



CAMPS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter # 3_2019

18 January 2019

Dear Parents

As the year gets fully underway we held our first Governors meeting last night. It gives me great pleasure to announce that *Werner Thetard* was elected as the new Chairperson, *Amanda Tobias* as the Deputy Chairperson and *Brian Williams* was co-opted as our Treasurer.

With Governors who left at the end of last year, we have two vacancies that will need to be filled. To do this we will hold a by-election on **Tuesday, 19 February 2019 at 17h30** in the School Hall. We will invite nominations from next week, so give it some thought and maybe put yourself forward to stand. There are always some nice to have skills that we are needing on the governing body.

At present we are looking for some parents with a legal background, also someone who is interested in facility management. More generally, the role of a governor involves more than attending the meetings and so we would need parents who have a little extra time and are prepared to 'give back'. As a governor you may not be paid by the school [or in the employ of the school], any coaching you may do would have to be done for 'good will'.

Inter-house Athletics Day (25 January 2019)

Next **Friday (25th January 2019)**, we will hold our Interhouse Athletics Day. Today in Assembly I spoke about this day under the **Five P's**. These were, **Planning, Participation, Preparation, Practice and Performance**. This is a fun day of athletics where almost every pupil takes part in some event or other. The long distance running events are done on the **Wednesday** and **Thursday** mornings before school. This allows these athletes to be able to give their best in other events on the Friday.

Parents are most welcome to watch their children participate. Traditionally they would sit under the trees next to the tuckshop or on the stands below this area. There will be no shaded seating on the field for parents, but you are welcome to walk around the area.

Pupils are encouraged to wear their house colours for this event but to wear clothing that is appropriate for participating in sport, i.e. no jeans, etc.

There will be shade cloth on the pupil stands but it is still advisable to bring sunscreen and a hat for when they are away from the stands. The tuckshop will also be open and ACTA will be selling ice lollies on the day. We usually are able to finish the day by around **14h00**, when the children will be released.

New Parents Meeting (23 January 2019)

All Grade 8 parents as well as new parents in Grade 9 to 12 are invited to a meeting on **Wednesday 23 January at 17h30** [the meeting will be one hour long].

This is an opportunity for us to explain our intentions with our Academic programme, our Discipline system and answer any questions you may have. For the Grade 8s there will be an opportunity to meet your child's tutor.

Well Done!

Congratulations to *Lochlan Williamson* who is in the Western Province U-15A cricket team. He took part in the interprovincial tournament in Sasolburg in December. They were unbeaten and emerged as the tournament champions.

In a letter from the Team Manager, *Clinton du Preez*, wrote of Lochlan.

Your individual performances for the team also deserve high praise. You finished as the tournament's top wicket-taker (15 wickets), and also contribute valuably with the bat, scoring quick runs with your big hitting when the team needed it.

These star performances earned your 2x Man-of-the-Match Awards during the tournament, and selection to the tournament's U-15 Stars Team.

Your coach also noted in his Tournament Report that you played the game in the right spirit, being humble in victory, always encouraging your teammates and being gracious to your opponents. Thank you for being a great ambassador for WP Cricket.

Congratulations again for your achievement. We are very proud of you.



From Camps Bay High School, we echo this sentiment. We are also very proud of you.

Clothing Shop

Beginning of year rush!

Every year, the start of the year is busy. This year was especially chaotic which resulted in some parents queuing for 3 hours. It makes the experience a very tiring, unpleasant one. I would like to encourage you, once again, to please avoid buying uniform at the beginning of the year. Our pre-order system was created to help ease the process - please make use of this system.

Out of Stock

We do our best to ensure that we order enough stock, but it's impossible to predict the shapes and sizes of all the children, months ahead. After a very busy start to the year, we have run out of the following:

Item	Size
Blazer	small sizes
Boys golf shirts	9-10 & 11-12
Boys shorts	X- Large
Boys costume	9-10 & Small
Girls golf shirts	7-8, 13-14, Medium, XX-Large
Girls skorts	Small
Fleece	Medium
PT shirt	7-8, 11-12, 13-14
Khaki socks	8-10
White socks	13-3 , 4-7

We have ordered and expect deliveries to arrive within 4 - 6 weeks. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

PT Takkies and Swimming Caps

Our delivery of swimming caps has finally arrived. Please pop in to collect your order or purchase.

