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## WELCOME:

A happy 2017 and welcome back to all our families! A warm welcome to all our new children, parents and 2017 Gr R intake and our new Gr 1 & Gr 2 children. You will fast become part of our special Camps Bay Prep family as we work and share together the joy of learning, growing, developing skills and socialising at many fun school events.

This is the first 2017 newsletter, our means of communication to you. Newsletters are sent electronically every Wednesday, hard copies are available. Please note the weekly contents carefully each week and you will be well aware of all the school events, important dates, school calendar and happenings!

Please also check our school website [www.campsbayschools.co.za](http://www.campsbayschools.co.za) and you will be kept well informed of all the school's events and latest postings.

We are looking forward to an exciting, happy and fruitful 2017 together after a smooth start in the playground this morning. After the first weekend we sometimes experience some reticence after all the initial excitement and awe subsides. Please do not pander to negativity from your child when it comes to Monday and next week, but kindly and firmly ensure that your child arrives at school on time and ready to participate in all that the day offers. **We urgently ask all parents please not to linger/hover around the children in the lines once the bell has gone. Lingerings/hovering often just prolongs the agony for your child, we know it is not easy to be a parent during these times, and it is essential that we assist our children in coping with all these changes by being positive and being a good role model.**

Thank you to all parents who noted the contents of the latter 2016 newsletters/scholastic requirements. It ensured children having necessary items for the start of school today, thus facilitating a smooth and stress free start to the New Year.

**A very special word of welcome back to all our staff members**, particularly our new Grade 1 Educator Ms Keziah Pereira, our specialist colleagues as well as our Extra Mural providers. I am sure that the summer holiday provided everybody with the necessary rest and opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

## 2017 Teaching Staff:

<b>Grade Reception: Educator</b>	<b>Gr R Teacher's Assistant:</b>	<b>Gr R Head:</b>
Mrs Angella Lyons	Ms Serelda van Rhyn	Mrs Angella Lyons
Ms Jodi Evans	Ms Eunice Kanyerere	
Mrs Nicollete Leeman	Ms Queen Manona	
<b>Grade 1: Educator</b>	<b>Gr 1 Teacher's Assistant:</b>	<b>Gr 1 Head:</b>
Ms Talisa Moodley	Mrs Debbie Odumuko	Ms Talisa Moodley
Ms Amy Bradley	Mrs Phillida Dudley	
Ms Keziah Pereira	Mrs Sharon Petersen	
<b>Grade 2: Educator</b>	<b>Gr 2 Teacher's Assistant:</b>	<b>Gr 2 Head:</b>
Ms Ashley Peter	Ms Faith Dlodlo & Ms Letti Kanyerere	Ms Ashley Peter
Ms Gretchen Bloemetje	Ms Faith Dlodlo & Ms Letti Kanyerere	
Mrs Ros Byrnes	Ms Faith Dlodlo & Ms Letti Kanyerere	
<b>Admin Staff:</b>		
Mrs Vivienne Ashcroft	Marketing/PR	
Mr Stuart Collier	Principal	
Mrs Linda Murray	Head of the Preparatory Campus	
Nina Sardo	IT management	
Mrs Alison Templar	Bursar	
Ms Caron Thomas	Secretary	

**AFTERCARE:**

**Senior Aftercare: Ms Dee 076 900 9781 Junior Aftercare: Ms Michelle 072 651 1660**

An application form needs to be completed and returned to school for your child to be able to make use of this caring and wonderful facility. Our Aftercare facility closes promptly at 17h30 every day. Aftercare **first and foremost caters for children of parents who are working full time away from home**, thereafter for children with parents working full time from home and lastly for part time employed parents. **All parents: Please read the accompanying notice of Aftercare rules/guidelines carefully even if your child does not make use of the facility at present.**

**THANK YOU:**

**SUPPORT STAFF:** A sincere thank you to our wonderfully dedicated and hardworking support staff:

Ms Evelyn, Mr Heaton, Mr Humphrey, Mr Alfred and Mr Arthur, who for most of the holiday made sure that the cleaning, maintenance work, and the management of the garden continued uninterrupted throughout the holiday, with a short closure over Christmas & New Year.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB:** Thank you to Mrs Adele Potgieter, Ms Vivienne, Ms Nina and their assistants, who once again ran a very happy and successful Holiday Club facility for our families. We really are blessed to have such faithful and dedicated team members who make holiday club fun and a good place to be in the holidays!

**DATES TO DIARISE FOR THE FOLLOWING 3 WEEKS:**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>11/01</b>	<b>First day of the school year</b>	Many notices and forms sent home today.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>Ms Phillida's special day</b>	Happy Birthday!
<b>Fri</b>	<b>15/01</b>	<b>Closing time as follows:</b>	<b>Gr R @ 12:45. Gr 1 &amp; Gr 2 @ 13:00</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>16/01</b>	<b>Assembly @ 08:00</b>	Prep School Hall
<b>Wed</b>	<b>18/01</b>	<b>Parent Information Evening Gr R</b>	<b>17:30</b> in the Prep School Hall for all Gr R parents.
<b>Mon</b>	<b>23/01</b>	<b>Swimming(more info will follow)</b>	Swimming and all extra murals start
<b>Fri</b>	<b>27/01</b>	<b>Mrs Ashcroft's special day</b>	Happy Birthday!
<b>Wed</b>	<b>25/01</b>	<b>Parent Information Evening Gr 1&amp;2</b>	<b>17:30</b> in the Prep School Hall for all Gr 1 & 2 parents.

