

# Walvis Bay Private High School



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## G SUITE FOR EDUCATION AS E-LEARNING PLATFORM AT WBPBS

- **E-Learning (education conveyed via electronic means)** has become an invaluable support for teachers and learners of WBPBS during the Covid-19 world wide pandemic. During the lockdown period, access to learning content and knowledge would not have been accessible to all learners of WBPBS, without the implementation of e-learning.
- E-learning offers an exciting **learning curve for teachers and learners** far and wide and also offer great collaboration and global opportunities to our learners. It compliments the requisites of the current era. E-Learning has matured into a popular and apprehended way amongst teachers and learners all around the world.
- The process undoubtedly has its limitations. For those with hard economic background and **lack of accessibility to technology** it is definitely a long shot to exploit its luxury to the fullest. The unprivileged population of developing countries are saddled with this phase of digital divide.
- WBPBS actively uses **Google Classroom** as part of e-learning. Google classroom is a user-friendly e-learning site where teachers interact with learners, setting and marking assignments as well as integrating resources with interactive content, etc. One of the most interesting features of Google apps is that these applications run on any device and on any platform or operating system.
- WBPBS recently obtained the free version of **Google Apps for Education**, namely the **G Suite** for Education. G Suite is a suite of cloud computing, productivity and collaboration tools, soft ware and products developed by Google and includes Google Classroom as well as other core services, such as Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Sheets, Forms, Slides, Hangouts, and more. These Google tools and features will surely benefit our school. One doesn't need to search long to see how deep Google has seeped into schools. Around the world, 90 million learners and educators use its productivity tools and G Suite for Education as part of its learning management system. Google Classroom compliments and supports creative teaching techniques as well as keep learning material organised.

On 24 July 2020 a G-Suite meeting was scheduled to discuss the implementation of the G Suite for Education at WBPBS. Staff who attended the meeting shared valuable knowledge and information on how they currently, with great success, use e-learning in their respective subjects. The use of G-Suite for Education as an e-learning platform to compliment face to face learning, will in future surely benefit all learners and staff of WBPBS.

*Report by Madalé van Deventer (Head of Department: IT)*

### Photo from left to right:

Mr. Jan Breedt,  
Mrs. Amanda Breedt,  
Ms. Rusa Amunjela,  
Mrs. Madalé van Deventer,  
Mrs. Anne-Marie Moolman,  
Mrs. Estelle Eigelaar,  
Mrs. Chrissi van Dyk,  
Mrs. Wilma de Wet



Just be the kind person you are, but stand up for yourself, and never ever let anybody walk over you. Just live life, smile and do what is right for you.

— Brigitte Nicole —

## HUMAN CAPITAL—GREATEST INVESTMENT IN ANY SCHOOL

This Covid 19 season in our history has left many of us feeling a sense of despair and insecurity. Insecurity is destabilising and fear-inducing. In the midst of this chaos, teachers and education leaders had to step up. With the support of the Senior Head of Academics, Mrs Wilma de Wet, and the Head of Academics at the Primary Phase, Mrs Anne-Marie Moolman, the teaching staff is currently offering digital learning from home, support classes and examination is being conducted for the Senior Secondary Learners. We are also grateful to announce that Mrs de Wet will only retire in 2021. We know that human capital is the greatest investment in any school. Firstly, we wholeheartedly appreciate the hard work and efforts done by our leadership team and the staff. Secondly, we are most proud of our learners for their strength and endurance.

Our teachers, as many others in the country and in the world had to adjust their way of teaching. Technologically the school has progressed enormously over the past few years in preparation and enabling teachers to make use of additional tools in the classroom and we are most grateful for that.

The Covid-19 pandemic forced us to reconsider the way in which we approach teaching. As teachers we soon realised that teaching online is not as difficult as it seemed. The pedagogy is supported by effective applications and online sites. Using **online education systems** can be a great support system to education when teaching the child holistically. Google classroom is an effective application that is used to get the information to the learners, combining with test portal websites for evaluation en making use of applications like zoom to record videos and slide shows. E-learning is definitely a step forward in the right direction and it is a supporting aspect of teaching that can only benefit Walvis Bay Private High School.

