



# THE BUZZ

## BERGVLIET HIGH SCHOOL



GREATER EXPECTATION, GREATER SUCCESS

JULY 2020

When faced with dynamic and fluid situations as we are right now, there is comfort in continuing to do the basics as they existed before. You see one doesn't need to scrap effective systems in times of crisis, because these systems were put in place to ensure stability and structure. Of course they need adapting given the current circumstances but organizations which did not have effective systems before COVID, have found it extremely difficult to adapt as needed to continue functioning.

Behind all the revised academic timetables, term dates and Covid protocols, there is a system quietly running in the background here at Bergvliet. School security and maintenance is continuing, albeit on a much reduced budget. The Finance department is preparing for the 2021 budget season, having just completed the annual audit. The Sport Task Team will be beginning their work shortly to prepare for the 2021 seasons. The 2021 Grade 8 intake is complete and preparations are currently underway to prepare for them. The Grade 9 subject choice process is about to kick into gear which, once completed, will enable me to start on our subject and staffing needs for next year. Our marketing team is advertising the various marketing opportunities available at the school. The Continuing Education programme has adapted to move on-line and the Matric Winter School has already completed 2 of its 5 week programme.

The PR department has launched the new website which, so far, has received rave reviews. I encourage you to do some browsing around the website. Upgrading of the site will continue up till the end of the year. By their nature websites are dynamic and ours is no different. I would like to thank Charles Page and his team at Elastec IT Services who developed our new website. Plans are still ongoing with regard to the matric dance with two further dates secured. I remain committed to make this event happen this year.

The SGB has also been working actively behind the scenes and has focussed its attention on seeking additional sources of income for the school. Currently there are efforts to lever our marketing and advertising potential, exploit our floodlights to place much needed cellphone antennae and also the development of a soccer training academy at school, all of which will bring in an income to the school without the need for any capital expenditure by the school. Exciting times indeed. Obviously these projects take time to investigate, develop and implement but the point is that it is all happening despite the impact and influence of the COVID pandemic.

So as you can see, it is not all about COVID at school. We are already planning the post-COVID school environment. Just as the water crisis saw us implement changes to our use of water at school and the electricity price increases have led us to produce our own solar power at school, so too has COVID sparked changes which will change the way we do things at school.

Mr S.D. Price, Principal

## UNCHAIN THE PLAIN

Unchain the Plain was established in September 2019, collecting new and used sporting equipment which can be distributed to primary schools in Mitchells Plain.

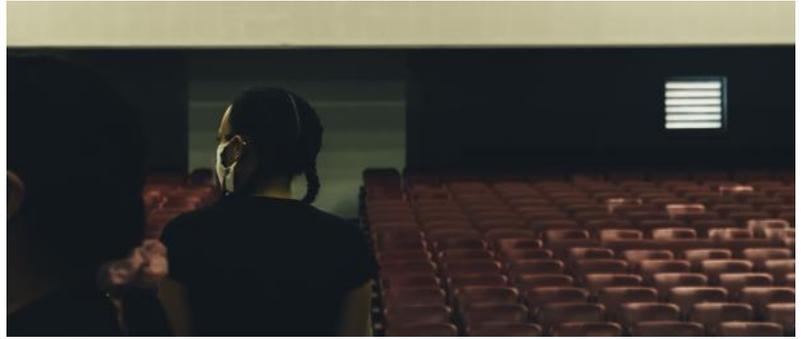
Today Bergvliet High were able to assist in this initiative by donating used soccer balls, soccer boots, shin guards and sports tops which would have otherwise been thrown away.

Mr Rittles one of the founder members said, "We have had a wonderful response from local people and international clubs. Providing children with a means to indulge their passion in sport, encouraging holistic growth, giving them a heartbeat to play again, while allowing them to be children, is so rewarding and necessary".

Unchain the Plain can be found as an app on the Google Play Store and on Facebook.

Photo: Mrs Patricia Demas (deputy head), Mr Juven Rittles (founder member & parent), Ms Elizabeth Nyoni (uniform shop coordinator), Mr Gavin Skriker (founder member), Mr Stephen Price (principal) and Mr Anthony Rimbault (head of sport)





Henri Matisse once said that creativity takes courage.

Over the last few weeks, I have witnessed the dance learners of Bergvliet High School rise to the challenge of their new learning environment and tackle it head on with courage.

One learner comments. *“My experience has been quite a rollercoaster during lockdown. It was scary at first because I began to lose motivation for schoolwork in general, but I eventually picked myself up in the end. Dance and Drama has really helped me become more flexible to my surroundings and has really helped me learn to work with what I’ve got.”*

And herein in lies the power of the arts. We as a dance department strive to move beyond merely building technically virtuosic dancers but also strive to develop creative, courageous and flexible citizens.

All the best as we continue to move forward with creativity and courage.  
Mrs Vossgetter



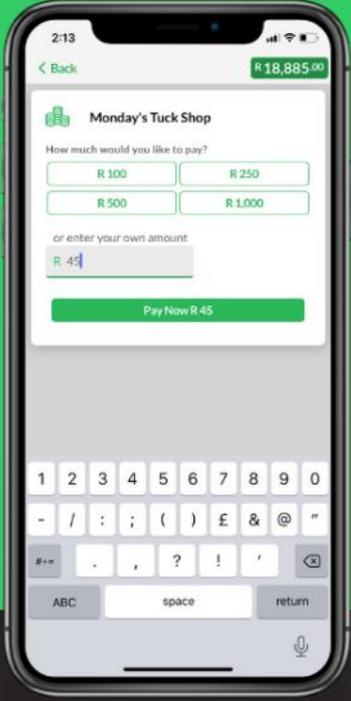
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# Congratulations!



Congratulations to Spencer Pointer, in Grade 11 Hy, who achieved an outstanding 69<sup>th</sup> position in the English Olympiad written in March this year! The English Olympiad is a national examination that attracts in excess of 10 000 entries.

We are delighted to acknowledge Spencer's incredible achievement. This is the highest placing that Bergvliet High School has had for a number of years!

The questions in the English Olympiad examination call for acute critical ability and sharp writing skills, and they also seek to draw out creative thinking and writing – aptitudes so central to our humanness. Many learners get too little opportunity for such self-expression in the normal school routine, and are searching for a stimulus to this creativity. The syllabus and examination also cause learners to explore the relevance of literature to themselves and the world around them. Those candidates who are prepared to take a risk and answer the more challenging questions in an unusual and creative way, are usually the candidates who excel in the exam.

Spencer is clearly such a candidate! Well done!



Mrs Elaine Bester

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