



Dear Parents

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Newsletter: Term 3

The third term has certainly continued in the footsteps of the previous two terms, with the learners rising to the challenge of being better today, than they were yesterday. Many small improvements over a lengthy period of time have resulted in larger, more defined victories, both individually and collectively.

1st Boys' Soccer Team:

Our 1st boys' soccer team travelled to East London in the June holidays and participated in the Selbourne Soccer Tournament. Once again, they did exceptionally well and were unbeaten champions, retaining the Champions Cup for the 2nd year in a row! We are extremely proud of Mr Leander and his 1st team!

U15 & U17 Boys' Soccer Teams:

The boys' U15 and U17 teams toured to Bloemfontein in the holidays to compete in the Brebner Tournament. The U15s ended in 14th position and the U17s in 16th position. Thank you to Mr Louis, Mr Gwija, Mr Sali and Mr van der Watt for providing such a wonderful opportunity for our up-and-coming sportsmen.

Hiking Club:

The Hiking Club was spoilt with two amazing hikes this term. They travelled to the Western Cape to complete the Robberg Hike on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 July and on Saturday 20 July, they completed the River Trail at Van Stadens Flower Reserve.

Quiz:

Congratulations to Ms Meyer and her Quiz Team, for not only dominating the season but, also for securing their place at the top of the league. In the final match, they showcased their champion spirit once again, claiming victory and earning the title of the 2024 High School Quiz Champions.

Jazz Band Tour:

Victoria Park High School's Jazz Band toured to East London on the weekend of 19 - 21 July. Our Jazz Band performed at Vincent Park Shopping Centre on the Friday evening, at Hemingways Mall on Saturday morning and at Hudson Park High School on Saturday

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evening. Thank you to Mr Louis, Miss Wessels, Mr Mbhele and to Mr van der Watt for providing this opportunity.

Derby Day vs Kirkwood:

On Saturday 20 July our Netball and Rugby teams competed on the courts and fields against Kirkwood High School. This proved to be yet another enjoyable derby day.

Councillor Camp:

Our 2025 Councillors spent three days at Rangers Outdoors preparing, equipping and building their leadership skills. Thank you to our four Councillor teachers, Mrs Nel, Mrs Monteith, Mr de Beer and Mr van Rooyen who sacrificed time away from home.

Mr and Miss VP:

On Friday 26 July TAG hosted our annual Mr and Miss VP Competition in the Blake Hall. It was well-attended, the VP vibe was great and our contestants were incredible.

Congratulations to the newly crowned Mr and Miss VP! Our category winners were as follows:

Mr VP: Blessings Mbona

Miss VP: Phoebe Prince

Miss Congeniality: Ibenami Mthembu

Mr Personality: Joshua Affat

1st Princess: Gabriella van Vuuren

1st Prince: Connor Brislin

Derby Day vs Andrew Rabie:

On Saturday 27 July many of our winter sports teams came up against Andrew Rabie. It was encouraging to see how well many of our teams did. Thank you to all of our supporters who attended and supported our teams.

VP Foundation:

On Friday 26 July the VP Foundation members visited My Forever Family Home where they entertained the children by making bracelets, colouring in and enjoyed some outdoor play.

Simbonga Art Competition:

Congratulations to the three winners of the Simbonga Art/Photography Competition. The top three places all belonged to VP:

1. Mr Stuart Dunderdale
2. Mackenzie Binning (in Grade 10)
3. Miss Kezia Kloppers



ECO Trip to Addo:

On Saturday 27 July, our ECO club enjoyed a day out at Addo National Elephant Park. Thank you to Ms McGrath and Ms Meyer for accompanying our ECO members. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all.

Knock on Wood:

We had over 25 music learners participate in the Knock on Wood which was held at Woodridge College this year. All of our learners did well! Congratulations to our Vocal and Steel Band ensemble groups who were both awarded with double gold awards for their respective performances.

Oratory Competition:

On Tuesday 30 July, the language departments hosted the annual Oratory Competition. It included all three languages, namely English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa. The winners for each section were as follows:

English:

Senior: Shayna Nathoo

Junior: Erin Raw

Afrikaans:

Senior: Paige Holdstock

Junior: Lidwala Sodladla

isiXhosa:

Senior: Sinazo Mahlakahlaka

Junior: Mhlahli Mente

Choir Festival:

The Music Department hosted a Choir Festival which a number of junior and high schools attended from around Nelson Mandela Bay. Due to the many schools who accepted the invitation, it was held over two evenings, namely Thursday 1 and Friday 2 August in the Blake Hall. Thank you to all learners, staff and parents who supported by attending. Our Choir performed exceptionally well under the leadership of newly appointed Mr Frans. We are excited to see the Choir grow from strength to strength.

Derby Day vs Cillië:

On Saturday 3 August the Netball and Rugby teams played against Cillië. The matches were entertaining and a great day was enjoyed by players, coaches and supporters.

Ballroom Dancing:

We had 21 of Victoria Park High School's Ballroom dancers participate in the annual Ballroom and Latin Dance Tests on Friday 2 and Saturday 3 August at Alexander Road High School. We are very proud of the growth of Ballroom Dancing at VP and this growth was certainly evident in the results of our dancers.



Junior Debating:

Our Junior "A" League Debaters travelled to Makhanda for the Eastern Cape Provincial Trials on the weekend of the 2 - 4 August. Our team did exceptionally well and achieved 8th position, in the Plate Semi-Finals. Congratulations to Mbali Siwa and Isabella Bosch for being selected to be part of the Eastern Cape Training Squad for Nationals. Thank you to Miss Marks and Mr Ross for giving up their weekend to create this experience for our junior debaters.

Studio Concert:

On Tuesday 6 August, the Music Department provided a platform for our soloists on flute, trombone, drums, voice, clarinet and saxophone to showcase their skills. The windband also had their chance to shine. Well done to all those who were involved.

Steelpannival:

The Steelband participated in the Steelpannival which was held at Nelson Mandela University, on Wednesday 7 August. Congratulations to Mrs Gilbert and her Steelband on their superb performance.

Tavcor Design-a-Kombi Competition:

A number of the VP art learners entered the Tavcor Design-a-Kombi Competition. Congratulations to four of our learners who have made it into the top 40. They are, Kendra Bouw, Phillipa De Vos, Sibulele Mayenwa and Tina Dayimani.

Staff Matters:

Ms Mpongoshe has been booked off for illness this term. Our thoughts and prayers are with her. We, as a VP family trust that she will recover fully. Thank you to Mrs Ntomboxolo Maqanda for stepping into Ms Mpongoshe's classroom and taking care of the teaching of isiXhosa.


We are delighted to announce that Mr Gwija and Ms Magugu got married on Saturday 27 July. We are very excited for them and wish them all the happiness that life can bring.

Derby Day vs Alexander Road High School:

I would personally like to invite all VPHS family, friends and supporters to join us this weekend, Friday 16 and Saturday 17 August, for our final derby day of the season against Alexander Road High School. Please find all the fixtures on our school's website or Facebook page. I look forward to seeing you supporting our teams.

Regards,

VIVITE FORTES – LIVE, CHALLENGE & DARE



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