

BERGVLIET HIGH SCHOOL

# THE BUZZ



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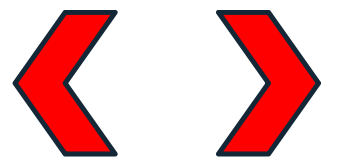
No one can deny the sigh of relief when Term 2 ended on Friday, 26 June, except possibly the learners who would need to face their results and their parents' response. Good or bad. Excitement for some learners because they felt confident that they had worked consistently and productively. Nervous tension for others because they clearly need to put in much more effort.

But that said, please reassure your child that all is not lost. A week or two before the June exams, Ms Jahura emailed all parents links to resources. If your child has not passed their mid-year exams or achieved less than 50%, I urge you to use those links with your child and to set aside some days during the holidays for essential revision.

To those learners who made even the smallest of improvements, who moved up in class position and whose perseverance and determination paid off, I applaud you. Well done!

To all our learners who participated in the co-curricular activities on offer at the school this term, thank you for your "spirit of participation" on the field, in the classroom or on the stage. A huge thank you to the TLO's, managers and coaches who make all these activities possible. Your time and effort on cold, wet days and nights are sincerely appreciated. Especially.

Amongst the many learners who made us proud, we have Elijah Johannes, in Grade 12, and Abby De Jongh in Grade 9, who flew to Johannesburg mid-month to compete at the 7th Annual Soweto Basketball Uprising Tournament. It was here that Abby qualified for Team SA and will be heading off to Mozambique in December.



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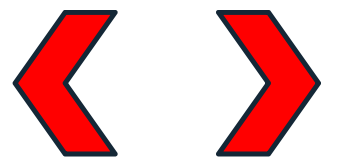
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Triston Fortune, now in Grade 11, was elected as a member of the JCC when he was in Grade 10, and later that same year, was announced as the Deputy President of the Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament. He recently applied and was selected for the prestigious Youth Africa Ambassador's Programme, which has him flying to the United States in July for a three-week leadership exchange. We wish him safe travels there and back.

Our fabulous dancers who participated in the Borne Free Event on the weekend of 26 and 27 June, thanks to the boundless energy and enthusiasm of their dance teacher, Mrs Vossgatter.

On Friday, 26 June, at the final assembly, both staff and learners had the opportunity to bid farewell to Ms Booysen, who had served BHS well over the past five years. During that time, she held the position of Head of Physical Science, Prefect TLO, Indosa House Head, Head of Hockey, and manager of several girls' teams. Ms Booysen will be heading off to Bahrain for a teaching opportunity too good to say no to. We thank her for her commitment in and outside the classroom. Both staff and learners wish her well and are grateful for the time she spent with them and the contributions to their lives.

With Ms Booysen's departure, we are pleased to announce that Miss Kriel will replace her as Indosa House Head alongside Mr Blennies. Mrs Bester, who has been the Acting Deputy Principal for the past year, will replace Miss Kriel as the Grade 8 Head. Both members of staff will be communicating with you in due course. We wish them well in their new roles.



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While our educators and administrative staff (some still managing some essential admin) will enjoy the three-week school holiday, our Maintenance and Housekeeping teams will continue to do much-needed repairs and maintenance with a one-week break in between. I am extremely grateful to every one of them for their contributions to the success of our school.

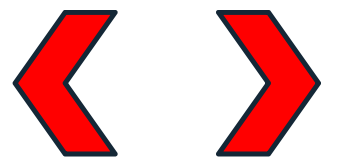
Lastly, I wish to thank all our parents who continue to make regular school fee payments to ensure that staff salaries are paid, repairs, maintenance, and general day-to-day expenses are covered. With your steady and regular payments, all these expenses are met. Thank you!

Till we meet again.

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Abby De Jongh



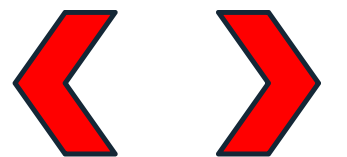
# Dance Studies – A Remarkable Second Term

As I reflect on our long and incredibly busy second term, I am blown away by the tremendous growth I have witnessed in our learners. It has been a term filled with creativity, hard work, resilience, and unforgettable performances.

We began the term with our Grade 12 Choreography Showcase, where our matric learners were challenged to create original dance works exploring the theme of Time through the lenses of the Past, Present, and Future. The resulting choreographies were mature, courageous, and deeply thought-provoking. One parent captured the evening perfectly when they shared:

*"I just wanted to say how much I loved watching your dancers tonight. It's incredible that Grade 12 students can create such complex, thought-provoking pieces. It was a most enjoyable evening."*

Each year, our Grade 12 learners raise the bar, surpassing what has come before and reminding us of the remarkable creativity, insight, and artistic maturity they possess.



# Dance Studies

Alongside preparing these performances, our learners worked tirelessly to strengthen their dance technique and physical conditioning while preparing for both their practical examinations and theory papers. A special congratulations must go to our Grade 11 class, who achieved an outstanding 77% class average for the term, including four subject A symbols. Dance Studies is unique in demanding excellence both physically and academically, making this achievement all the more commendable.

The highlight of the term, however, was undoubtedly ending on the stage of the Artscape Theatre as part of New World Dance Theatre's Borne Frees. Sharing the stage with talented young dancers from schools across Cape Town is always an inspiring experience. Our learners had the privilege of performing a powerful work choreographed by the exceptionally talented, award-winning choreographer and dancer, Yaseen Manuel. Working alongside an artist of his calibre was an invaluable learning opportunity, and our dancers embraced every rehearsal and performance with passion, professionalism, and pride.

