



## CAMPS BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As a SGB we are committed to keeping you all up to date on a termly basis as to what we have been working on. If the first term was about elections and establishing ourselves as a new SGB, this term has been about working towards a greater understanding of our key stakeholders and looking forward to how the school continues to develop. A key part of this engagement are the surveys that you have all received asking for your input and feedback as Camps Bay Primary families. The staff and Grade 5, 6 and 7 learners have also received similar surveys. Our overall aim is to understand our diverse families, staff and learners better and ascertain how we can further enhance the educational experience at our school. We are also planning to conduct detailed focus group discussions and will feed back the information to you next term.

### UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL EXPANSION

After 100 years of serving the community as a bowling club, the land across the street from the prep campus looks more and more certain of becoming available to serve as an extension of the school grounds. The next step will be for the Department of Public Works to lease the land on behalf of the Department of Education, who in turn will make the land available for the purpose of education. We hope to have some certainty over the club's intentions; we have heard formally that although the Supreme Court of Appeal has refused its application to appeal, the club intends approaching the Constitutional Court. However, we are informed, through numerous calls from service providers who are sub lessees, that they have been given notice to vacate the premises by Friday. Through information in social media, we understand that the club intends vacating the premises this Friday. We will let you know as we know the correct position.

Over the last decade the primary school has expanded from 2 to 3 classes per grade to meeting the rising demand for quality education, resulting in overcrowding at our school's Prep and Primary campuses. We have provided the Minister with a detailed summary of the spatial requirements and needs for facilities at the school. The extra space will alleviate the overcrowding on our existing two campuses and allow the provision of extra classrooms and facilities to meet the needs of the school's foundation phase. The facilities required to enable the school to function better and allow every child the opportunity to thrive will include classrooms, play areas and support facilities like therapy rooms, a staff room, after care facilities and a safe stop and drop area. Again, we will make further information available once we have it.

As always the past term has been a busy one. It is astounding how much activity goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the school continues to operate smoothly. Admissions for 2019 are nearly completed and a new group of hopeful Grade R's are poised to receive acceptance letters. The Annual Financial Statements have been prepared and submitted to the WCED and our thanks go to the bursars and the professional support of the SGB treasurer. The Voluntary Contributions to the Learner Support Fund and the School Development Fund continue to be well supported. Several learners have received practical and academic support. The Development Fund has contributed to the planning and redevelopment of the Grades 3 & 4 playground – watch this space for some exciting changes! We are truly grateful to the parents who contribute voluntarily to these funds and if you would like to contribute please contact the bursars.

The Bus Strike caused havoc for many, most especially for the staff and children who use public transport. Some staff gave up their time to sleep on the school premises to ensure that there would be as little disruption as possible to the rhythm of the children's school days and their commitment is very much appreciated.

We, as an SGB, would also like to thank all our staff and parents who go above and beyond their roles in the school to help individual learners to ensure that they have the best chance at succeeding in our school. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are truly appreciated.

We wish you a safe, happy and restful holiday.

Kind regards

**Stuart Collier**  
Principal

**Vanessa September**  
SGB Chair