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Dear Parents and friends of Parel Vallei

It was just “yesterday” that I addressed the new grade 8 group at their camp in Tulbagh and here we are in the final straight for 2017! Is it just me or is the planet spinning faster every year? Maybe it is a sign of just how much I am enjoying Parel Vallei.

The school will be the fullest it has ever been next year with over 1 300 children and 110 staff members! I am excited by this and look forward to continued growth and improvement in all departments. Our core business is academics and I have made it a goal to get a 100% pass rate throughout the school and 100% Bachelors in matric. It is a tall order but we can do it.

Right now is a time for reflection and rest. Reflecting on the year enables us to highlight the good, the bad and the indifferent. I believe in pushing people into their area(s) of strength and in this way continue with our pursuit of excellence in everything we do. The areas of “indifference” are a concern for me especially when it comes to children and their approach to school. There are still children who simply go through the motions and miss out on the opportunities on offer at Parel Vallei. Please sit down with your child and spend time discussing their year and which opportunities were grasped and which were lost. Those who return next year have a fresh opportunity to become involved and, once again, I encourage all Parel Valleiers to throw themselves into the school experience and enjoy it.



Daar is kinders en personeel wat Parel Vallei hierdie jaar gaan verlaat en ons wens hulle alles van die beste en God se rykste seën toe. Daar is 'n stukkie van hulle wat altyd Blou sal wees. Ons sê totsiens aan die volgende personeel: mev Handley, mev Smit, mev Heyns, mev Lizeth van der Merwe, mev Steyl, mev Barnard, mnr Rousseau, mnr Kruger en me Van Zyl.

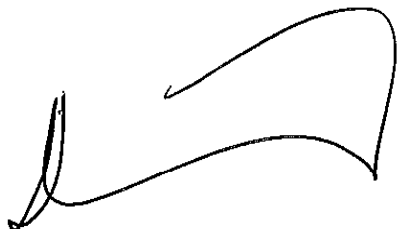
Daar is ook nuwe personeel en kinders wat volgende jaar by ons aansluit en ek sien daarna uit om hulle te verwelkom as deel van die **Blue Thread** van Parel Vallei. Ons het 'n baie groot verantwoordelikheid as 'n skool in Suid-Afrika en ek hoop al ons nuwelinge besef dit en dra onmiddellik by tot die skool en die gemeenskap.

Ek is baie trots op wat Parel Vallei as geheel dié jaar bereik het en ek wil BAIE DANKIE sê vir almal wat bygedra het tot ons uitnemendheid. Ons gaan dit volgende jaar weer doen, maar net so 'n bietjie beter, want daar is altyd plek vir groei en verbetering. Ons is 'n jong skool, maar ons is nou HIER om te bly en om 'n verskil te maak. Volgende jaar moet ons slimmer, vinniger, sterker, netjieser, meer volwasse, trotser en BLOUER wees.

Om dit te kan doen moet almal egter eers rus en die batterye herlaai. Ek wil julle almal 'n geseënde Kersfees en 'n fantastiese 2018 toewens. Mag die Here julle bewaar en veilig aan ons terugbesorg. Die Schencks gaan Kenton toe vir F and R (fishing and relaxing) – en braai!

Dankie vir 'n wonderlike jaar! Sien julle almal in 2018.

Hartlike PV-groete.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'David'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

David