



Headmaster / Skoolhoof: David Schenck

Dear Parents and friends

I would like to wish you all a very happy 2015 and I trust that you all had a wonderful December break, and there was time to relax and fire up the braai. It is my privilege to welcome all returning parents as well as new parents to PV. 2015 is our 30th year of providing educational excellence and it will be celebrated during the course of the year with special events.

I was blessed to have my whole family under my roof for 5 full weeks and we had a fabulous time together. Somerset West and the Cape Town environs is a magnificent place to spend Christmas. Freshly caught Yellowfin Tuna, served as sashimi and seared tuna, and the iconic Cape Rock Lobster graced the tables at Ledbury, accompanied by the finest Cape "Landgoed"!



(Who says Headmasters cannot take selfies?)

Yes, it is nice to play!

One of the highlights of the holiday was to receive an invitation from Premier Zille's office to attend a function at Leeuwenhof, where the top schools in the Western Cape were honoured. Parel Vallei is again proud to be placed in the top 20 schools in the province and it was my privilege to be there to receive the award. I have attached the certificate for your perusal. Well done, 2014 Matrics!

Below is a brief summary of the matric results:

201 candidates – 99% pass

178 Bachelor passes (88,6%)

44 A aggregates

357 subject distinctions

4 Learners in the top 10 in the Western Cape for a particular subject:

- Trudette Schoemann - 2nd in Music
- Amy Lubbe – 5th in Mathematical Literacy
- Anelle Truter – 7th in Business Studies
- Nathalie Chylla – 10th German Second Additional Lang



**Akademiese uitnemendheid
Academic excellence
Ukugqwesa kwizifundo**

**Akademiese uitnemendheid volgens bepaalde kriteria
Academic excellence according to set criteria
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Hoërskool Parel Vallei

**NATIONALE SENIOR SERTIFIKAAT 2014
NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE 2014
ISATIFIKETHI SEMATRIKI SIKAZWELONKE 2014**

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2015 has started off with a bang and the grades 8s have been busy since the 16th of January when they started their PV journey with a camp in Grabouw. I am delighted with the response from the grade 8s and I look forward to the 5 wonderful years ahead.

We also welcome 6 new staff to the school this year. I use the word “new” but some have been here before. Karen Kotze, Edene MacKenzie, Le-Daan Rousseau, Albert Michau, Thinus Pienaar and Liesel Opperman join the staff – we are delighted to have them on board. Ms Annelie Van Zyl is off for the term recovering from back surgery and we are very fortunate to have Ms Danielle Salmon (a previous PGCE prac. student at PV) to cover the drama classes. I hope she enjoys her time at PV.

On a practical note, it is stunning to see all the new PV kit with the school badge. The new school bags look brilliant. I am sure we will soon be at the point where everyone is up to speed with what is required and we can be truly proud of our appearance.

This is my first start to a year as a Headmaster and I am really pleased with the way everything has settled down so quickly. My thanks to you for the role you have played in getting the children ready for the year – it is appreciated! A change in Headmaster always brings about changes in the school and I am deeply appreciative of the wave of support from the parent body.

In conclusion, I would like to use this opportunity to wish you all a fulfilling 2015 and I look forward to bumping into you on campus.

Warm PV greetings

David.

