

BERGVLIET HIGH SCHOOL

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THE BUZZ

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear Bergvliet Family

With the rest of the nation and the world, we have been reeling with the fast-paced turn of events as we all continue manage the pandemic created by the exponential spread of COVID-19. Like most other schools, our staff is finding new ways to be in community, to be together, and to uphold one another and our work.

And our hearts are breaking as we witness the fall-out from the effects of the pandemic on our community. We are all holding so much in our hearts and minds.

We are holding the worry of those who are sick and the sorrow of those who have already lost a loved one to this virus. Very few families remain untouched.

We are holding our learners who are trying to manage a challenging academic and assessment programme, whilst at the same time battling anxiety and uncertainty.

We are holding our interns whose academic studies have been disrupted, and who are anxious about what this means for their job prospects and their futures

We are holding our staff who are working and teaching under incredible pressure, whilst caring for young children and/or elderly parents and needing to attend to their own health and well-being.

We are holding our parents and caregivers at home with their kids, managing the tension between supporting their children's learning and just wanting to make sure they feel safe and loved in an unprecedented time.

We are holding the gravity of the reality that in this moment of collective trauma and crisis. The negative effects are experienced much more drastically by those who are already vulnerable in our society. This crisis is exposing the extreme fissures in our society and the recent looting and destruction we have witnessed in our country, is testimony to the fact that one unrelated spark is able to unleash the pent up despair in our people.

As our daily lives are rapidly adjusting, how do we keep connected? It may be that social distancing isn't quite the right thing for what we need right now.

We certainly need physical distancing. But we also need to act from places of social closeness and care. We need to be safe, but we also need to be kind and affirm one another. I encourage you to stay connected with family, friends and colleagues. We need one another more than ever.

I hope that you and your loved ones are well. We are more committed than ever to do our work in a way that supports learning and the wellbeing of our staff, our families, our learners, and our community.

God bless
Stephen
Principal



CREATIVE YOUNG

Bergvliet High School's 'CY Society' organised for a visitor to present in front of the class and impart her knowledge as a former Visual Arts and Design student.

Kayla Winterburn was the visitor who had been chosen, and she is a former pupil of Bergvliet High School - having graduated in 2020.

The Visual Arts students in the senior grades - Grade 10, 11 and 12 - attended these 3 sessions, in which Kayla expounded upon her skills and wisdom as a former Visual Arts pupil herself.

In addition to providing an inspirational discussion - Kayla had also addressed the challenges she had experienced during her final examination and had provided the suggestion to plan ahead of the exam.

Kayla had demonstrated her stencil-making skills to the students - demonstrating how the artistry of stencil in an artwork's background can truly make the piece more visually stimulating.

These sessions were motivational and contributed a large sum of fascinating artistic tips and tricks to the Visual Arts students.

Cheyenne Reid Grade 12

CY Society (creative young)



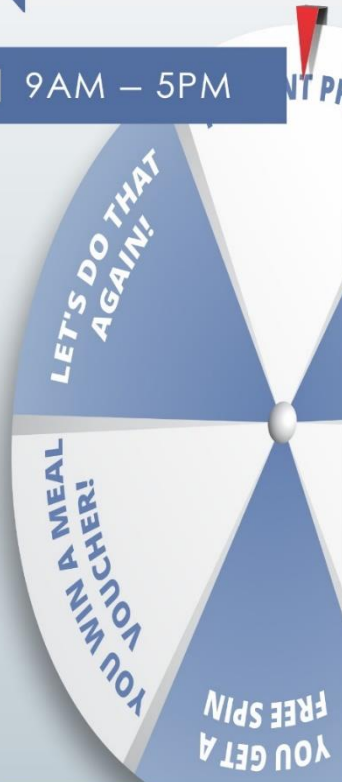
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HEARTS OF GOLD



During the Winter months many people are helping, where they can, to assist those in need.

Our Grade 9s joined them, by handed over care packages to Heaven's Nest, a temporary shelter for children in Ottery and St Michael's girls home in Wynberg.

Well done Grade 9s you are an inspiration!!

Thanks to Mrs George for organising this initiative.

Photos: (1) Representatives from St Michael's
(2): Grade 9 committee with Mrs George.



Many of us are very aware of those who go without, especially during these cold Winter months, so, it was with great pleasure, when the grade 8s handed over a van full of care packs to Little Brinks.

Little Brinks is a Safe House establishment, from where community projects and feeding schemes operate, assisting the homeless with food and clothing.

A huge thank you to all the grade 8s and their families who contributed to this noble cause. Bergvliet High is proud of you!

Special mention to Ms. Sian Gibbs who coordinated this initiative.
For further details about Little Brinks <https://www.littlebrinks.co.za/contact-us/use>.

Photos: Little Brinks coordinators, with Ms. Gibbs and Grade 8 representatives Zia Gallie and Emily Mentor



The Mandela Day theme this year was One Hand Can Feed Another and Zaara Francis in Gr 10 Aquila, and her sister Meah, spent Mandela Day putting this into practice by delivering much needed items to a girls feeding scheme.

Sisters trying to make a difference – we applaud you!

For further details about [#girlsfeedingscheme](#) please see the Instagram page.





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EYE IN THE SKY

Last Friday, was a day with a difference when the Fidelity ADT crime prevention patrols chopper landed on our school field, as part of a promotional exercise. "Thanks to all who took part but a special thank you to the Principal, Mr. Price for giving his consent " - Tony Schreiber Operations Manager BKM & Constantia Watch. Photo credit Clive Baker

