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Dear Parents and friends

I would like to dedicate this edition of my newsletter to the memory of Savannah Montgomery.

Savannah, a grade 9 learner, was tragically killed in an accident in Limpopo during the Easter holidays.



Savannah – we will remember you!

The leaves are turning all the rich colours of autumn, there is no light at “rise and shine” time and there is a definite nip in the air. The afternoons are filled with whistles and excited voices! Winter is on our doorstep. It is a very exciting time of the year for current and prospective learners as we roll out the winter academic and sports program as well as the open day for grade 7s.

I am enormously proud of our children as they continue to embrace the style of the new headmaster and the adjustments that have been made to the uniform and other areas of life on campus. They have come a long way in 12 months! The gr8s, of course, do not know any other way and I am delighted with the way they have settled in and made the school their own. There is still room for improvement in the school’s dress outside the grounds and in this regard could I please ask that you take note of the following:

- Blazers must be worn at all times outside the school grounds.
- Full tracksuits must be worn outside the grounds if in sports kit.
- Children are not to sit or lie around outside the school grounds while waiting for parents.

It is not just clothing items for the children that have received attention but there is now also a new range of attire for parents and supporters. These can be viewed on the Communicator under: RESOURCES – GENERAL. My wife’s contact details are there if you would like to order or make any enquiries. It would be great to see everyone in the supporter’s gear around the school.

I drove up to Grahamstown and East London over the 2nd long weekend to be with my son for his 21st and I spent time on the Kingswood and Hudson Park campuses. I was very proud to display the PV branding on my car and clothing and promote our school in another province. I drove home on the Sunday with a warm glow knowing that we are getting things right at PV and in the Western Cape and that we can measure up against any school in the country. Our academics, uniform, sport, culture and other activities do not have to stand back for anyone.

The PVU (Parel Vallei Union) is now starting to gain momentum and I would like to encourage you to register your details on the database using this [link](#). It is NOT just for past pupils but is actually the umbrella for everyone involved with the school (other than the students). The main aim of the PVU is to give PV supporters a home and an identity. This year will be the first time that the annual dinner will be open for all PVU members to attend – not just past pupils. I would like to see as many people there as possible. The likely date is Saturday of the Somerset College derby (the 15th of August) and the ticket price will be confirmed at a later date. Please save the date! The PVU is for YOU so join and share in the feeling.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Michelle Marais (Deputy Head Girl) who has now progressed to the final 24 in the Miss Teen Commonwealth SA competition. Please keep supporting her through her Facebook page and SMS her name and surname to 35554.

Warm PV greetings

David

ROLA – reminder!

I would like to remind you all of the relationship that Parel Vallei has with the Rola Motor Group. If you are in the market for a new or used car please contact Tilly Montanari at their Head Office (Tel. no.: 021 841 8328 / Cell no.: 083 270 7735) and she will link you up with one of their franchises. They will facilitate a good deal for you and there is a financial benefit paid to the school. We are excited about growing our association with this established local brand. Please click on the hyperlink to view the brands they offer: [Rola Motor Group](#)

