupils of the school.

Keep it in the Family Feature - is a page in the magazine that is dedicated to families who have children on more than one of the campuses.

If you would like to take up any of these opportunities, please contact Carol on cvanderspuy@campsbayhigh.co.za or 076 359 3286.

HEAD PREFECT'S ADDRESS

Thimna Tibisono is our Head Prefect for 2018. Her Prefect's Address at Camps Bay High School Celebration moved most of the audience to tears. She is an exceptional young woman who has shown how perseverance and hard work can pay off. She epitomises the ethos of our school. Her speech has gone viral and for good reasons. In case you missed it, here it is:

“Good evening Mr. and Mrs. de Korte, governors, staff, parents, my fellow Camps Bay High School pupils. For those of you who do not know me, I am Thimna Tibisono and I've been serving as Head Prefect of Camps Bay High School for 2018.

Right at this moment my heart is beating uncontrollably with gratitude. Our school is made up of selfless individuals - our teachers. Thank you to all of you for that extra push, the extra push that somehow makes me feel like you were able to see within us what we could not see within ourselves. You saw our potential.

Thank you for your kindness and being patient and understanding that we are all differently abled, young men and women. Not once did you compare us but rather you gave us each a platform, a solid foundation to grow and shine.

Thank you Camps Bay for allowing me to lead you in 2018. Working with the RCL this year was so refreshing and I hope this relationship between the RCL and the prefects can be maintained in the years to come. May you continue to think with each other.

Thank you for every moment that I got up onto stage and spoke and you all listened.

Thank you to the best deputy head prefects anyone could ask for, Ben and Caleb for making my duty as head prefect less difficult than it should have been. To the rest of the prefect group, I would choose you guys over and over again.

There are countless families and teachers that opened their hearts and homes and welcomed me with the warmest of hands in the times of late night performances, of duties, during times of all school commitments. More specifically to the Williams who I've been with for four years and will probably be with them forever. I will always carry your golden hearts with me wherever I go.

Lastly, thank you to my mom for everything. In instances where I sometimes felt like nothing is worth it anymore, I'd always think back to Nathi Mankayi's song which says, “Funda mnatanam. Qiniseka kakhulu. Ungalihlaziisi ikhaya lakho kujongwe kuwe.” Which translates: Stay in school my child and focus. Don't shame your home, they are looking up to you. And then I would remember why I started and why I should keep going. Thank you to my mom for handing me over to Camps Bay this whole year, understanding full well that you would see less and less of me but you knew that it was for the best and believing that I had what it took to fulfil my duties. I would not trade you or this year for anything.

My journey to Camps Bay was never an easy one. From Grade 8, I've had to wake up at 04:30, leave the house at 05:35 to get a Golden Arrow bus at 05:45 to get to Sea Point around 7 and then finally catch a MyCiti bus to Camps Bay High and arrive around 07:30. Prefects have meetings every Thursday at 7; for someone who woke up at 04:30, imagine how much earlier I had to wake up.

My mom and I always left the house together, sat together on the same seat, didn't always speak because the bus ride was always significant to catch up on sleep, sometimes for both of us. This is however not to be pitied. It's just manifestation of the fact that you have to be hungry enough. You need to make sacrifices. You need to understand that fatigue is part of the process but so is resting. It is manifestation of the fact that I did not once walk or feel alone because somewhere, somehow, someone at the school besides the foam lent out a hand to me and sometimes I didn't have to ask.

I've grown immensely. If there is anything I battled with, it was the fact that I always led with my heart but there were always instances that required me to put my heart away and use my brain. That internal conflict didn't last long because there is never time to please everyone. I've also fully understood that I cannot be everyone's cup of tea because sometimes I was never satisfied with myself, my efforts

therefore could never satisfy everyone. I'm not an avocado. I remember the first time I spoke at the podium; I was trembling to a point where I thought I would pee in my pants but here I am with a confidence that I myself did not even imagine I was capable of.

