

HOËRSKOOL PAREL VALLEI HIGH SCHOOL



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Term 3

NEWSLETTER

28 September 2012

Dear Parents

I have already reported on 2012 at the prize-giving ceremony and shall therefore not repeat the content. I shall rather highlight the main events.

Project Astro will most certainly be the most memorable event of 2012. It is a great privilege to be able to add such a facility to our existing buildings. I sincerely thank our parents for the enthusiastic support given to the Astro project and hockey at our school.

The second major project was the addition of seven classrooms by the WCED. Although the learner numbers will increase, these extra classrooms will definitely bring relief. Each brand-new classroom is well-equipped. We are proud to have had one of our parents as architect and project manager of this building project. The design and final product is of outstanding quality. We thank Mr Gregg Goddard for the meticulous accuracy committed to this task.

The school's general 2012 results from grade eight to twelve are good and like previous years, are evidence of thorough preparation for matric.

The matric examination was completed without a hitch and we look forward to the release of examination results on 3 January 2013. We are hopeful of excellent results. For matriculants reading this : collect your reports at 12:00 on 3 January in the sports hall. We shall be waiting for you!

Carols by Candlelight : We are starting a new tradition this year. The quad with its new walkways lends itself perfectly to this event. Invite your friends and help make this an annual event.

At the end of this year, we bid one of our oldest colleagues farewell – Mr Dionne van Tonder. He, with Mr Muller and Mrs Duvenage, has been a founder member of the teaching staff of Parel Vallei High School. He was appointed Head of Department : Accounting in 1986. In 2000 he left the ranks of the WCED and was employed by the governing body since then. Mr Van Tonder retires at the splendid age of 72. We wish him the well-deserved rest and God's richest blessings in his years of retirement.

Mrs Anso Kemp, our receptionist, PRO and competent netball coach and referee, has decided to start her own business. Her expertise as netball referee and coach has reached international renown. Given this level of expertise, she is joining a partner to expand and market these talents. We thank Mrs Kemp for her hard work and ten years of friendly reception at Parel Vallei. We wish her well in her business venture and we hope that the school will also benefit from her vast experience and knowledge in this field.

We have received a number of late music results from Trinity, Royal Schools, Almsa and Unisa. With Trinity, we've had six honours passes; With Royal Schools one honours pass; Almsa two. One learner,

Wendy Muller, was placed on the Golden Roll of Honour of Almsa. With Unisa we achieved three honours passes and Teneille Nel was placed on the roll of Honour. These are excellent results and we are really proud of these performers.

Golf Day : As you would probably know by now, the Golf Day was postponed till 1 March 2013. It will be held at Erinvale Golf Estate. There are still openings – please contact Mr de Jager at 082 3346 906. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Golf Day. The prizes won were :

3rd – a Blackberry cell phone : S Pieterse

2nd – a long board : Nazeem Adams

1st – an Ipad : Kiya Hooblal

Using school grounds during the holidays :

I kindly request that as parents, you will support us in applying the school's policy regarding access to school grounds during the school holiday. Each learner has an identity card and if they should want to use the school's sport facilities during the holidays, they should have registered this with Mrs Kets beforehand. The list of registered holiday users will be kept by the security guards. Only registered learners on the list will be allowed access to school premises and sports facilities. The Astro may NOT be used without a hockey coach present.

Yours sincerely

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