



**Newsletter: Term 1**

20 February 2024

Dear Parents

With the vision for 2024 set as "Developing a Winning Culture", we as a school are incredibly proud of the way the new year has begun. Our learners have certainly embraced the culture of being 1% better every day. Our new Grade 8 learners have completed their orientation and are now fully-fledged members of the VP family.

### **Staff Development:**

All of our cleaning and maintenance staff went to Bush Pig on a team building day on Friday 12 January. It was thoroughly enjoyed by our staff and we look forward to working with a motivated and unified team this year. Our teaching staff spent an evening at Cape St Francis Holiday Resort on Friday 19 January to workshop our vision and the implementation thereof for the new year. It was a very fruitful time away and it has been uplifting to see how this has impacted positively on our school. All of our admin staff went to the Town Lodge for a day seminar on Friday 9 February to workshop how they will run and implement the vision in their sphere of the school.

### **Grade 8 Outing to Addo Adrenalin:**

Our Grade 8s were split into two groups and were spoilt with an action-packed day out at Addo Adrenalin. They were involved in various team-building activities which included zip-lining, swinging, paddling and they were also put through their paces on the obstacle course. Despite extremely hot conditions, our new Grade 8s had lots of fun and many life-long friendships were created.

### **Parent / Teacher Meetings:**

We enjoyed all of the Grade Parent / Teacher Meetings in the third week of the term. We as a school are extremely proud of the parent support which was evident at these evenings, with the turnout being exceptional! We have no doubt that your time invested in these meetings will have a positive impact on the lives of your children.

### **Blood Bank:**

We hosted the first blood drive of the year on Wednesday 7 February. Thanks to all the learners who donated, we were able to meet our target, with each donation saving 3 lives!

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## **Inter-House Sports Day:**

For the first time, we hosted some pre-events on the afternoon prior to the Sports Day. This took place on Thursday 1 February, with many of our learners participating in the 800m, 400m, 200m and the 100m sprints. On Friday 2 February, we had a day full of fierce competition where all of our learners were involved in rugby, netball, soccer, cricket, hockey and relay sprints. This year we added some 1% improvements, with our learners being able to compete in long jump, discus and shot put. Congratulations to Blake House for winning the overall house points!

## **Grade 8 and New Parent Steak Evening:**

We had a record number of parents join this year's Steak Evening. As per usual, the steaks were amazing, but the fellowship and getting to know all of our new parents was even better. Thank you to all of our parents who attended. Welcome to the VP family!

## **Prize-Giving:**

Last Friday 16 February, we celebrated our Grade 8 to Grade 11 learners' academic achievements from 2023. Congratulations to all of our prize winners. Thank you to all the parents who attended, it was wonderful to have such positive attendance!

## **Grade 8 & Grade 9 Test Series:**

The Grade 8 and Grade 9 Test Series starts this Friday 23 February. Please refer to the letter dated 8 February for all the relevant details. This letter is also available on the D6 and on our school's website.

## **Academic Dinner:**

We will be celebrating the top 20 academic achievers of each grade, from 2023, on Thursday 7 March, in the Thorp Hall. A letter was sent out on 15 February to all those invited to attend.

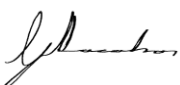
## **VP Soccer Challenge:**

We are once again hosting our very prestigious VP Soccer Challenge between Wednesday 20 and Friday 22 March at the Dave Weinronk Sports Complex.

## **Arrangements for the End of Term:**

The last official day of term for our learners will be on Tuesday 19 March. This will be a normal school day, with school ending at the usual time of 14h15. Report Collection will take place on Wednesday 20 March between 07h00 and 09h00 in the Thorp Hall.

Regards,



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