*Mr Jan Breedt HOD Technical—Primary Phase*

**Honourable Faustina Namutenya Caley, The Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture visited the school on Thursday 30 July 2020.**

Honourable Caley was appointed as a Director of Education, Arts and Culture for Otjozondjupa Region where she laid the foundation of Education, Arts and Culture Directorate till in 2014. In 2015, she became a Member of Parliament and in March, 2020 she was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture where she will continue to serve the nation.

With her visit to the school she conveyed her gratitude to the Board of Directors, staff, learners and school community for their hard work, dedication and perseverance, especially in these tiring times. Mr Marthin Joseph, Senior Education Officer of the Walvis Bay Circuit accompanied Honourable Caley on her visit to Walvis Bay Private High School.



## “MIND MOVES” KONGRES 2020

Mevv Poggenpoel en Geysers het die Gevorderde “Mind Moves” Kongres 2020 via Zoom bygewoon. Hulle het hulle kennis opgeskerp rakende Gravitasiel Sekerheid (Gravitational Security with Mind Moves). Die nuutste jarelange navorsing gedoen deur Ontwikkelings Spesialis, Dr Melodie de Jager, Neuroloog Dr Oleg Efimov en Spraakterapeut Victoria Efomiva van St Petersburg, is met die deelnemers gedeel.

Uiteraard is dit tot voordeel van WBPHS en sal ons alle nuwe inligting kan toepas wanneer ons wikkels en werk. Die waardetoevoeging en belang van “Mind Moves” is net weer opnuut bevestig vir ons. Altyd ‘n voorreg om met kinders besig te kan wees op die fisieke, emosionele, sosiale en kognitiewe vlak.



# WBPHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROJECTS

**CURRENT BOD PROJECTS:** The well overdue extension of the staffroom is finally in the final steps of completion. The dream of the project already started in 2009 in our quest to include our own Primary Phase of the school. The previous staff room previously did not meet the expansion of the staff numbers. The additional space enables the staff to be more comfortable and the old furniture complements the room. A place to reload their batteries before they return to their learners.

As previously mentioned, the project runs concurrently with a solar panel installation which has been placed on the roof of this new area.



This project's purpose is to cut on the school's electricity bill, and we entered into a rental agreement with Alensi Capital (Pty) Ltd, a private company with limited liability and represented by old scholar Norbert Dörgeloh in his capacity as a director. Mr Francois Venter, Director Technical at WBPHS, has led the project with great precision and dedicated his time and efforts wholeheartedly in completing the task. We would like to compliment him and express our gratitude.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS—NEW MEMBER

With the appointment of the New Chairman, the BOD co-opted Mr Kobus van Schalkwyk as the new Director: Logistics and Support.

We welcome him wholeheartedly and thank him for his willingness to serve on the Board of Directors.



## PTA PROJECT

In these trying times any additional fundraising effort contributes that the school's financial strain be addressed. A word of thanks to Mrs Christina Beukes for initiating the project, Mr Henjan van der Hyde for his support and Mr Pierre Marais for the sponsorship.

**DRIVE-THRU FISH SHOP**

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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE TVALOKA COMMUNITY.**

**WE DO APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH ►**



# SECONDARY EXAM TIME AT WBPHS



# DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD—"SEEDS OF HOPE"



There is always hope...  
 'Seeds of Hope'.  
 A WBPHS initiative,  
 a community effort,  
 a glimmer of hope.



FOR GOD  
 GAVE US A SPIRIT  
 NOT OF FEAR BUT  
 OF POWER AND LOVE  
 AND SELF-CONTROL.  
 2 TIMOTHY 1:7



It's not important who does the planting or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.  
 1 Corinthians 3:7



## MORE COVID 19 INFORMATION

On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Social Service, Heather Forbes and Rejoice Filipus, (members of the local government hospital), visited the school on Friday, 24 July 2020 to present informative posters regarding the Covid 19 virus.

They are more than willing to assist distributing information in order to make sure that there are no uncertainties amongst our learners and teachers

