BERGVLIET HIGH SCHOOL



THE BUZZ



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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

On Tuesday, 11 October, staff and learners returned for the start of Term 4 after a rather short break.

Towards the end of September, several learner leadership positions were advertised and filled. These included positions for House Captains, House Committees, RCL and Prefects. These roles have specific criteria applicable for a learner to be eligible and both learners and staff contribute to the final decision made.

In that first week of Term 4, the Prefects enjoyed a leadership camp accompanied by Mr Rimbault, Mr Furstenburg and Ms Booysen.

At the Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, 19 October, in addition to acknowledging the significant achievements of our learners in the academic, sports and cultural areas of the school, the RCL co-chairs and the 4 Head Prefects were announced to those present.

The two RCL co-chairs for 2024 are Kgothatso Mkonwana in Grade 11 and Sufiyaan Nordien in Grade 10. These two learners will represent their fellow learners at SGB meetings and play a vital role in the decisions made impacting the learners and the school as a whole. The RCL is a statutory body and it is a considerable honour to be elected to such a position.

The two Deputy Head Prefects are Ruwayda Van der Schyff and Joel Harris and the Head Prefects are Chloe Dennis and Simanye Cofa. Their main duty is to maintain an atmosphere of friendly cooperation, peace, discipline and unity in the school. I look forward to engaging with these young men and women during their term of office.

Hopefully, you all had an opportunity to visit the Blue Route Mall from Wednesday, 18 October to Sunday, 22 October, to view the amazing artwork displayed by our matriculants in the Visual Art Department. If you were there on the opening night, you had the opportunity to engage with the matric artists and their teacher Mrs Shukla, to listen to our wonderful music learners, view the artwork of learners in the lower grades and take home a lasting memory of the exhibition by purchasing a calendar. If you missed an opportunity to purchase the calendar, you may still do so by contacting Mrs Warne or visiting reception.

On Friday morning, we said goodbye to our matriculants at their Valedictory Ceremony. A wonderful breakfast was enjoyed before they entered the main hall for one last time. Yes, there were tears, but also laughter as memories were shared and words of encouragement were echoed by the Heads of School to their peers.

At this stage, the CAT learners have already written their first exam. But as they all fully engage with their final school exams over the next few weeks, on behalf of the staff and the learners they leave behind, I wish to extend my best wishes to every one of them. I have seen them grow and develop over the years. I encourage them to do their very best, not for anyone else but for themselves. Family members need to support and motivate the matriculant in their home, to persevere when the going gets tough and to ensure that they strike the balance between eating, studying, sleeping, studying, exercising and praying.

Term 4 sees the start of the summer season sport. Encourage your child to participate, whether competitive or just for enjoyment. Before long the Grades 8 to 11 will embarie on their final exams for their respective year. The same best wishes accompany them.

Mrs P Demas

Principal



Bergvliet High School is proud to announce the Heads of School and Prefects for 2024.

L – R (top): Sarah Strydom, Farhan Abels, Leo Thomas, Thaakierah Mohamed, David Johnson, Jaden Naidu, Abdul-Qayyoom Adams, Jordan Ohlson, Ryan Jacobs, Micah Bugan, Meeka Fields, Sisanda Khuzwayo.

L-R (bottom): Jenna van Niekerk, Tyra Hendricks, Ms. Booysen, Joel Harris (Deputy Head Boy), Simanye Cofa (Head Boy), Chloe Dennis (Head Girl), Ruwayda van der Schyff (Deputy Head Girl), Mr. Rimbault, Jaden Campher, Jade Abrahams.

Congratulations to our young leaders!! Lead with excellence, confidence and humility as you inspire to impact lives. We thank the outgoing Prefects for their service to the school in 2023.





Bergvliet High School is proud to announce that the following learners have been elected to serve on the **Representative Council of Learners (RCL) for 2024**

Back (L-R): Malakhi Marney, Levi Solomons, Juno Judd, Kaydin Adams, Tahnah Abrahams, Tristan Fortune, Samuel Graham. Front (L-R): Skyler Swartz, Mrs Murphy, Emily Mentor (Secretary), Sufiyaan Nordien (Chairperson), Kgothubso Mkonwana (Chairperson), Taisei Saito, Mrs Barnwell, Anel Snyman.

RCL PLEDGE

As an elected member of the Bergvliet High School Representative Council of Learners, I hereby pledge my support to the task of promoting good relations amongst learners, between learners and educators, and between the school and the Bergvliet community as a whole.

I vow to represent the interests of all my fellow learners to the best of my ability.

I strive to set a positive example of discipline, loyalty, respect, academic thoroughness, morality and active participation. Through this I aim to promote responsibility, leadership and an ethos of learning and I vow to uphold and refine our school's traditions.



