



31 March 2023

Dear Parents

Newsletter: End of Term 1

Term 1 truly proved to be an extremely productive term, with plenty of opportunities of which our learners could take advantage. We have been very impressed to see how the learners have taken up these opportunities and become involved in the life of Victoria Park High School. There has indeed been a tremendously positive start to the new year.

Academic Dinner:

We celebrated the top 20 academic achievers in each grade, from 2022, on Thursday 9 March, in the Thorp Hall. We invited one of our past Victorians, Miss Sarah McKee, back as our guest speaker. She is currently involved in SANSA (South African National Space Agency) and is busy completing her PhD. We, as a school, are exceptionally proud of the top 20 academic achievers and we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their successes with them.

Soccer Golden Oldies:

The soccer Golden Oldies fund raiser was held on Friday 10 March, in the Thorp Hall. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to those who supported.

Musical – Once on This Island:

After several months of planning, preparations and rehearsals, Victoria Park High School hosted the opening night of our Musical 'Once on This Island' on Thursday 16 March, in the Blake Hall. After much excitement and anticipation from the VP family, it was heart-warming to have a sold-out opening performance. The cast, music department, directors, choreographers and support team enjoyed another five well-supported shows during the course of the long weekend. The reviews from the media, social platforms, invited guests, parents and pupils reflect the enormous success of the production and the enjoyment had by all those who attended. As a school, we are incredibly proud of everyone that was involved and we wish to thank the VP family for their tremendous support.

Toastmasters Graduation Dinner:

After eight weeks of running the Grade 11 Toastmasters course, it was time to celebrate the growth and improvement in these learners' public speaking skills. The graduation dinner was held in the Thorp Hall, on Thursday 23 March. We invited one of our past Victorians and former Head Boy, Mr Victor Magura, as our guest speaker. The evening was well supported by parents and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Algoa Toastmasters and their facilitators for all they do to develop the public speaking skills of our young people.

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Careers Day:

Victoria Park High School hosted yet another successful Careers Day Expo on Tuesday 28 March, for all of our Grade 10 to 12 learners. The pupils had the opportunity to select, and attend, four different presentations from the many career options offered. It is very important to educate and expose our pupils to the wide variety of potential careers, thereby equipping them to make wise choices for themselves in the very near future.

Update on the upgrade to the Dave Weinronk Sports Fields:

The dream of the addition of four new change rooms, showers, toilets, a conference centre and the rebuilding of two brand new tennis/netball courts is rapidly becoming a reality. The progress of the construction has been on point and the team of professionals involved have been hard at work to ensure that the deadline of mid-July is adhered to. Thank you for your patience regarding the inconvenience and shortage of parking around the clubhouse at the Dave Weinronk Sports Fields. We are very excited for our learners who will be able to enjoy these new facilities as of the 3rd term.

Trolley Dash:

The Trolley Dash ticket sales are well under way and we are pleased with the response thus far. This is the one and only whole-school fundraiser, in which all of the proceeds go directly to subsidise school outings and tours. We would like to thank our sponsor, Kwikspar 1st Avenue Walmer for donating the three prizes. The first prize is a 3 minute trolley dash in which the successful candidate has 3 minutes to fill their trolley with as many groceries as possible. The draw date is Thursday 4 May 2023.

VP Soccer Challenge: 31 March to 2 April

Many months of hard work and preparation have gone into the VP Soccer Challenge, which commences on Friday 31 March. We have 40 teams coming from all over the country, competing in boys and girls, u/18 and u/16 divisions. We wish the team of organisers, as well as the VPHS teams who will be participating, all the best for the festival.

Term 2 – School re-opens on Wednesday 12 April 2023 (Day 2)

Please could all parents ensure that your child/children arrive back on the first day of the new term, neatly groomed, in accordance with the uniform and hair regulations as set out in the school diary.

Our rugby 1st and u/15 teams will be traveling to Cape Town and Jeffreys Bay respectively. Safe travels and best wishes to all of our players and coaches involved in these tours.

We wish all of our learners a well-deserved break and we trust that all those families who will be traveling during the course of the holidays and over the Easter Weekend, will do so safely.

Yours sincerely



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