



Newsletter #39 2019

8 November 2019

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday we held our budget meeting and AGM. I am pleased to report that the budget for 2020 was passed and I can now tell you that the school fees for 2020 will be **R37 000**. This is a 4.2% increase on last year's fees. However, we will be giving the staff an 8% salary increase in our continued plan to align the Governing Body staff salaries with the WCED employed teachers at Camps Bay High School. The 4.2% is one of the lowest increases among similar schools for next year. In fact, for the first time ever, the fees at Camps Bay Primary school will be above our fees.

The only new aspect to the fees is that we will be introducing a voluntary levy to launch the Past Pupil's Union. This will be R 50 per month and will cover the first 5 years' free membership of Camps Bay High Past Pupil Union once your child leaves school.

More on the ICP Conference. One of the most impressive speakers was lack Ma, the founder and owner of Alibaba.

Jack Ma began Alibaba with the belief that technology would help people, especially the poor people. He is now focussing his attention on education and plans to visit many schools across the world in the next 2 years to see how he could improve education with his resourses.

He made the following points in his talk:

- Society will only improve with education;
- Teachers with the greatest knowledge do not always make the best teachers;
- Al (Artificial Intelligence) will change the way we educate in the future;
- Less emphasis in schools needs to be placed on memorizing, calculations and repetitive tasks as computers are way better at these functions than humans;
- Machines have intelligence, but humans have wisdom. As machines cannot acquire wisdom, this needs to be a focus in education in future;
- Teach learners to face problems, and how to deal with them effectively;
- Children have been shielded to such an extent by their parents that they are too fragile to face discipline;
- More focus needs to be placed on primary and secondary education, than on tertiary education. There is currently
 worldwide too greater a focus on tertiary education;
- In primary schools, we need to focus on discipline. In secondary schools, we need to focus on values;
- More time needs to be spent on the Arts and Sport at school level.

In conclusion:

As Al becomes more advanced and starts playing a bigger role in our lives, schools need to shift their focus from transfusion of knowledge, to transfusion of values. To remain competitive in the future, especially when Al starts replacing the jobs humans have been doing for ages, what sets us apart from computers are our values and wisdom.

FAREWELL FOR MR. COLLIER

Mr Collier, principal at Camps Bay Primary School has been advised by his WCED Circuit Manager to take some time off due to his ill health. Mrs Liesel Visagie, the Deputy Principal will be acting in his place. The Human Resources Sub Committee of the Primary School SGB has identified and nominated a very good candidate to be Mr Collier's successor when he retires at

the end of the year. The WCED is working hard to expedite and complete the process of the appointment of the new candidate. We wish Mr Collier some well-deserved rest and we look forward to the opportunity to wish him well in his retirement later in the year. A special Assembly to say farewell to Mr Collier will be held in the **Primary School Hall** on **Tuesday**, **3 December 2019** at **10h30**, for those parents wishing to say goodbye to Mr Collier. The Assembly will be followed by a tea.

Unfortunately, due to space constraints we will not be able to open up this event to the High School learners.

In addition, there will be a book left at reception at Camps Bay High School for parents and pupils to leave their messages to Mr Collier. You are also most welcome to leave a gift for him there, or if you would like to contribute towards a gift, you may leave cash in an envelope with your name and COLLIER FAREWELL on put it in the drop safe at Reception.

INTERACT HANDS OVER SANTA SHOE BOXES

Our Interact Club handed over all our Santa Shoe Boxes on Friday. We managed to collect a total of 140! Thanks to Ms Mobsby and the Interact team for organizing and delivering to Santa Shoe Box headquarters







DANIELLA SEGALL TO PLAY SOCCER IN US

Congratulations to *Daniella Segall* in Grade 8 on her selection to play for Florida Fire Junior Team (soccer) in the Disney Girls Showcase to be held in Florida, USA in January 2020.



MORGAN LOUW GETS COLOURS FOR MOUNTAIN BIKE ENDURO

Well done to Morgan Louw (left in picture) who was awarded his Provincial Colours for Mountain Bike Enduro for the second year in a row. Morgan also finished second in the Western Cape in the Youth Man Category for 2019.



ERIN MILLER TO PLAY FOR WP SCHOOLS WATERPOLO TEAM

Well done to Grade 9 student, *Erin Miller*, who has made it onto the Western Province Waterpolo Team for the second year in a row. Erin is a member of the team that will travel to Johannesburg for the Inter-Provincial Tournament which takes place from 7 to 11 December.

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

A massive thank you to all the families who contributed towards the successful Staff Appreciation Day held on Friday. The staff were completely overwhelmed by the generosity shown to the staff and incredible array of gifts and prizes which included two airline tickets and a weekend away!

Thank you to Janine Thetard, Simone Segall, Wendy Foster and Kathy Rees-Gibbs for all the behind the scenes work and set up for the function and to the PR Team students who assisted with set up.



LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAMME GRADUATES

At Camps Bay High School, we do not want any of our pupils to leave school not knowing how to swim. We started the Learn to Swim programme, run at the Primary School Pool by Ms Sandy Parker and volunteers Mrs Kirstin Simpson and Mrs Arja de Korte.

Massive congratulations to our most recent graduates of the programme: Mateo Joubert, Alicia Chinyoka, Lisakhanya Bonkolo, Epalenzi Chiguruguru, Wendy Ndlovu and Athama Dyani. They have worked hard and are now all proficient swimmers!



2019 SCHOOL MAGAZINE FEATURES - ACROSS THE CAMPUSES & GENERATIONS

Every year, we run a couple of regular feature in the school magazine. If you have children who are currently (2019) spread across two or more campuses, OR if you, or your parent are a Past Pupil of Camps Bay High School, AND you have not been featured in this section in the past couple of years, please get in touch with *Carol van der Spuy* on **cvanderspuy@campsbayhigh.co.za** so we can look at including you in this year's magazine.

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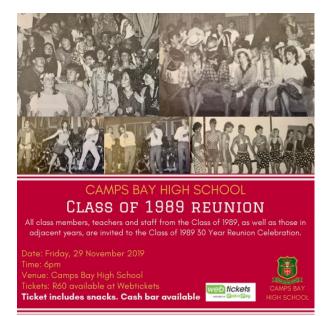
Due to escalating printing costs, this year we will need to charge for the school magazine, a practise that most schools do. The cost per magazine is **R 60-00** each. This will be loaded to Karri for payment before the end of the year. Magazines will only be issued to students in February 2020, and only to those students who have paid for them.

CAMPS BAY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION CELEBRATIONS

Camps Bay High School will be hosting reunion celebrations at the end of November. Please feel free to share with anyone you may know from those year groups. Tickets can be purchased on Webtickets.









THE WEEK AHEAD:

Grade 8 - 12 exams continue.

Yours sincerely,

David de Korte PRINCIPAL





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