

VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Parents

14 June 2024

Newsletter: End of Term 2

Despite many members of our VP family facing various challenges, hardships and adversity, we have stood together and shown great strength of character. I am reminded of a saying that goes as follows: "Tough times never last, but tough people do".

Our vision for the year, "Developing a Winning Culture" and the "1% improvement per day" has truly been our focus as a school. I am once again in awe of how all stakeholders and members of our VP family have embraced this vision.

DF Malherbe Derby Day:

Due to the start of the mid-year exams on Monday 20 May, the DF Malherbe Derby Day was split over two days, Friday 17 and Saturday 18 May. The split was to ensure that the learners had adequate time to study and prepare for these all-important exams. Despite the exam focus, it was encouraging to see, not only how well our sports teams did, but also the commitment of our players in honouring their winter season sport fixtures.

Woodridge Derby Day:

As a result of the commencement of the exams, the Woodridge Derby Day fixtures were spread over 5 days between Tuesday 21 and Saturday 25 May. We as a school were extremely proud of the results, especially when compared to the previous year's results. The improvements are vast and one has to compliment our phenomenal coaches, managers and players. Commitment, dedication and consistency over an extended period of time, does lead to success! Well done to all concerned!

Announcement of 2024/2025 Councillors:

The Councillors for the remainder of this year and for 2025 were announced on Tuesday 11 June, in the Blake Hall. Congratulations to the 30 young leaders who have been elected into the role of Councillors. I would like to take the opportunity to thank and congratulate this year's Monitors for their service and commitment to VP. You were honestly nothing less than exceptional. We would like to wish our newly elected Councillors all of the very best for their term of office in serving the school. They will all be attending a weekend of mentoring and team building during the last weekend of the school holidays at Rangers Outdoors, a privately owned nature game reserve.

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Matric Dance:

On Thursday 13 June, our grade 12s and their partners enjoyed what was a very unforgettable Matric Dance. The evening was made very special for an incredible group within the VP family, namely our matrics of 2024! Thank you to the organising committee and to Running Waters for all of your hard work in making this night so memorable.

June Examinations: 20 May to 13 June

Our learners were put through their paces academically during the 4-week-long mid-year examinations. The fruits of their labour is evident in the Term 2 reports. I would like to congratulate those learners who have excelled and achieved the goals which they set out for themselves. For those who were less successful, there are many more opportunities this year to improve and set the record straight. Please be aware that we will be having our **report discussion on Tuesday 16 July between 16h30 and 18h30 in both the Blake and Thorp Halls.**

Sports Tours during the holidays:

1st Boys Soccer team – Selbourne Tournament in East London (Mr Leander & Mr Griessel)

U15 & U17 Boys Soccer team – Brebner Tournament in Bloemfontein (Mr Louis, Mr Gwija & Mr Sali)

We would like to wish our players, coaches and managers all the best for their matches. Safe travels and bring back the silverware!

Tuckshop Upgrade:

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Kayla Moore as the new Manager of the Tuckshop. She managed the tuckshop at Herschel Girls High School in Cape Town and prior to that worked for Executive Caterers. As you may be aware, the Tuckshop is currently undergoing a much needed upgrade. A brand new point of sales system has been installed and the tuckshop is being repainted and having new fixtures fitted. A new menu for both staff and learners is ready to be introduced on Day 1 of the new term.

Staff Matters:

We would like to congratulate Ms Nandipha Dingana on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, born on Sunday 2 June 2024.

Please could all parents ensure that your child / children are correctly dressed, in accordance with the dress and uniform regulations, on the first day of the new term.

Wishing all our learners a well-deserved winter holiday.

Regards,

VIVITE FORTES – LIVE, CHALLENGE & DARE



GARRETH JACOBSON

Principal



