

BERGVLIET HIGH SCHOOL



THE BUZZ

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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

We kickstarted the month of February with the traditional Fun Run. Learners dressed up in house colours or one of their favourite movie characters. Loads of fun was had by everyone and a well-deserved reward of an ice lolly was provided at the end of the day. The next day traditions continued with the Athletics Day. What a beautiful sight to behold with all the learners attired in their House Colours – a real rainbow school. The spirit committees of the different Houses did their best to impress the audience and in the end Tau House won the Spirit Trophy. The winner of the Interhouse Trophy was awarded to Aquila House.

Athletics training had been in full training since Term 4 in 2023 and their hard work shone through on the Athletics Day which lead to the successful athletes being chosen for the interschool events. On Thursday, 8 February the eagerly anticipated Blazer Ceremony Day arrived for the Grade 10 learners. Beautiful new blue blazers were excitedly donned, marking the beginning of their journey as seniors in the school. A special entrance was scheduled at the start of the Assembly, with accompanying ceremonial music, while the audience stood at attention to welcome this new group of seniors. A beautiful message was conveyed to the Grade 10 learners by their Grade Coordinator Mrs Vossgetter, followed by a round of applause. We encourage the Grade 10's to wear the blazer with utmost pride, in honour of their school and its values.

Wednesday, 14 February was a celebration of love at BHS and all around the world. Added to that our learners also competed at their first Interschools Athletics Meeting, held at Vygieskraal. Our learners have flown the BHS flag high as they continued to move forward into the next round of Zonals and eventually heading towards the Western Province Champs for Junior Athletics. On the same day, Christian families and learners of BHS started the period of Lent. We wish them well with this 40-day period of penitential reflection and spiritual rejuvenation. On Saturday, 17 February I had the privilege of attending the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Awards Ceremony for the Metro South District. I was joined by two of our top achievers – Ethan Melvill (who was also our Dux recipient last year) and Gabriella Clark. Ethan was the recipient of 3 awards (Excellence in Accounting, Top Achiever at BHS and Excellent Achievement across the District) and Gabriella received one for Excellence in Consumer Studies. The school also received 6 other awards. It was a wonderful way to start the new Academic year. I once again want to acknowledge the hard work of our matriculants and the amazing teachers who guided them over the years.

Monday, 19 February was memorable for several reasons. We officially opened the renovated Gym Hall, hereinafter called the Multipurpose Sports Centre (MSC) and were joined by a few SGB parent members and captains of the 1st Teams who will have full use of the new venue. Thanks to the Head of Sport who brought the concept to the previous principal Mr Price, the SGB parents who approved the expenditure and more importantly the entire parent body, who in paying school fees regularly, allowed for the completion of the new venue. The Term 1 formal Test Phase started, not the favourite time of year for our learners. But one step closer for our matriculants as they count each day towards their final exams. We trust that they prepare well every step of the way. Mr Van Zyl, Head of Drama convinced approximately 40 learners in Grades 10 to 12 to accompany him and 10 staff members to watch a performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Maynardville Open Air Festival, on that same Monday.

On Wednesday, 21 February we welcomed over 700 grade 7 parents and learners from surrounding primary schools and further afield, to tour our school corridors and classrooms. They attended a presentation in the main hall where the Admissions process for Grade 8 entry in 2025 was carefully explained.

On display were various societies and clubs and information about the sport offered by the school. Visits to the labs gave insight into what learners could be taught in Life Sciences and Physics, the Consumers kitchen enticed the learners and their parents with freshly baked biscuits. The Dancers and Music learners entertained while several other subjects opened their doors to give visitors insight into their subjects. Last but not least a colourful display of artwork could be viewed in the Art room. This and so much more was on offer throughout the day.

A huge thank you once again to every single learner and member of staff who ensured a hugely successful Open Day.

Mrs P Demas
PRINCIPAL





Team Bergvliet did it again and pulled off another awesome Open Day. The energy was amazing!

A happy school, with learners who are excited and proud to showcase what they love about BHS.

More photos can be seen on the social media FB and Instagram pages.

The Open Day Video can be viewed on the School website in The Hub





OPEN DAY

The dance department and dance society sharing the joy of dance with parents and Grade 7 learners. 🌟



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A RITE OF PASSAGE FOR THE GRADE 10s

The wearing of our school blazer symbolizes leaving the junior phase of secondary education and the entry into the senior phase. Grade 10s, by virtue of wearing your blazer, you will be recognised as seniors of the school. You are entering that phase of your schooling where you are preparing academically, socially and emotionally for entry into society.

