



Newsletter #32 2020

21 August 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils,

We have had such a good first week back for the Grade 8's and 9's.

Their school attendance has been over 90%. Next week we will welcome the Grade 10's and 11's after their four-week break. From then on its business as "usual" for the rest of the "new" Third Term, until the **23rd of October** (nine weeks away).

So we are now engaging with our 2020 Academic Programme face-to-face and in earnest.

As promised, we still offer our online parallel option for those pupils who are not able to return to school for various COVID-19 related reasons.

At present we are only planning to make this offer available till the end of 2020. However, should COVID continue into 2021 in a way that would require pupils at risk to stay home, then this offering will be reviewed with the possibility of extending it.

One thing we have come to learn this year is that things change quickly and we need to be agile and ready to adapt if needed.

Online Education at Camps Bay High

We, along with other similar schools were thrust into an online offering with the announcement of a hard lockdown. So we have been through a massive learning curve in how to do this.

This prompted our Governors to ask the School Leadership Team to consider if and how we wanted to continue with an online offering in the future (post-COVID). *Mr Mostert* led this investigation and it has had some interesting twists and turns. While we have been looking at options internally, a number of other schools have also started considering their options in this space. Wynberg Boys and Groote Schuur High Schools have partnered with online industries, to offer an online school as well as their normal face to face schooling.

Other private schools have been launched to exploit this new market of pupils who prefer to stay at home and learn online. Against this backdrop, our discussions have taken place.

On Saturday the 15th of August, we held a special Governing Body meeting to decide on the way forward for Camps Bay High. The starting point was we offer our best educational experience on campus, with face to face teaching.

Here our pupils get the best benefit from the unique Camps Bay High offering. So we will continue to make this our core business.

However, we felt it prudent to step into the online education arena as well, in a way that allows us to test the waters, and learn best practise. To achieve this, Mr Mostert tabled a plan to offer in Grade 10 in 2021, a number of subjects as eighth subjects that will be online. These eighth subjects will be a combination of subjects we already offer as well as a number of subjects that are offered "off-campus" already, and will now simply move online. The details of how this will happen will be shared in the next couple of weeks. We will be creating a dedicated studio to enable a professional recording of lessons that will be competitive with other online offerings.

5G Meeting feedback

On Tuesday the 18th of August, we held an information meeting for interested parents. An independent agency, Alphawave, made a detailed technical presentation on the current output from our cell-phone tower, and the proposed future output should it be upgraded to 5G.

The parents had lots of questions around the health risks posed by 5G, and these questions were not able to be answered by those present in the meeting.

This was reported back to the SGB at their meeting on Thursday the 20th of August. At this meeting, the SGB resolved to not make any hasty decisions which may possibly affect the health and safety of the children and teachers on campus. The unanswered questions around the health risk will need to be addressed. It was therefore agreed that we would hold another parent meeting where we could hear from experts in the medical field about the researched dangers these radio waves present to people. We will inform you of the date once it is set.

LEARNERS IN THE NEWS – Storm Rhoda – Grade 12

Storm Rhoda was once again in the news this past week, for his ground-breaking algorithm to identify pneumonia in an interview with E-News, which was aired this past **Wednesday, 19th of August**, in their evening prime time slot.

The algorithm does not require an Internet connection to run and can be integrated into almost every Dicom Viewer (a medical software used to view images). Even though this is not first time Storm has been in the news for his ground-breaking invention, I am sure you will agree with me, that every media interview still brings the same level of pride and admiration for what Storm has achieved here and the impact this will have in the medical field, not only here in South Africa, but internationally. To watch the full interview, please click on the video link below.





MATRICS WISHING TO LEAVE SCHOOL NOW

The WCED has issued a letter (which is attached after the Book Review further on in this newsletter), asking for Matric parents to indicate if their children are deciding not to write the final exams this year. By implication, it seems that this is to allow for pupils in Grade 12 to opt to write their final exams at the end of 2021. However, this choice would mean that they would have to withdraw now (as per attached form) and re-register next year. At this time, we have remained in touch with our Matrics who need help and are confident they will pass the final exams.

CAMPS BAY HIGH SERVICE PORTFOLIO – INTERACT CLUB

Old Blankets and Shoe Drive

The drive has now been extended till the end of August



Extra Lunch Drive

We would like to encourage those who can, to pack an extra lunch for someone at school who may not be getting lunch at the moment. Lunches should be packaged individually. Please write on the outside of the bag what the contents are e.g. cheese sandwich, apple, etc., and leave the extra lunch in the basket provided at the Ardi's Entrance.

Those who need lunch can help themselves to lunch from the basket. Please remember to sanitize hands before and after handling the lunch bags. Any leftovers will be donated to Ladles of Love. If you would like to know more about this Drive, please contact *Ms Mobsby*

on kmobsby@campsbayhigh.co.za or Amava Mkuku on amkuku@campsbayhigh.co.za.

CAMPS BAY HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The Drama department is need of a high-quality digital camera that can record video and audio, with a directional microphone, for recording the preliminary Matric performance exams taking place on the lst of September and final on the 9th of October.



If any parent has such a camera and would be willing to loan it for those two exams with the guarantee it would be locked in the school safe for safekeeping, please could you kindly contact *Mr Cross* on scross@campsbayhigh.co.za or *Mr Mileham* on rmileham@campsbayhigh.co.za. Thank you.