We now stock really good white takkies for PT from size 11 to 5. PT takkies are only R240 per pair.

Shop Hours and Contact Details

A reminder that our operating hours are from **07h30 to 15h30, Monday to Thursday**. Closed on **Fridays**. You may reach us at **021-438-1507** or **cshop@campsbayhigh.co.za**.

Sports Sign-Up

A reminder that it is **COMPULSORY** for pupils to participate in a School Sport. We have experienced an issue with regards to the sign-up on Google Classroom. Pupils must use the new code which has been put up on the school notice boards to sign up. Pupils have until **Monday** to sign up. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

The full list of Extra-Murals for Term 1 will be set out next week. Please note the change for **Swimming**, which now takes place on a **Wednesday and Thursday** and not a Tuesday and Wednesday, as previously stated. We are just waiting on one team's fixtures and matches for the term, and then we should be able to release Term 1's Sports Fixtures early next week.

NEW WATERPOLO TIMES FOR GIRLS TEAMS

Tuesday

U16 & U14 3pm - 4:30pm
First Team 4:30pm - 6pm

Thursday

U16 3pm - 4pm
U14 4pm - 5pm
First Team 5pm - 6pm

Camps Bay High School Survival Guide

Each Grade 8 was issued a High School Survival Guide on Induction Day. This guide was developed to assist new pupils to navigate high school. We have attached a copy for easy reference. We must thank Janine Thetard for all her contribution to this project and *Helen Paice* who updated the new school map for us. This guide has proved to be very valuable to our Grade 8s.

Matric Mentoring and Impromptu Pool Party For Grade 8s

The Prefects threw the Grade 8s an impromptu Pool Party last week. This year's Prefect Body is working hard to ensure that Grade 8s have a peer to turn to and so have introduced a mentoring programme. Over 80 Matrics have been allocated two or three Grade 8s each to mentor throughout the year. These mentors are there to help them navigate their first year of high school.

Camps Bay High School Website

We are experiencing a few technical difficulties with our website at the moment. This should hopefully be resolved shortly. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Grade 9 - 12 RCL Representatives

The 2019 Grade 9 - 12 RCL representatives as voted for by the student body are:

Grade 9: *Nishaat Williams, Sophie Rehn and Thuwaybah Bassier.*

Grade 10: *Drew Goldie, Mia Altbeker and Ruby Berg.*

Grade 11: *Amava Mkuku, Matthew O'Dowd, Thandeka Mdawini and Tyrese Jones.*

Grade 12: *Alexa Spitzer, Ama Gaisie, Gia Abbott and Kristen Ras.*

The Grade 8 RCL representatives will be announced after their Grade 8 Camp.



Matric Jerseys

The Matric 2019 jerseys arrived last week and our Matrics looked very smart.

To see how the jersey has changed, here is a picture of Jordi Kaplan with her mother, Dalia with her Matric jersey from the Class of 1995.



Dance Auditions

We were blown away by the number of pupils who turned up to audition for Dance earlier this week. - dance is clearly in Camps Bay's blood! As much as *Ms. Scarborough* would love to take everyone, space is unfortunately limited so if your child was not selected they will need to choose another school sport



Camps Bay High School's Hiking Club

There was also a huge turnout for the Hiking Club's first meet.

Ms. Drew led our Hiking club on a hike to Corridor Ravine Cave and then back along the Pipe Track.



Welcome to the World, Baby Parsons

Congratulations to our Head of History and Grade 12 Head, Mrs. *Jessica Parsons* and her husband, *Mikey* on the birth of their baby girl, *Jamie Parsons*, who was born on Saturday, 12 January 2019, weighing 3kg.



Camps Bay Schools in the News

Expresso Morning Show Live Broadcast of Prep School Campus First Day

There was great excitement at the Prep Campus on the first day of school as Grade Ones started their 12-year journey at Camps Bay Schools - not only because it was the first day of school but also because Expresso Show (SABC3) with Zoë Brown filmed live the arrival of our Grade Ones.



Results 'better than expected'

SINAZO MKOKO

It was a day filled with tears of joy as the class of 2018 collected their matric results last Friday, January 4.

At Camps Bay High, they were not able to maintain the 100% pass rate they achieved over the previous four years.