This has been a journey of self discovery - understanding in details which parts of me needed to be worked on, a journey of unconsciously inputting others to be the best that they thought they could never be; a journey that I will look back on one day and be grateful for the laughs and the tears, the lessons learnt and the lessons given and, the love.

To the prefects of 2019, please do not lose yourselves behind these stripes. I know they look amazing on your blazer but let that not be the reason of you wanting to be part of the leadership. Be as hungry for this leadership position next year in October as you are now because there is plenty of work to be done and you will somehow lose sight of why you signed up for this position to begin with but may you remember that you were voted for, you did not select yourselves; your grade and teachers believed in you enough to put you forward.

Do not be the deadweight within the body but rather the team player. Be a listener but do not lose your voice in the process, speak your truths. You will have to compromise because you never always get what you want.

Stay teachable and understand that this is a learning curve and your fellow classmates may expect you to be perfect therefore do not punish yourselves for stumbling and making errors on your journey as leaders, give yourselves grace.

Be optimistic but realistic. In the end, as much as you will be devoted to the role you play in the leadership of your school, remember to take care of yourselves. Take time out, learn to say no, learn to ask.

Melanie Beattie said, "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home and a stranger into a friend." And it has turned all of you here, into family. Thank you everyone, enjoy the rest of your evening."



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

BEN STOLTZMAN

Congratulations to Grade 8 Pupil, Ben Stoltzman, who came 2nd in the Waterfront Rotary Canal Challenge Men's Skins Half Mile Swim at the V&A Waterfront over the weekend.



HALLIE METH

Grade 8 Pupil, Hallie Meth recently competed in the Western Cape Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships and came first overall in her age group for level 6, earning honours, and making the team to represent Western Cape at Gym Games (Nationals).



MORGAN LOUW

Well done to Morgan Louw in Grade 8 who came 1st in the Junior Men's Section of the Western Cape MTB Enduro Series for 2018.



AXEL BERNAL

Grade 11 student, Axel Bernal, will be competing as a member of the Norwegian National team in the ISA World Championships (surfing) which takes place at Huntington Beach, California, this coming week. We wish him the best of luck!



SEAN PAPE & ALEXANDRO DA SILVA AZEVEDO

Two of our grade 11 students, Sean Pape and Alexandro da Silva Azevedo, completed the 10km Gun Run on the 14th of October.



MIA NEETHLING - PAST PUPIL

Camps Bay High School has its very own Prima Ballerina! Past pupil, Mia Neethling, who started ballet with Mrs. June Gruneberg at Camps Bay Prep, is currently performing in Cinderella at Artscape.



Photo Credit: Danie Coetzee

SANTA SHOEBOXES

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Santa Shoeboxes and a huge thank you to Camps Bay High School Interact for all the effort you put into organising this! We know that there will be some very happy kids this Christmas, all due to your efforts!



WP BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

We will be hosting our termly blood drive on Monday, 22 October 2018 from 11:00 to 14:45, in the John Ince Hall. The Blood Donation Clinic is open to everyone in our community. Please consider donating as blood supplies in the Western Cape are critically low. Please remember to eat and drink at least 3 hours before you donate blood.

MYCITI BUS STRIKES

The wild cat bus strike is affecting the route from Hout Bay to Camps Bay as well as other routes to Camps Bay. Parents, if you see any children in school uniform waiting for taxis, etc., please offer them a lift to school.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22 October 2018:

Matric Exams start

Blood Clinic – 11am to 14:45pm

Tuesday 23 October 2018:

Grade 9 WCED Systemic Tests

Thursday 25 to 28 October 2018:

Prefects Camp at Elgin

A highlight of our governors meeting on Thursday was getting the first glimpse inside our new classrooms. They are very near completion and are looking amazing. I will invite you to come for a walkabout. You will be so impressed. This is going to be a wonderful addition to our current facilities with 6 new classrooms, 2 new laboratories as well as store rooms and a wonderful patio area for pupils to sit at break.

Yours sincerely,

David De Korte
PRINCIPAL