Bergvliet High's new Representative Council of Learners (RCL) attended a WCED training course, at Ottery Youth Centre.

They covered Skills and School development, Conflict and School Management and Team Building.

Thanks to Mrs Barnwell and Mrs Murphy for accompanying the RCL to this very informative event.



Congratulations and very well done!











MATRIC BREAKFAST & VALEDICTORY

Matrics, we wish you well as you go on your way.

"You have brains in your head. Feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose" - Dr Seuss

All the best and keep in touch!

Photos: Mr. Murray More photos on the school's Facebook page





NEXT BLOOD DONATION DAY



Come and donate and save lives

Calling all LEARNERS 16 years and older

When: 2 November 2023 Where: BHS Pavilion

Your Blood Means A Lot

Please note: Learners must eat breakfast and weigh minimum 50 kg 16-17 years 1st time donors require POPI form signed by parents 18 years 1st time donors - can sign POPI form themselves



Donate blood: **Bergvliet High School** Pavilion **Thursday 2 November** 9:30-14:30 Please remember your signed privacy statement

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Donate blood.

BLOOD DONOR CRITERIA: Be 16-75 years old. Weigh 50kg+. Be in good health. Lead a sexually safe lifestyle.

Download the WCBS App www.wcbs.org.za

Western Cape Blood Service

Our new grade 9's at the peer promoter training for blood donation. After this training they will be part of the blood donation committee for 2024 in which their role includes, educating their peers about blood donation, promoting blood donation, recruiting new blood donors as well as helping the nurses set up the clinic that happens once a term at our school. Well done girls for getting involved and taking a lead in this very worthy cause.

Photo & report: Mrs Abrahams







On Saturday 14th October 2023, Zaafir Azad (8L), attended his first Karate Association of Western Cape Awards evening.

He was 1 of 10 selected WP athletes receiving an invitation to attend the High Performance Youth Athlete development sports summit on 26th October 2023, at the Sport Science Institute of South Africa in Newlands.

Zaafir received a trophy for ranking No.1 in KSA (Karate South Africa) in his division.

He also received an award and trophy 🖞 for being one of the WP athletes to make the Protea Karate South Africa team this year.

This is an outstanding accolade Zaafir, very well done also special congratulations for making the South African team. #proudlySouthAfrican

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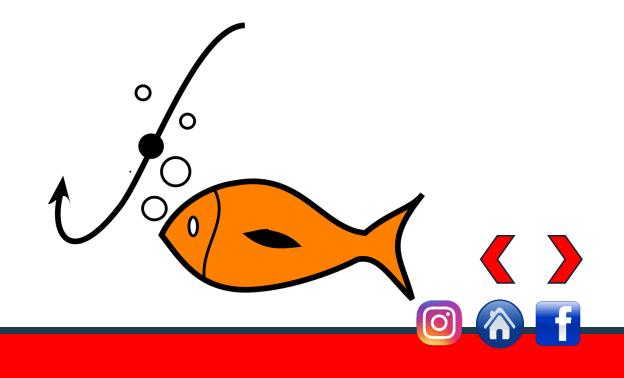
Last weekend Kieran Brown, (9G) participated for **Western Province RASSPL** in a triangular angling league competition against OVERBERG RASSPL and Southern CAPE RASSPL in Gourikwa which is 20 minutes outside of Mosselbay.

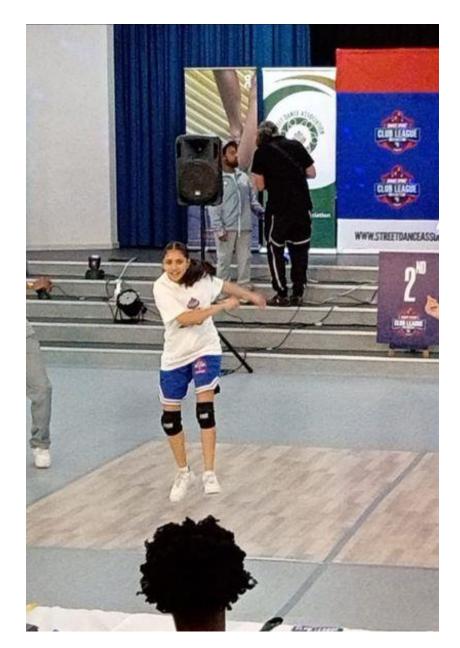
With a stiff Easterly wind blowing into our faces, we were up at 2:30am to get to our fishing spots as there were over 120 anglers competing in the competition. Conditions were tough and we had to grind out our species of fish for points towards the league standings.

