



15 May 2024

Dear Parents

## **Newsletter: Term 2**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and compliment our learners on such a positive start to Term 2. They have continued to embrace the vision and challenges set before them and the “1% improvement per day” can be seen in all areas of the school. There has been tremendous improvement in the learners’ academic results, in the cultural sphere and on the sports fields. We all know that this is only possible when learners, parents and staff work together in the best interests of our learners. Thank you to all of our parents for your continued support.

## **Internal Hockey Tournament:**

Our hockey staff organised a hockey tournament which was held on Saturday 6 April on the Mike Vermaak Astro. It was great to see so many keen boys and girls of all ages, come together and have so much fun. Thank you to all the parents who came out and offered their support!

## **First Aid Course:**

First Medical Response ran two full-day courses for learners wanting to be accredited with their Level 1 First Aid course. A total of 39 Victorians participated in the training which took place on Friday 5 April and Saturday 6 April. All of our learners were put to the test and they came out trumps with their results.

## **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 Thursday 11 April. Thank you to all of our coaches and managers for providing such an invaluable opportunity.

## **Jazz Band Evening:**

On Friday 19 April, our incredible Jazz Band entertained the staff and parents with amazing performances in the Thorp Hall. It was well attended by both staff and parents. Well done to Mr Louis and his Jazz Band for a spectacular evening!

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### **Knysna Derby Day:**

On Saturday 20 April, our boys and girls hockey teams, as well as our rugby teams, travelled to Knysna to play against Knysna High School. Despite the early start and the long road trip through all the stop-and-gos, our teams showed the true VP spirit and produced such pleasing results. It was very impressive to see how many parents travelled through to support.

### **Steelband Concert:**

Our steelband performed at the NMU on Wednesday 24 April. Congratulations to Mrs Gilbert and her performers on what was nothing less than phenomenal. They deserved the standing ovation which they received at the end of their performance.

### **U16 Boys' & Girls' Hockey Tour to Knysna:**

Our hockey coaches and managers did a third trip to Knysna, this time with our U16 boys' and girls' teams. They departed on Thursday 25 April and returned on Sunday 28 April. This trip proved to be instrumental in bringing unity and cohesion in both teams.

### **Grade 8 Disco:**

The Grade 8 learners had a ball on Friday 26 April where they danced the night away, creating fond memories of their first term in high school. Thank you to our Grade 8 staff who gave up their Friday evening to provide this wonderful opportunity for our newbies.

### **Otto Du Plessis & Paul Roos Derby Day:**

Our boys' soccer teams came up against some serious opposition, playing against Paul Roos on Saturday 27 April, at home on the Dave Weinronk fields. Our netball and rugby teams faced some tough opposition, playing at Otto Du Plessis. Our teams did well, with our 1<sup>st</sup> boys' soccer team showing off their skills with a draw against Paul Roos.

### **Reunion Weekend:**

A thoroughly enjoyable weekend was had by all of our past pupils from the following years: 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2014.

Our Reunion Weekend started on Thursday 2 May with the Old Scholars Tea, which saw a record number of 72 old scholars between 1940 and 1974 returning to their alma mater. On Friday 3 May, we had the 'meet-and-greet' over some lovely eats, followed by the reunion assembly which was also well attended. A spit braai was enjoyed on Friday evening 3 May at the new Conference Centre. The reunion derby day against Newton Tech and Framesby was held on Saturday 4 May. It proved to be a very festive day, with plenty of food and beverages for sale. Many of our past learners supported our teams which was so encouraging to see. The specific groups all enjoyed time together on Saturday evening, at various venues, to conclude what was a memorable weekend.



### **Chillin' on the Grass:**

The music department hosted a "Chillin' on the Grass" afternoon on Friday 10 May in the Grass Quad. A number of bands were invited to join, including Westering, Curro Westbrook, Harvest, St Dominics Priory and Normoyle Primary. It was well supported and enjoyed by all who attended.

### **The Herald Isuzu Quiz:**

Our all-boys quiz team once again proved that we are a school to be reckoned with, by reaching the top 16. Despite their commitment and hard work, they did not reach the quarter finals.

### **Westering Derby Day:**

On Friday 10 and Saturday 11 May, most of VP's sports teams competed against our rivals, Westering High School. VP showed the effectiveness of the "1% improvement per day" and the proof of this was certainly in the results.

### **Ballroom Dancing Interschool's Competition:**

On Saturday 11 May, 13 of our VP learners competed in the Interschool's Ballroom Dancing Competition which was held at the Feather Market Centre. Our dancers did extremely well, achieving a third place overall. Many of our dancers got through to the finals, and earned bronze, silver and gold awards.

### **Trolley Dash:**

The Trolley Dash fundraiser was a huge success and raised in excess of R67 000. Congratulations to our winner, Ms Peliwe Ntshiba, who collected groceries to the value of R4 400. We are very grateful to KWIKSPAR Walmer on First, for their support, and for sponsoring the three prizes. Please could we continue to support them.

### **Staff Matters:**

We would like to congratulate **Mrs Summeri Venter** on her appointment into a Departmental post as of 1 April 2024.

We are saddened to announce that **Mrs Antoinette Hempel** will be leaving us this term, on Friday 17 May. She is relocating with her husband to Pretoria where she will be taking up an Afrikaans post at Pretoria Technical High School. We wish her all the very best with her new appointment. We are proud to announce that **Mr Bruce Zlokovich** will be appointed as of 1 July, teaching Grade 10 and Grade 11 Accounting. We welcome Mr Zlokovich in his new permanent position and we wish him a long and happy stay with us.

**Mrs Angela Barnard**, together with her family, is emigrating to Houston, Texas. Mrs Barnard will be leaving in August next term. We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed **Mr Travis Frans** as our new music teacher. He is currently teaching at Gonubie Primary where he teaches voice training. He has also previously been employed at the Performing Arts Institute where he conducted their choirs. We also welcome Mr Frans to the VP family.



**Mr Jason Fortuin**, who started in our Tuckshop at the beginning of the year will be leaving us at the end of May. This was a tough decision for him but one that was made in the best interests of his family. We are grateful for the impact that he has made in the tuckshop during his short stay with us. **Ms Kayla Moore** will be replacing him. She currently works for Executive Caterers and she has also previously run the Tuckshop at Herschel Girls High School.

**Mrs Lareen Spangenberg** will be returning on Monday 3 June from her maternity leave. We are excited to have her back! Thank you to **Mr Bruce Zlokovich** for filling in whilst she was away on maternity leave.

We are very excited to announce that one of our support staff members, **Ms Nandipha Dingana**, is expecting. She will be going on maternity leave on 1 June. We welcome **Ms Devonia Brockman** as her temporary replacement.

### **June Examinations:**

The June examinations commence next Monday 20 May. The June Examination Timetable was given to all learners a number of weeks ago. It is also available on the school's D6 and the school's website. All subject scopes were given to the learners by Friday 10 May. We would like to wish our learners everything of the best for these all-important mid-year exams.

### **VIVITE FORTES – LIVE, CHALLENGE & DARE**

Regards,



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