**2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

<b>T1: 11 Jan-31 Mar</b>	<b>T2: 18 April-30 June</b>	<b>T3: 24 July-29 Sept</b>	<b>T4: 09 Oct-06 Dec</b>
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**SCHOOL HOURS:**

<b>GRADE:</b>	<b>START TIME:</b>	<b>END TIME:</b>	
<b>R</b>	<b>07:55</b>	<b>12:45 Mon-Fri</b>	
<b>1&amp;2</b>	<b>07:55</b>	<b>13:15 Mon-Thu</b>	<b>13:00 Fri</b>

Please ensure that your child is at school **at least 5 – 10 minutes before school starts** every day. It gives them a wonderful opportunity to play and socialise!

PLEASE help us instil in our children the importance of **punctuality**. Let us not embarrass our children by late arrival and missing the vital start to the school day. Similarly we request that collection time is punctual to also avoid distress and anxiety when lifts are late.

**ASSEMBLIES:**

Assemblies are held **every Monday from 08h00-08h30** for all the children Gr R- Gr 2 in the school. Parents of children receiving special recognition or an award, performing a musical instrument or class item, are invited and are welcome to attend the assembly on that particular Monday. Please be seated at the rear of the hall and are kindly requested to respect our assembly time together. Please note that all awards/certificates/medals need to be handed in by Friday before Monday's Assembly. Any awards brought to the office "just before the assembly" 8am Monday morning, will be mentioned at the next assembly.

**COURTESY CUP:**

Every week during assembly we "celebrate" and acknowledge the good choices and courteous behaviour of our Gr R – 2 children. Each of the educators in Gr R, 1 & 2 identify 1 child in their class who deserves to receive this acknowledgement for having put extra effort into being kind, helpful, courteous, etc. to peers or adults during the preceding week. These children are then congratulated publicly during our assembly and are allowed to have our

special "well done" courtesy cup on his/her table for 1 day of the week. Parents of these children are invited to attend the assembly and to take photographs of their children.

### **DEBIT ORDER AUTHORITY FORM:**

Please look out for these forms sent home today.

### **SCHOOL FEES:**

Statements will be distributed next week.

### **MARKING POSSESSIONS:**

**Please mark clearly ALL articles of clothing** (including socks, shoes, caps, swimming costumes, towels and underwear), as well as all other personal items with your child's name, especially **lunch boxes and juice bottles**. Many items land up in lost property cupboard on the front veranda.

All un-named and unclaimed items get donated at the end of each term. Let's endeavour to keep lost items to a minimum.

### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:**

Each week on a **Wednesday**, the newsletter is issued which is emailed to parents by the class reps. However, for the first three weeks of this term, your child will receive a hardcopy as the secretary will be updating parent information and our class reps still need to be appointed.

*Newsletters will be distributed electronically from 01 February 2017.*

### **PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS:**

- **Grade R parents/guardians will meet on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 17:30**
- **Grade 1 & 2 parents/guardians will meet on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 17:30**

These meetings are of **UTMOST IMPORTANCE** to both existing and new families. It is an opportunity for you to see some of the work they have completed in the few days they have attended school and most importantly, a chance for you, besides meeting your child's Educator, to hear about the framework of the year's grade work and curriculum, homework procedures, an outline the daily program, Paired Reading procedures and expectations of the grade level. Methods of reporting and informing you of our **Class Representatives (POP's-Parents of the Prep School)** system that works so well at Camps Bay Prep. This information shared by the individual Educators at this meeting is highly valuable and cannot be replicated in a written document/hand-out. Please make every effort to attend even if you feel that you have heard it all before.

You will be addressed by Mrs Murray in the school hall then proceed to your child's class and meet with your child's Educator. Parents with children in more than one class, are welcome to move from class to class to hear both teachers information. **This is not to discuss individual's progress**-it is a general information evening to guide you in the year forward. In total the evening will last for approximately 1 and half hours and end before 7pm. Parking problems are often experienced so come early. Please refrain from parking on the red lines.

"Babysitting" will be available for those families who cannot make other arrangements.

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:**

These forms will be sent home with your children today.

Kindly complete them and return to our school by **Monday, 23 January 2017.**

### **SCHOOL COMMUNICATION:**

We will continue to communicate when necessary via sms/text messaging.

Please note the following: **Personal information forms will accompany this newsletter and as a matter of urgency we request that these forms are returned promptly to school by Monday 23 January 2017.**

Please note that very important information also needs to be entered on the National Database and on our SMS service before the end of January.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP @ CBHS:**

Opening hours: 07h30 –15h30 (Monday to Thursday). Fridays CLOSED.

Should you have any queries, please contact Vanessa Miller [cshop@campsbayhigh.co.za](mailto:cshop@campsbayhigh.co.za)

### **STATIONERY:**

It is essential that each child at our school be supplied with all the items listed on his/her requirements list. A number of our learners still need to bring the required stationery to school, especially the necessary ream of photocopy paper as well as the box of plasters and tissues. It is not necessary to mark plaster boxes, tissue boxes, reams of paper, pritt glue sticks and plastic book covers as all these items get pooled and shared. It is essential to mark personal stationery e.g. pencils, pencil crayons, paint boxes, erasers, rulers, sharpeners, white boards, clip boards, pencil bags, flip files, white board markers, kokis and fine liners.

Best Wishes,

Linda Murray

Head of the Preparatory Campus