Your blazer will carry a statement of your personal achievements, in the form of badges for sporting, academic and cultural successes. It also symbolises belonging to an institution that looks to you, to carry forward the traditions and values of our school.

Grade 10s, the three years that lie ahead will be the foundation for your adult years. Prepare wisely and let it be a solid foundation. Bergvliet's blazer has been in existence since the school first opened its doors in 1957. The badge on your pocket symbolises our schools' early beginnings. The Latin wording beneath your badge, 'The wise man will dominate the stars'. It is a phrase that means, with knowledge, anything is possible.

It is our wish that you Grade 10s, as seniors of the school make the most of what BHS has on offer, so that you will, one day contribute meaningfully to society.

Wear your blazers with pride and honor, respecting the traditions and values of Bergvliet High and those of your parents and teachers who want the best for you.





THE MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS CENTRE (MSC) OPENING CEREMONY

A while ago we realized that not enough attention was being paid to our sporting facilities to match the efforts put into our Academic Programmes. We started with the outside basketball courts towards the end of 2022 and by September of 2023, the gym hall floor was being prepared.

But before the new flooring could be laid, we realized that several other aspects of the gym hall needed a revamp to match the new flooring and its purpose. As can be seen on the outside of the venue, we started with rubberizing the roof and replaced gutters and downpipes.

The next stage involved replacing the ceiling boards, repairing light fittings and installing new windows and blinds. The walls were painted and lastly, the new floor was laid.

The Multipurpose Sports Centre will now accommodate several sporting codes for training sessions and Badminton will have matches played here. These include Basketball, Netball and Indoor hockey training sessions. In doing so we free up space on the outside venues.

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Rimbault, Head of Sport who was directly involved from start to finish, liaising with the company responsible for the installation of the flooring and the equipment. To our SGB members for 2021 to 2023 who approved the expenditure and the parent body who paid regular school fees, you made all of this possible.

We look forward to seeing the benefits of the new facilities in the performances of the various teams and trust that those who use them will look after the equipment.

We welcome the 1st Team Captains of these codes, the Heads of School and some members of the SGB, as we formally open the venue today, surrounded by learners and staff.

Mrs. P Demas
PRINCIPAL





SWIMMING

Recently, Alex Gomez, Grade 8, excelled at the WCA-B Champs 2024 hosted at UWC, achieving the following results: 1st place in the 200m Breaststroke, and 2nd place in both the 100m and 50m Breaststroke events.

Fantastic achievements Alex. Your school is very proud of you!



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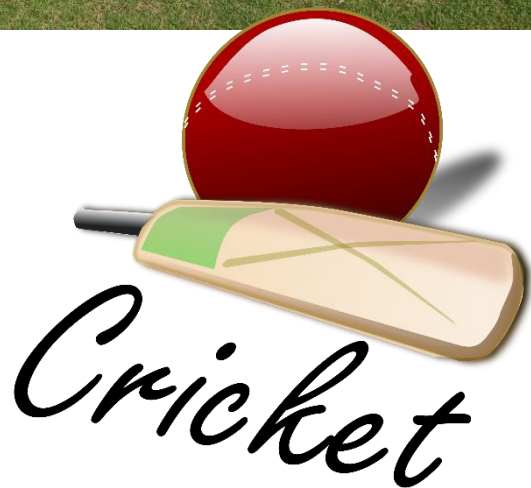
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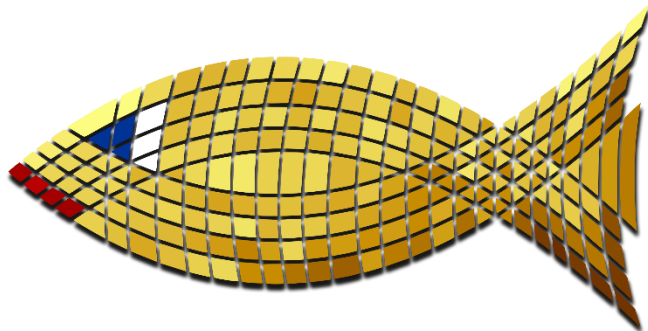
INTERNATIONAL MASTERS CRICKET OVER 40s WORLD CUP

The Prefects and 1st team cricket boys welcomed the Sri Lanka and S.A. over 40s international cricket teams on Tuesday 20 February.

