

Headmaster's Newsletter

May 2019

Greetings to the Benoni High Community

Monday 20 May saw the start of the Mid-Year examinations. Study programmes should be well established by all the learners: plan to succeed.

The admission process began on the 20th. All prospective Grade 8 learners (2020) are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The school remains a high focus school – many more learners apply than there are spaces available.

Mr. and Miss Benoni was a most rewarding evening. Thank you to Mr. Van Wyk and all the staff members and learners that made the event an outstanding success. I am sure the school looks forward to the event in 2020.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. A. Rossouw and members of staff, have been practising for weeks and recently competed in their first music evenings. What a wonderful experience! The learners did themselves, their families and the school proud. They won Gold in the recent ATKV competition. I encourage everyone to attend a live performance.

The SACEE Junior Debating team has done extremely well and are top in our District.

The Pipe Band travelled to Amanzimtoti to compete in the KZN championships – part of the South African National championships. The band placed first in the junior section – well done to all the band members and thank you to all those who accompanied the band.

The first rugby team competed in the KZN/ Gauteng Rugby Festival held at Kloof High School. The final was played in very poor weather conditions; the school was victorious (declared festival winners) and well done to the players and coaches – an outstanding achievement.

The senior girls' netball team and the boys and girls senior hockey teams all participated in the St. Dunstan's Easter festival. The results were mixed in a very strong group of schools.

Renovations to the school's 'Vatican'. Thank you to the Governing Body for their input. The overwhelming response has been most positive.

Paving and the erection of carports are all ongoing projects to improve the infrastructure of the school. Thank you once again to the Governing Body.

A continued reminder to all parents that when a learner is absent at any time during the examinations, the school should be notified immediately of the absenteeism. The learner must return to school with a doctor's note. Failure to produce the required doctor's note will see the learner receiving a zero for the particular exam or exams. Good luck to all learners for the examinations.

The use of cell phones at school remains a problem. I will begin research into the influence cell phones have in our school especially the impact on the academic programme. In England schools that have curtailed the use of the cell phones reported a six (6) percent improvement in the schools' academic scores. This is food for thought.

Congratulations to Mrs Merrick who has been appointed as Head of Department – Life Sciences.

Thank You

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