



# BAY COMMUNIQUÉ

Newsletter N°41

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Dear Parents/Gaurdians,

- **THANK YOU**

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of yet another school year. Reflecting on the year one realises that although there were a number of challenges, we achieved many proud accomplishments. I want to thank every Bay family member for your support and trust during 2018. May you all have a wonderful holiday with your loved ones. We are looking forward to welcoming you back in 2019.



- **MAGIC MOMENT**

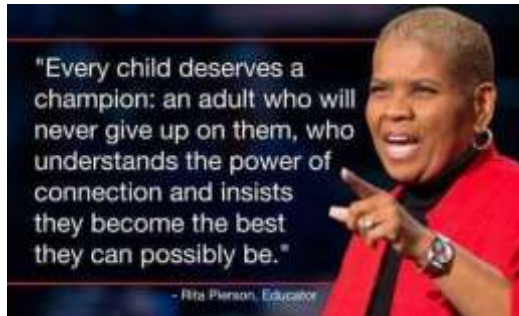
We were faced with a bit of a dilemma this year, as our usual trip to Ratanga for the Grade 7 farewell was obviously not going to happen. After much debating and research as to what the other schools do for such an occasion we settled on the Barn Dance.



This, as you can imagine was not well received by the children at first, but slowly as they realised this was their only option, they chose to give it a try. Our Grade 7's arrived reluctantly on Friday night at the JPC for their Barn Dance. They were convinced they were not going to have any fun.

After the first dance, the magic happened and the joy on their faces as they followed the instructions, eager to learn the next dance, was priceless. They ended up doing four sets of 30min each and had the time of their lives. Not one child sat out any of the dances, they barely had time to eat their Burgers lest they should miss out on the next dance. The teachers had just as much fun and it was truly a magical evening.

- **WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT**



- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to parents, staff and learners celebrating a birthday during the holidays. May your birthday be a very special one!

- **AWARDS CEREMONIES**

The Foundation Phase, Intermediate and Senior Phase Awards Ceremonies took place last week Wednesday, 5 December and Thursday, 6 December. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our children. We introduced The John Hamlett Trophy this year in remembrance of his Life and Leadership at Bay Primary from 1991 – 2011. The recipients of the award this year were Zoe Letete (FP) and Joseph Weeks (SP). Congratulations to all our children who received awards this year.



Zoe Letete



Joseph Weeks

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- **BACK TO SCHOOL**

School will reopen on 9 January 2019. School will close at 12:45 on the first day of school. The SPORTS programme will start on Monday, 14 January 2019.

- **UNIFORM AND HAIR CHECK**

There will be a uniform and hair check on Monday, 14 January 2019. Please make sure that your children are wearing the correct uniform. Please be reminded that the Grades 5 – 7 will be wearing their full school uniform from January 2019. The sports uniform will be worn on the days the children have Physical Education. Please be reminded that CIVVIES are not allowed to be worn with the school uniform.

- **URGENT – LEARNER INFORMATION SHEETS**

There are still some families who have not returned their Learner Information Sheets. These have been emailed directly to you. Please make every effort to complete these forms and return them to us before Friday, 14 December.

- **TOY SALE & BABY GOODS SALE**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, supported and helped sell goods at the Toy Sale. We raised over R16 000.00 and morning importantly the children loved the event. And on top of that, Knights of Da Gama benefitted, saying it was the most toys they have ever received from Bay. It was also explained to us at the time of collection that the queue in Langa for children to collect their one single toy is over 1.5 km in length. So from all of them and all of us, we say thank you so very, very much.

- **BAY FUN RUN – SATURDAY, 26 JANUARY 2019**

The Redhill Marathon and Bay Fun Run will be taking place on Saturday, 26 January. We will be serving boerewors rolls, bacon and cheese rolls as well as pancakes. We will be looking for volunteers to help cook and serve on the day. Please contact Natalie on [mad@bayprimary.co.za](mailto:mad@bayprimary.co.za) if you are able to assist.

- **SWIMMING GALA – FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2019**

The Swimming Gala is back on the calendar for 2019.

- **ATHLETICS**

The school will be sending a team to the Inter Schools and Zonal Athletics meetings in 2019. Please keep fit during the holidays!

- **EXTRA SANDWICHES AND FOOD ITEMS**

Please remember to bring sandwiches and specified food items on a Wednesday.

- **BULLYING**

Please report incidents and concerns to your child's teacher or send an email to:

[head@bayprimary.co.za](mailto:head@bayprimary.co.za)

- **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

12 December: School Closes for the Children @ 10:15 (JPC) and 11:00 (SPC)

14 December: School Closes for the Staff

7 January 2019: School re-opens for staff

9 January 2019: School re-opens for children

9 January 2019: School closes at 12:45 on the first day of school

15 January 2019: JPC Meet the Teacher @ 18:30

16 January 2019: SPC Meet the Teacher @ 18:30

26 January 2019: Bay Fun Run

22 February 2019: Swimming Gala

## The John Hamlett Award and pre-school naming

A primary school period is generally seven years before pupils move on and those years become memories. Since it has been seven years since Mr Hamlett retired, it was felt that it would be appropriate to recognise the immense contribution he made during his tenure at the school. It was decided to recognise this contribution by naming the pre-school John's Hamlet as he always used to appreciate the unrestrained joy that the children have for learning and play in a protected environment. It was also a sanctuary he escaped to when he needed a break from the numerous demands made on a headmaster. An intimate ceremony was held where the plaque was unveiled by his daughter, Kerri, who shared her thoughts on what made the school so special to her father.

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Have a wonderful HOLIDAY with your family.

Kind regards,  
**MR. M. A. BECKMANN**  
PRINCIPAL