

HOËRSKOOL PAREL VALLEI HIGH SCHOOL



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Term I

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

2012 has got off at an unbelievable pace and the first term has ended in similar fashion.

The two big projects at school are going very well. From amongst the dust and noise, I can honestly say that we are all looking forward to the new buildings as well as the completion of the Astro turf. This should be completed by mid-May while the classrooms are scheduled for completion in August / September. I can say with a very clear heart that both projects are in very capable hands and that the quality is excellent. The actual astro-turf will be laid early next term and the overall effect of this synthetic pitch will become a reality for the first time. I'm looking forward to this. I believe that the hockey enthusiasts at PV are even more expectant than me!

The latest La Voix's heading is: "Seventh Heaven". This refers to the amazing 7th time that PV has won the annual triangular between HHH, Strand and ourselves. This is a superb achievement and I congratulate every athlete on their performance on the day. Congratulations also go to Mrs. Kets and her team of coaches who every year seem to get it right to conjure up the very best from our athletes. Thank you for allowing us this amazing taste of victory as a school. It is wonderful to start off the year on such a solid note.

Unfortunately we did not win the Cricket against Somerset College. However, I

believe that we have gone into a new era of the "Ashes". A team of parents have taken it upon themselves to throw their combined efforts behind the cricket team. The preparation for the Ashes has never been at such a high level before. A very big thank you to Mrs. Venter and her team of parents who helped get everything prepared to such an excellent level. I believe that we will see a rise in the performance of our cricketers in the second half of the season and that next year we will give Somerset College a real match.

12 of our Athletes were awarded Boland colours for athletics when they participated in Oudtshoorn last weekend. Three of our cyclists achieved placing on the world ranking when they took part in the world championships last weekend.

During this holiday, our Rugby players will be attending a coaching clinic and our Netball and Hockey players will also take part in a competition and a coaching clinic. It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm amongst our sportsmen and women. Keep this up!

Last night we had our Governing Body elections and 106 parents voted for the new SGB. I was very encouraged to see the quality of parents who made themselves available to stand for the SGB and who are prepared to serve the school in this capacity. I would have been satisfied with any 7 of the parents who were nominated! Congratulations to the following parents who were elected to the SGB for the next 3 year

term: Mrs. Veronica Swanepoel, Messrs. Marius Botha, André Büys, Paul du Toit, Rev. Tim Hawkridge, Cobus van Deventer and Dr. laan Malherbe. I look forward to working with this new team on the Governing Body. The School's representatives are: Teaching staff: Mrs. Michelle du Preez and Mrs. Sonia Manthey. Non-teaching staff: Mrs. Yvonne Gerber and representing the Learner Council: Sarah Howard-Browne and Stiaan Nieuwoudt, and I am Ex-Officio, part of this body. There are many challenges which lie ahead for us, but with such a formidable team, I relish the challenge!

The Term planner is incomplete because we have not yet received certain fixtures and dates. I will undertake to send the updated term programme to you electronically as soon as we receive the fixtures for the next

term.

I wish you all a very blessed Easter break and hope that you will travel safely if you take to the roads. Enjoy being with your children and send them back to us on 10 April, rejuvenated and raring to go for the second term!

Yours sincerely



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