



10 May 2023

Dear Parents

## **Newsletter: Term 2**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for the valued support you have offered your children as well as Victoria Park High School. As we are approaching the mid-point of Term 2, it is so encouraging to see parental support in so many different ways. Please know that we as a school appreciate you and it is our wish that we continue to partner together in preparing our learners as best as possible for life.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Team Boys & Girls Hockey Tour to Knysna:**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> boys' and girls' hockey teams toured to the Oakhill Festival in Knysna on 13 April. Thank you to all of our coaches and managers for providing such an invaluable opportunity for our boys and girls.

### **Boys Soccer Tour to Stellenbosch:**

All of our boys' soccer teams travelled to the Western Cape to play against one of the toughest opponents in our country, Paul Roos. Our teams did exceptionally with our 1<sup>st</sup> team drawing 0 - 0 with one of the highest-ranked teams in our nation. Thank you to our VP staff compliment for accompanying our boys to Stellenbosch on 14 April.

### **Despatch Derby Day:**

On Saturday 15 April we hosted the first Derby Day of the winter season, the Despatch Derby Day, at the Dave Weinronk Sports Complex. Our learners were involved in hockey, netball and rugby matches. I would like to compliment all of our sport codes and teams on all of their hard work in preparing for the winter season. Their pre-season efforts were certainly evident in their performances and results. I would like to thank all parents who came out to support!

### **Report Discussion:**

We hosted the first Report Discussion of the year on Wednesday 19 April in the Blake and Thorp Halls. It was heart-warming to witness both halls filled to capacity and to see staff and parents working together in supporting our learners. We will be hosting the next Report Discussion in the first week of Term 3.

### **Paul Sauer Festival:**

A number of our netball and rugby teams travelled through to Kareedouw on Saturday 22 April. Our teams fared exceptionally well against some stiff competition. Thank you to all those families who travelled out of town to support!

### **Music Concert involving VPHS and Herbert Hurd Primary School:**

On Thursday 4 May, our music department hosted the first combined Music Concert featuring Victoria Park High School and Herbert Hurd Primary School. Bands from both schools pulled out all the stops and impressed the

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audience with their phenomenal performances. Thank you to our incredible music department for this initiative and for providing such a wonderful opportunity for our learners.

#### **Newton Tech Derby Day:**

VPHS hosted Newton Tech this past weekend. We had 21 teams participate in boys' and girls' hockey, netball, rugby and boys' and girls' soccer. It was once again so encouraging to see such a great turnout of supporters, including parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, as well as our very own pupil support.

#### **Update on the Upgrade to the Dave Weinronk Sports Fields:**

The exciting new building project is on track and is still due to be completed by mid-July. The two newly built netball courts (on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Union Road) will hopefully be ready for our Derby Day against Westering, this weekend, Saturday 13 May.

#### **Trolley Dash:**

The Trolley Dash fundraiser was a huge success and raised in excess of R50 000.00. Congratulations to our three finalists:

Showmise Solomans

Pravin Athimoolam

Nonitha Jele

The 3-minute trolley dash was held last Saturday, 6 May at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Kwikspar, Walmer. We are very grateful to the Walmer Kwikspar store for sponsoring the three prizes. Please could the VP family continue to support them.

#### **Learner Late-Coming:**

We are experiencing a high number of learners who are arriving late for school in the mornings. Please be reminded that school starts at 07h50 each morning and it is essential that we start the school day on time, with an accurate registration at 07h50. Please could all those learners who are regular late-comers ensure that they address this issue. Your co-operation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

#### **Solar Power Security:**

The school's SGB is in the process of investigating the prospect of installing a full solar solution to compensate for load shedding. We will report progress on this project in the upcoming months. It is crucial that we have power security to be able to provide the top-class education that we have committed to.

#### **Staff Matters:**

We would like to congratulate both Mrs Tanya Wood and Mr Chris van Rooyen on their appointments into Departmental posts as of 1 April 2023.

#### **June Examinations:**

The June Examinations commence on Monday 29 May for all Grades. The June Examination Timetable was given to all learners a few weeks ago. It is available on the school's D6 and on the school's website. All subject scopes will be available on the learners ITSI platforms, as of Monday 15 May.

Yours sincerely

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