They recorded a 99.2% pass rate, with one pupil out of 130 failing.

Principal David de Korte said their maths and science results were disappointing.

"The top pupils in maths and

science haven't performed as well as they'd have liked to perform. When they wrote maths and science last year, they were concerned that the exam was a little bit challenging," he said.

Mr De Korte said the school got more Bachelor's degree passes this year which meant more pupils could gain entry into university. He said there were pupils who performed better than expected.

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'It feels like a dream', says top Camps Bay pupil

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"We had a group of five pupils who were at risk and we were concerned but four of them got through and we're very happy with their results," he said.

In total, the class received 190 distinctions and 15 pupils achieved an A aggregate with over a third of the class achieving higher than a B aggregate.

He said the school did well in other subjects such as history with one pupil achieving 99%.

Mr De Korte said the additional languages such as IsiXhosa and Afrikaans are always a concern because a lot of children don't speak the languages enough at home and that always affects the results.

Top achiever at the school, Ben Heather-Clarke scored a 92.3% aggregate. He said he couldn't believe that he is the top achiever because the maths exam was difficult.

"It feels like a dream. I'm going to study applied biology and marine biology at the University of Cape Town."

His father, Stuart Heather-Clark,

said he was proud of Ben. "He's worked incredibly hard, he's been dedicated and put a lot of work and time in. He's always done well throughout his school career and we're grateful for the results," he said.

Touching on their strategy to improve their results, Mr De Korte said: "We will put a lot of emphasis in the foundation (Grade 8-9) to help the pupils make a wiser subject choice in Grade 10, so you don't end up with children sitting with maths and science that you're never going to pass. Parents have very high expectations of their children and they put pressure on them to do these subjects. There are lots of careers these days that children can follow and they don't always need maths and science," he said.

He said the school was incredibly proud of all its pupils and the hard work they put into their final exams. He said the enrolment at Camps Bay High School is not focused on the top academic achievers in Cape Town and so they get a mixed bag of results. "We pride ourselves on being a school where there is a place for



■ Camps Bay High's top five, from left, are Rachel Volkel, Alice Thesen, Caleb Thetard, Alice Pillar, Ben Heather-Clarke.

you regardless of your academic achievements and it is our goal to create well-rounded young people who can go on to contribute productively to our society. Camps Bay High School matric 2018 students achieved some incredible individual results and we are very proud of their achievements," he said.

Sea Point High dropped from 91.4% in 2017 to 88.3% in 2018.

The new principal at Sea Point High School, Leanna Le Breton, couldn't give reasons why the school's pass rate dropped. She

admitted that maths was one of their challenging subjects. She said the school was in a transition the whole of last year and the department took very long to appoint a principal. She said she will strive to improve the results in 2019.

Gardens Commercial High dropped their pass rate from 97.6% in 2017 to 87.1% in 2018. Herzlia High School and Jan van Riebeeck High School achieved a 100% pass rate while Cape Town High School, and Good Hope Sem-

inary Girls' High, improved their pass rates from 86.8% in 2017 to 94.3% in 2018 and 90.2% to 97.4, respectively.

Vista High School in Bo-Kaap saw a huge improvement from 63.3% in 2017 to 79% (See story on page 5).

The province has seen a slight drop in the pass rate in 2018, scoring an 81.5% pass, down compared to 2017's 84.4%.

Education MEC, Debbie Schäfer, congratulated the pupils and said she was especially proud that the Western Cape achieved an increase in the percentage of Bachelor's degree passes, with 42.3% of pupils.

In a statement released on Friday, Ms Schäfer said she was pleased with the results in the Western Cape. "The Western Cape Government has always maintained that indicators of quality go well beyond the overall pass rate. We focus on the quality of the passes and the retention of as many learners as possible in the school system so that we can ensure the best possible opportunities for our young people in the Western Cape," she said.

