



CAMPS BAY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

This will be the last Newsletter for 2019.

We have issued the reports, and I am pleased to say that we have very few pupils who will need to repeat their Grades. The vast majority of pupils have passed to the next Grade and are able to take a well-deserved holiday.

As we bring the year to a close, I would like to note a big thanks to the teachers who have worked so hard to ensure your child's academic success over this year. At Camps Bay High, we are very fortunate to have such dedicated and caring staff. As we close the school, we still have 19 teachers who are busy across the Peninsula at marking centres, marking Matric exams. There is a very difficult competency test that each marker must write before they are accepted as markers, so we are really proud of this achievement by our staff, and know that they are doing a good job

A big thank you to the prefects as well as *Mr Howell* and *Mrs Harvey* for running the Spectrum Week. This was a lot of fun for all who attended, and all accounts are that the Prefects were very well prepared. So, very well done to them all.

FAREWELLS

We have two teachers leaving us at the end of this year.

Ms Corfe who has done relief teaching this year has been a great help in covering classes that we have needed to be taught. She finishes her contract with us this year to go to Parow North Primary School. Then we also bid farewell to *Ms Brand* who has been in a learnership post this year whilst she completed her PGCE teachers diploma. We were very happy to learn that she has been appointed as an English teacher at Zwaanswyk High School next year.

We are very grateful for their service in 2019 and wish them all the best for 2020.

HOLIDAY PLANS

You may recall that last year's Christmas holidays were really short as we were forced to align the Western Cape's school holidays with the rest of the country. This year I am pleased to report that we have a very good holiday to look forward to, almost six weeks. In planning for the holidays, teenagers often think no further than 'chilling' and catching up on sleep. This may include binge-watching of television series or YouTube. One or two days of movies till the early hours of the following morning and then sleeping till after lunch may be okay - but not six weeks of that kind of 'resting'! So today in the Final Assembly I encouraged our pupils to consider some other holiday activities that could include:

- Staying fit or getting fit;
- Learning a new sport or activity [such as Pilates, martial arts, Yoga, etc.];
- Keeping your brain active by reading daily;
- Catching up on sleep so that you are getting your eight hours a night, but at normal sleep times.

Having your children home should be both a joy and a pleasure. Maybe at the start of the holiday some planning will ensure that this is the case.

PAST PUPIL / ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BIKE RAFFLE

Today in our Final Assembly, *Cara Kahn* and I did the 'lucky draw' in front of the whole school. I am pleased to announce that *Nicholas Kotler* [a past pupil himself] has won this wonderful electric bike.

In closing, a big thank-you to *Ms Scarborough* who is ending the year by running a Dance Camp at school. Also we have just heard that our 'Science Expo star' *Storm Rhoda* has been selected to be one of the 30 pupils from around the country who will compete at an International Science Competition next year. So we will share again in his wonderful achievement.

CLOTHING SHOP

The Clothing Shop re-opens on **13 and 14 January** from **08h00** to **13h30**.

Normal trading hours - **07h30** to **15h30** - apply from **15 January 2020**.

2020 PLANS

13 January 2020: Teachers return to work and the School Office opens at **08h00**

Book Sale **11h00 – 14h00**

14 January 2020: New Grade 8 Orientation Day **12h30 – 14h00**

15 January 2020: School opens @ **07h55** for all pupils

I wish you all a well-earned rest till 2020.

Yours sincerely,

David de Korte
PRINCIPAL