It has been a term to remember, and I could not be prouder of every learner for the commitment, courage, and heart they have shown. I cannot wait to see what Term 3 has in store.

But first... a well-earned rest.





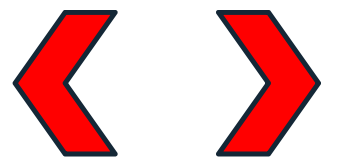
# Music- Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival

On Saturday, 30 May, our Junior and Senior Big Bands took to the stage at the prestigious Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival. As always, both ensembles delivered exceptional, high-energy performances that left the audience captivated.

It is an immense honour for our school to be invited back to this celebrated festival year after year, showcasing the incredible talent, dedication, and musical excellence of our students.

A massive congratulations to all the musicians and teachers involved for representing our school so brilliantly! We are already looking forward to next year's festival.

The Junior Band was conducted by Mrs Lynn Hannibal and the Senior Band was conducted by Mr Simon Bates.



# ATTENTION

## Important Reminder – Notice Required for Withdrawal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

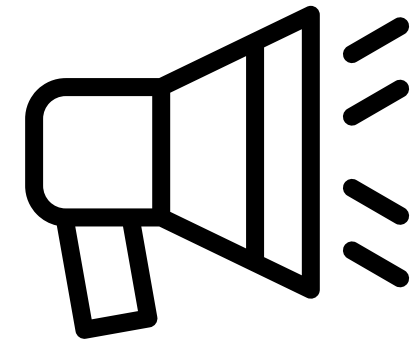
As we plan for the upcoming academic term, we kindly remind all families that a full term's notice is required if your child will be leaving the school.

Providing timely notice helps us to:

- Manage subject allocations
- Balance class sizes
- Effectively accommodate students on our waiting list

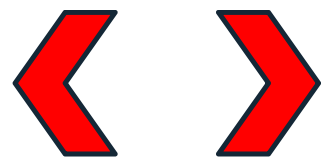
Despite regular communication in our newsletter, we continue to experience cases where notice is not provided. We ask for your cooperation in ensuring this requirement is met.

Additionally, if you have any updates to your email address or contract details, please send them to: **[rschmidt@bhs.org.za](mailto:rschmidt@bhs.org.za)**  
Thank you for your support in helping us plan effectively for the benefit of all students.



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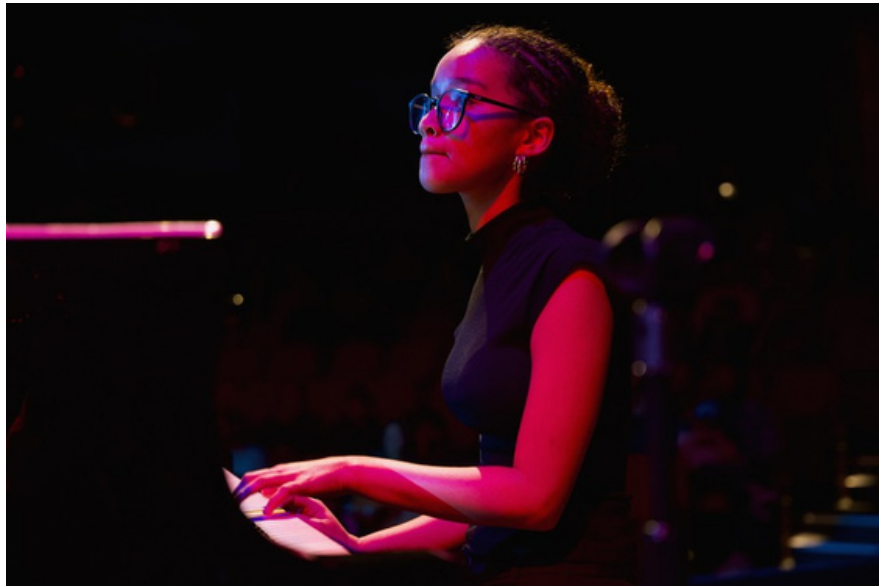
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# Artscape Youth Jazz Festival - Senior Band

The Senior Band played at the Artscape Youth Jazz Festival that took place on Saturday 13 June 2026.

The Festival was presented to commemorate Youth Day. As usual, the band's performance was exceptional. The band was conducted by Lynn Hannibal.



# Interact Society: A Term of Giving and Growing

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It's been a busy and rewarding term for the Interact Society, packed with leadership development, community outreach, and real impact.

In March, committee members Imaan Velloo and Aania Moseley were sponsored by the Rotary Club to attend a leadership camp in Franschoek from 28–30 March. The camp focused on building leadership skills to support personal and academic growth, and both learners came away describing it as inspiring and valuable for their development as young leaders.

Living out the motto "Warm Feet, Warm Heads, and Warm Hearts," the society donated socks and beanies to several deserving organisations this winter, including Christine Revel Children's Home, Miracle Children's Home, St Joseph's Children's Home, U-Turn Shelter, and the Teachmaling Women's Project.

The term's standout achievement was the Jars of Hope campaign. Members filled an incredible 327 jars, each providing enough food for four people – meaning around 1 308 people will benefit. The jars will be distributed through the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Teachmaling Women's Project, and the car guards at Park and Shop.

With around 30 active members supporting 10 dedicated committee members, the Interact Society continues to go from strength to strength. Here's to another term of #MakingADifferenceTogether.



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