“Mr. De Korte Takes a Selfie” in the Atlantic Sun



First Day of School at Prep Campus in the Atlantic Sun

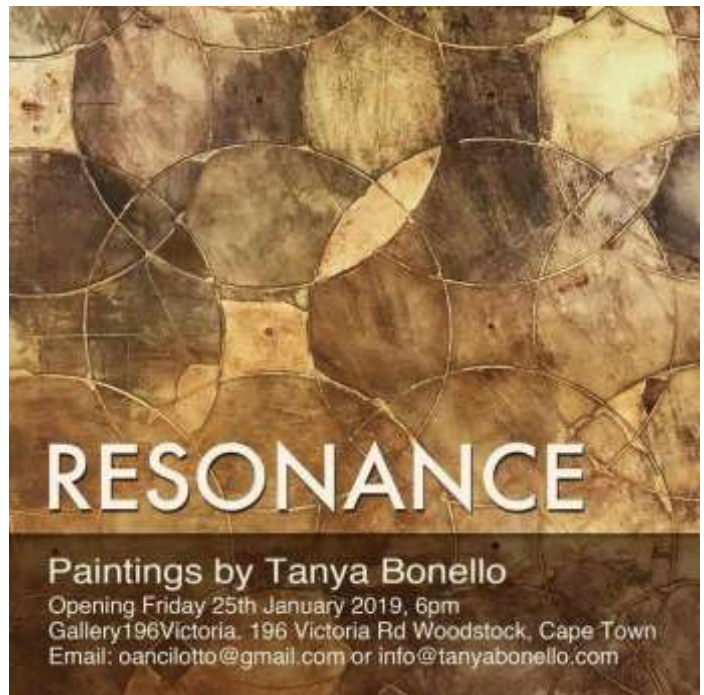
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Invitation to Attend a Past Pupil's Art Exhibition

Camps Bay High School Past Pupil, *Tanya Bonello* (Class of 1990) invites all Camps Bay High School Pupils and families to join her at the launch of her latest exhibition: *Resonance*. Tanya is one of South Africa's most acclaimed mixed-media artists and her work is featured in galleries and private collections from New York to Milan.

RSVP to onancilotto@gmail.com or info@tanyabonello.com if you would like to attend the opening.



The Week Ahead:

- Friday – Sunday 18 – 20 January 2019:** Boys' Surf camp at Elands Bay
- Monday 21 January 2019:** Academic Assembly at 10:15. 2018 Matric achievers have been invited.
- Wednesday 23 January 2019**
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| 07h00 | 3000-meter race run. |
| 17h30 – 18h30: | New parents meeting |
- Thursday 24 January 2019 07h00** 1500-meter race run
- Friday 25 January 2019:** Inter-house Athletics Day

Parents, every Friday there will be a newsletter emailed to you. If for any reason you do not receive one please call *Ms Murray* at the front office (021-438-1507) or e-mail reception@campsbayhigh.co.za. This is an important way of keeping you informed about what is happening at your child's school.

Yours sincerely,

David de Korte
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We run weekly skills rides for teenagers in Cape Town and surrounding areas. Your child will have an adventure in nature after school while improving skills and fitness. Visit our website www.breakawayrides.com or ask for our brochure to receive full information.

Dates: Term 1 2019

Time: Tuesdays 15h30-17h30

Age Groups: 12-16 years

Skills Level: Beginners & Intermediate Group

Where: Deer Park, Higgovale, Rhodes Memorial, Glen, Signal Hill, Block House, Kirstenbosch

Price for 120 minutes' session:

R410-00 Single Session | 360x 5-Rides Pack (valid for 2 months) | 310x 10-Rides Pack (valid for 4 months)

NOTE: We do offer transport to the trail at R50-00 shuttle fee per child.

For information and bookings contact:

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Family Looking For a Rental Home

Family of three (*Mark 43, Oxana 43, Timur 15*), from Darmstadt in Germany are looking for a **furnished apartment** with Wi-Fi, min. 2 bedrooms, to rent in/around Camps Bay.

Timur joins the school in the 4th term 2019, arrival is Sat, September 28th and the term ends December 4th.

As we can cover a couple of days with a hotel-stay, we are looking for October and November 2019 :-).

Living together with a Capetonian family is also possible.

Please e-mail: m-dh@gmx.de

Book for Sale

"Due to GR 10 student last-minute change of subject there is a brand new **Mapwork Made Easy** (for Grades 10, 11 and 12), newly-covered book for sale @ ZAR 200-00 (vs ZAR 242-00)

If interested, please call *Elena* on **082-402-1456**."

Looking for Domestic Work:

I am looking for a Nanny/Domestic or housekeeper job.

Please contact *Miriam Chinyenya* on **067-076-7507** or **062-782-5964**