



WALVIS BAY PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL  
(Incorporated Association not for gain – Reg. No. 21/96/259)

*From the desk of the chairman*

*Good day parents /guardians, teachers, and learners*

**1. New Principal**

*As you all know by now, Mrs Eigelaar is retiring at the end of August 2020. After a long and tedious process of evaluations, interviews and scrutinising, The Board of Directors are happy to announce that Mr Henjan van der Hyde will be the new principal of WBPHS as from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020. We want to congratulate him with this new appointment and wish him all the best for this new challenge in his career.*

**2. E- Learning**

*First let me salute all our teachers and every person involved with E –Learning, for your commitment and diligence in the way you have tackled this new way of teaching in order to give all our learners the opportunity to keep abreast with the academic curriculum during the lockdown period. Your efforts and sacrifices are noted and we thank you for that.*

*Parents / Guardians, for you it was a major adaption, especially in the primary phases. I want to thank every parent for their commitment and sacrifices in this very difficult period as I know it is not an easy task. Please keep up your good work and I want to urge every parent that should you encounter any problems or difficulty with the E- Learning, please contact the school and individuals as was communicated to you in the newsletters of the school.*

*Please take note that should the lockdown continue, the school will be in a position with the E-Learning to continue with the internal and external examinations for our learners. This will mean that learners that pass these exams via E-learning, will pass their grade. So please reconsider it carefully before you take your child out of the school for this year. We can still complete the 2020 academic year and there is no need to abandon this year.*

**3. Projects**

*At the current moment there are only two projects running at the school*

**4. Pavilion at the OSA Clubhouse**

*This Project is driven and funded by the OSA. This initiative started way back to be completed in time for the Desert Sport Festival. No funds of the School were allocated for this project and this is all covered by funds generated by the OSA.*

**5. Staff room**

*This is the only project currently running at the school which is funded by the school. This project started way before the Covid 19 lockdown regulations came into place. This project runs concurrently with a solar panel installation which will come on top of the roof of this new area. This project's purpose is to cut on the school's electricity bill. The project is funded by the Contractor of the solar installation.*

**6. Finance**

*It is with great sadness that I want to inform you that the school is feeling the pinch of the Covid 19 pandemic. We acknowledge the fact that a large number of our parents are suffering and are under tremendous strain to make ends meet.*

*The school is no different now, since we registered this month the first losses for the year. We are trying on all fronts to mitigate the losses. Expenses are kept at a minimum. We are investigating different avenues to implement drastic measures to ensure that the school does survive these Economic hardships. I want to reiterate to you all that we as the board are doing everything in our power to manage this as best we can.*

*Considering this I humbly request all our parents to please continue to pay school fees even if you can only pay a portion of it. Please contact the school, and make arrangements to that effect. In times like these we need to stand together and to stand strong to ensure that our school survives these troubled times.*

**7. School fees**

*As a result of the Schools current financial losses we unfortunately cannot accommodate any additional relief on the school fees until further notice*

*To all of you I wish you all the best of the best, may God bless each and every household with the strength, endurance and determination to see this crises through and ask God to bless our school.*

*Thank you*

*Pierre Marais*

**CHAIRMAN: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**