COLLECTING AND DROPPING CHILDREN OFF AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder, that we please would prefer children to be dropped off for school at the top or bottom "stop and drops" in the morning.

However, the motor gate will be open until **08h15 a.m.** Please remember at the end of the day, the gate will be closed, so please do not try and drive on campus to collect your child. We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

CAMPS BAY HIGH BOOK CLUB

This week's attached book review is on "The Icarus Girls" by author Helen Oyeyemi. It is attached at the end of this newsletter, before the advertisements.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 24 August (Day 5) Grade 12, 11 & 9 at school in uniform

Tuesday 25 August (Day 6) Grade, 12, 10 & 8 at school in casuals

Wednesday 26 August (Day 7) Grade 12, 11 & 9 at school in uniform

Thursday 27 August (Day 8) Grade 12, 10, & 8 at school in casuals

Friday, 28 August (Day I) Grade, 12, 10 & 8 at school in uniform

Continue to take care and keep safe

Warm regards

David de Korte
PRINCIPAL





CAMPS BAY HIGH BOOK CLUB – BOOK OF THE WEEK REVIEW THE ICARUS GIRL – HELEN OYEYEMI

This haunting novel of childhood, raw emotions, playground banter and African folklore, will stay with you for a long time. Oyeyemi wrote this novel when she was only 18. She was born in Nigeria but raised in England. Do not be fooled by her age as this is an impressionable piece of writing.

First you meet 8-year-old Jessamy Harrison, nicknamed Jess. She is the daughter of a Nigerian mother and British father. She is prone to tantrums and uncontrollable screaming fits, has no friends and hates school, she is happier spending time in a cupboard or writing in her bedroom.

Her mother naturally worried about this behaviour decides to take the family to Nigeria for a visit. While staying at her grandfather's compound, she is visited by a girl called Titiola whom Jess nicknames Tilly Tilly. Her new friend seems to have magical powers as she unlocks doors and make machinery start working without touching a button.

Eventually the family returns to England, where Tilly Tilly, mysteriously appears, claiming her family moved to Jess's town. Finally, Tilly Tilly reveals to Jess that she had a twin sister called Fern, who died when she was a baby, Jess's mother confirms this to her when she confronts her. Eventually her parents take her to a psychiatrist as more and more sinister things starts happening around Jess and the people who surround her.

Jess's parents take her back to Nigeria desperately hoping things will get better there. At Jess's birthday party she falls and it seems that Tilly Tilly has managed to take over Jess's physical body.

I will not spoil the whole book for you but needless to say, this is an amazing fusion of western culture and African folklore.

Enjoy!







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Dear Parent / Guardian of Grade 12 Learners

The Covid-19 pandemic has introduced unique challenges for parents of Grade 12 learners who have the responsibility to ensure the health and safety of their children, while still upholding their Constitutional rights to a basic education.

The final matric year is a culmination of 12 years of hard work and the key to further studies and a better future. It is also a very stressful year for most Grade 12 learners as they face their final examinations. We acknowledge the added anxiety and distress experienced by both parents and learners caused by the current Covid-19 pandemic and parents were given the option to keep their children at home during the peak of the pandemic.

The final NSC November 2020 examination timetable was released on 13 August 2020 and preparation for the examination has begun in earnest. It is critical for the planning and preparation of the NSC examination to confirm whether all Grade 12 learners will or will not write the final examination.

All Grade 12 learners **must complete the curriculum** according to the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement in preparation for the 2020 NSC examination. In order to sit for the end of the year examinations all candidates **must comply with and complete the amended School-based Assessment requirements**, which include orals, Practical Assessment Tasks (PATs), tests and the preparatory examination.

Should learners **opt not to continue with Grade 12 in 2020**, and therefore choose not to write the 2020 NSC examination, they must confirm their intention to withdraw from the said examination by completing the reply form attached. The reply form must be signed by both the Grade 12 learner and parent/caregiver and returned to the school **by 24 August 2020**.

SIGNED: PAD BEETS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT

DATE: 2020-08-19



ANNEXURE A

CONFIRMATION THAT GRADE 12 LEARNER WHO OPTED NOT TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WILL NOT WRITE THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION IN NOVEMBER 2020

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The wait is over! We are thrilled to announce that the Two Oceans Aquarium will finally be reopening to the public on Tuesday 1 September 2020, with exclusive early access for members from Friday 28 August 2020.

The Aquarium staff and animals are looking forward to once again welcoming members, supporters, fans and visitors daily between 09h30 and 18h00 on weekdays, and from 09h00 to 18h00 on weekends and public holidays - and we're taking extra steps to keep you safe during your visit.

Active members will have four exclusive days to rediscover the magic of the Aquarium and to say hello to all their favourite animals, from 28 to 31 August - ahead of the reopening to the general public.

"We are delighted to have finally received the go-ahead from Government to reopen our doors after five months of closure," said Michael Farquhar, CEO for the Two Oceans Aquarium. "The Aquarium will once again be filled with the buzz of enthusiastic visitors, discovering the magic and beauty of the underwater world. Now we can get back to our purpose of saving the oceans and inspiring all who visit".

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Bootlegger restaurant and Aquarium Shop open again



The onsite restaurant, Bootlegger Coffee Company, will be reopening for delicious brews and scrumptious meals, and the Aquarium Shop with its marine-themed merchandise will welcome visitors back too.









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