

Walvis Bay Private High School

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WELCOMING—MR. VAN DER HYDE PRINCIPAL



SECRETARY DAY



CELEBRATION MR. VAN DER HYDE BIRTHDAY



From the desk of the chairman

Good day parents and guardians, teachers, and learners

Board of Directors

The board of Directors had a strategic planning session to assess the current position of the school and to strategize on the best way forward, which will be beneficial to all stakeholders in WPBHS.

This means that a restructuring will take place in certain areas to ensure that the school is not top heavy and are running more streamline.

Curro

There were discussions between Curro Namibia and WBPHS, Walvisbaai Laërskool and Dolphins for Curro Namibia to take over all 3 schools and form a totally new school with a completely new identity. The School will then be managed by Curro Namibia (Collette Rieckert) and they will invest 100 mil into the schools (WBPHS & Laërskool), Upgrade facilities and classrooms: ablution facilities on sport grounds, Astro turf Hockey field, new netball courts and upgrade athletic track (Tartan). The net effect of this is that school fees will increase from 1 January 2021 to

Secondary school N\$ 4500 per month

Primary school N\$ 3500 per month

Pre-school N\$ 2500 per month

Teaching staff will be accommodated as far as possible but only on a yearly contractual basis

Board decision / recommendation: *Not to go with Curro but improve our service delivery to make WBPHS the school of preference at the coast. This way we as parents and stakeholders have a much better input and contribution in our school and our teaching staff have job security going forward. The school fees will not shoot up dramatically but will remain as is for 2021.*

Merging with Walvisbaai Laërskool

We also investigated via a 3rd party the feasibility of merging the two schools and after discussions it was decided to put this project on the back burner for the time being.

Face to Face education

I am glad that face to face learning have resumed for most of the grades and soon all grades will be able to return to school. It was very tough, with the constant changes in regulations as to when and what grades can resume. I want to give all parents / Guardians as well as teachers the assurance that we will maintain a high level of Covid rules to ensure that we keep our environment as safe as possible. Therefore, we still have the grades split in two with face to face learning and if we continue in this fashion, we will still be able to complete our curriculum on time. Only when we are 100% satisfied with the safety of our scholars shall we implement full classes. I understand that some parents do struggle with this arrangement but please bear with us, it is for your own child's safety.

Way forward

Amidst the current economic climate and all the challenges of a new school (Curro) opening in Walvis Bay we must think smart, act swiftly and responsibly to improve our school so that WBPHS becomes the preferred school at the Coast. This means that all stake holders must step up on all fronts of our school for us to achieve our goals. Therefore, I want to ask every stake holder to take hands, work together and to work very hard so we can make WBPHS "THE PREFERRED SCHOOL" I ask God to bless our School in this new phase, to keep us safe and to protect each and every stakeholder in WBPHS.

Thank you

Pierre Marais

STOP & STAP GRADE 1 2021



Dear Parents

House Bethany an organization that is situated in Mondesa which provides food to orphan children in Swakopmund.

The house Bethany has functioned for 20 years and has helped to better the lives of hundreds of children. At the moment the house caters for 70 vulnerable and orphaned children, between the ages of 5 and 18, four days a week.

Your charitable donations and work across the country or in various parts of the country is noteworthy. We hope you might want to perform another notable act of compassion and help children from the House Bethany with;

- ◆ Parts to repair the house, such as the damaged roof structure, tiles for floors which have seen water damage.
- ◆ Tables and chairs, as there aren't sufficient units for the children to do home on (grade 10-12 have a separate room which they could use for studies)
- ◆ Food items for meals provided

The House Bethany acts as a homework centre and place for provision of food for lunch from 12:30-15:30 on Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays during school terms. The centre is currently open to feed the children, though schools are closed.



SATERDAG 19 SEPT
PARKEER AREA
LANGS SKOOL
8:00-12:00



PANNEKOEK N\$5
BOEREWORS
ROLLS N\$20
KOFFIE N\$10



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs. Vogel with the birth of their daughter Mieke Vogel.



GENERAL FEEDBACK AND INFORMATION

Dear parents

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and co-operation throughout this very challenging times.

We are really excited to welcome back the Gr 1-3 learners on Monday 21 September 2020. Please take note although the State of Emergency has been lifted we are not to compromise the safety of our learners, therefore we will continue with the time tables set as communicated to you until the end of the year. Please parents let us keep to the protocol for the safety of all our learners.

We would like to wish everyone all the best for the remainder of this year!

A Special word of encouragement to our matriculants and parents for their last school term. The matric farewell will go ahead as planned on 10 October 2020.

We are in the process to save money in whichever way we can because of the impact of Covid 19. Newsletter and information will be sent to you via email and sms. If you are in need of hard copies please feel free to contact the school and we will gladly provide you with one.

PREFECTS 2021



Front row: Azaria Klassen, Camilla Agenbag, Carané van Zyl, Thalia Loveira, Ané Schumacher, Nikki Rabie, Marzé Marais, Cailyn Smith, Inamari Agenbag, Nicole Gruhn, Annabel Köhne,
Back row: Anco Snyman, Scott Winborn, Benicio Mentor, Laelen Willemse, Gerald McCarthy, Timothy Faul, Reinhard Nissen, Wian Bornman, Jacques Simon, Luaan Karsten, Drian Derks