Sri Lanka scored 182 all out
South Africa Scored 185 for 6
SA won by 4 wickets

And on Thursday 22 February the teams from USA and Zimbabwe played a wonderful day of cricket.
What an honour for BHS to be part of this amazing tournament!





Kieran Brown in grade 10 participated in a **Western Province Rock and Surf Super Pro League(RASSPL WP) league** competition on Saturday 10 February 2024.

We decided to start off at Macassar Beach. First on was a double up on silver barbel. The barbel was taking a liking to the bait and Kieran ended with over 10 on his score card. When conditions died down, we had to dig deep and grind out the species.

Kieran then got a puff adder shyshark and a black barbel. The whole coast went dead and all the league anglers made a decision to go to Strand and 25 minutes before lines up, Kieran hooked into a 31cm Steenbras.

He ended up overall with 4 species and 201 points taking 1st PRIZE in the u16 junior division.

Handing him his prize at prize giving is Shaun Taljaard, RASSPL WP franchise owner.

Next up is Die Damme in Gansbaai for the last competition of the season and points are tight in the WP u16 division with Kieran leading by only 80 points.

It's going to be between 1st and 2nd to see who ends up top u16 junior in the Province. Tight Lines 🎣

Photos and report:
Travis-Leigh Brown
Father & fishing partner

Well done for taking first prize Kieran and all the best in Gansbaai 🎣



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Mrs Amlay

My son has been part of GBB since Grade 8. I am so proud of how he has grown in his understanding of Maths! It shows in his results!

Mrs Sutton

My daughter has been part of GBB for 5 years, and her marks have improved tremendously. Her tutor works hard and takes his time with each child.

Mr Frenchman

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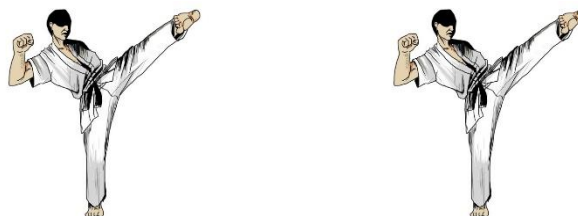
Last year, Uzair Abbas (now Gr 12) qualified for the 3rd round of the **SA Maths Olympiad (SAMO)**. His results in the second round put him among the top 100 students in his grade.

At the end of November he was invited to a Mathematics camp. The Olympiad started off with around 40 000 gr. 8 to gr.12 students from SA and neighbouring countries.

He continued to show what he is capable of as he wrote the UCT Mathematics competition and ended in the **Top 10 in his grade in the UCT Challenge**. The first round was written by approximately 4 500 students.

In addition to his phenomenal Mathematics talent he shows dedication and success in Karate. Uzair qualified for his Junior Black Belt at Seido Karate last year. He now has the title of Senpei Uzair.

Very well done Uzair, and huge congratulations on these very different but very impressive achievements.





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Greetings Bergvliet High School Parents, Alumni and the Broader Community
I'm excited to introduce myself as a new member in the Fundraising and Marketing team.
My name is Lyanne Naiker and I'm honoured to take on this role to help support Bergvliet High School and its alumni.

In my new role, I'll be responsible for acquiring scholarships, fundraising initiatives and marketing strategies focused on engaging our alumni network, the broader Bergvliet community, corporates and many others.

I'm committed to helping the school and alumni association wherever & however I can - whether it's through events, communications, outreach or more. I believe an active, vibrant group of alumni is critical to Bergvliet High School's future success.

Please feel free to connect with me directly to share any ideas, memories, feedback or questions related to offering scholarships, fundraising idea or engaging our alumni community. I'm excited to connect with businesses wanting to support talented learners in their studies at Bergvliet High School, former students and supporters in my new role!

We would love to hear from you.

This is an exciting opportunity for me to combine my professional skills with my appreciation for Bergvliet High School. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together!

Kind regards

Lyanne Naiker

Scholarship and Fundraising Marketer

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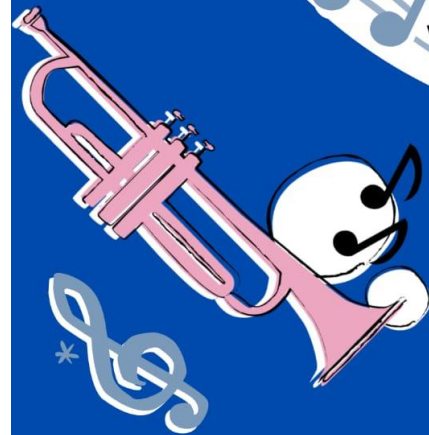
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