Overall Kieran finished 1st in the u16 Junior category, 5th overall beating many seniors and top father and son category on the day.

WP walked away with the trophy for the 2nd year running. Western Province Chairman Shaun Taljaard and Overberg Chairman Nieyaaz Hamza handed out the prizes at the prize giving after the competition. Mr. Travis-Leigh Brown (father)

Well done to both of you, special congratulations for winning the father & son category, that's awesome!!





Zara Solomons in grade 9 is a member of the dance school **G-Squared Performing Arts Movement.**

Zara and her dance crew, Youngbloods, took 1st place when they represented the Western Cape at Nationals last weekend in Gauteng and they have made it to the ALL-STAR TEAM.

In August 2024 they will represent South Africa in Blackpool, England, proudly wearing their Green & Gold.

What a great achievement, congratulations to Zara and her dance crew, you must be excited about your upcoming trip...all the best!!









Basketball. 1st teams in their new Kit Thank you Chip 'n Dip for sponsoring.





WESTLAKE GOLF CLUB

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

COST PER 4-BALL: R2400 (INCLUDES HALFWAY MEAL & COOLDRINK) HOLE OR TEE-BOX SPONSOR: R1500 SPOT PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING AT 18:30 SNACKS AND MEALS ON SALE

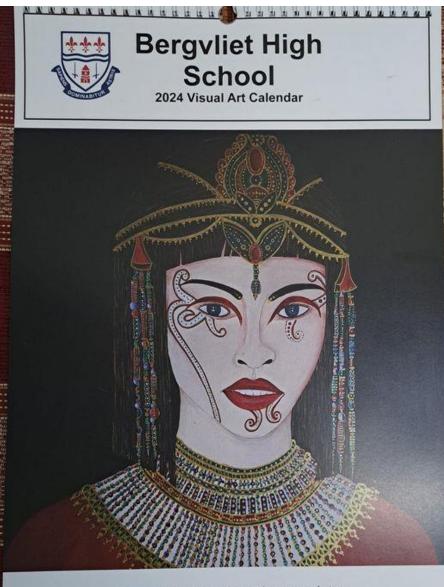
EMAIL: ARIMBAULT@BHS.ORG.ZA

Bergvliet High School's annual Golf Day on 23 November 2023 at Westlake Golf Course.

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If you would like to play on the day or if you are able to sponsor a hole or donate some prizes, please feel free to email: Anthony Rimbault arimbault@bhs.org.za





Saroj Shukla: Head: Visual Art

2024 VISUAL ART CALENDER

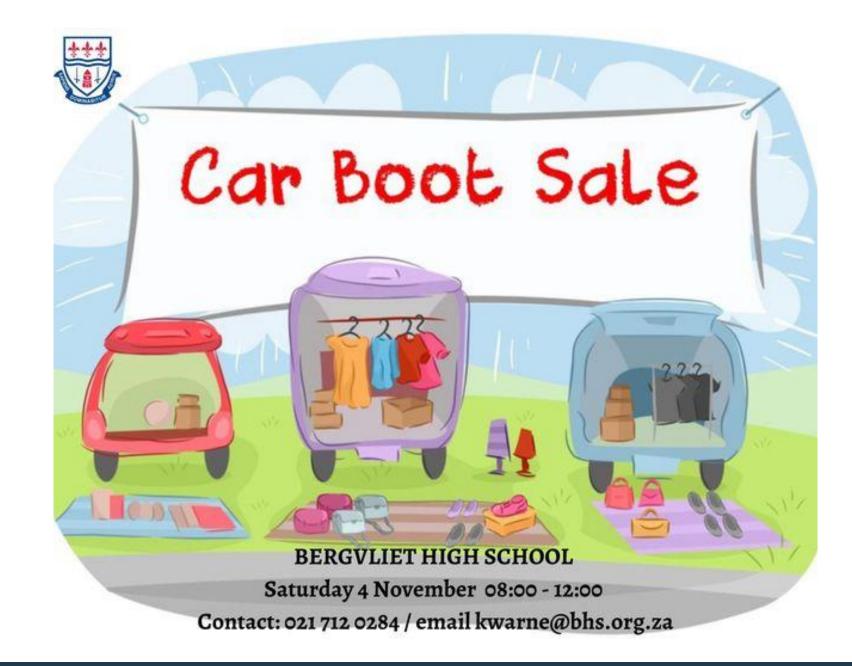
Following on from a very successful Visual Art Exhibition at the Blue Route Mall, you can now take a sample of the work home with you, to be enjoyed all year round.

This stunning Visual Art Calendar is only R100. Payment via Karri App or card, in the Finance Department.

All photos from the exhibition can be viewed on the school's Facebook, with a selection on the Instagram page.



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