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Dear parents and friends

It is time to start preparing the gammon and the turkey as Christmas rapidly approaches. It is a very special time of the year and I hope all of our families are blessed with love and a real sense of belonging. I am looking forward to a week or two of unwinding before the challenge of 2016 is upon us. Braaivleis, kreef, home-made bread, long walks on the beach (to make room for the next meal) and time with friends and family are all on the “to do” list.



As the year draws to a close it provides us with an opportunity to reflect and be thankful. I like the American tradition of Thanksgiving – it highlights why we should be grateful and how fortunate we are compared to many others on our planet. We have a lot to be thankful for at Parel Vallei.

I am thankful for a wonderful school with wonderful children and supportive parents. It makes my job so much easier when parents, learners and staff all work together to complete the triangle. I am thankful for the beautiful place we live in – we are truly blessed! I am extremely thankful for my family and the life I am able to live.

I am also thankful that we were able to appoint four new staff members for 2016:

- Murlize Van Heerden joins us from Tygerberg High School and will teach Afrikaans.
- Mieke Botha joins us from Muizenberg High to teach English.
- Johandre Labuschagne joins us from HHH and will teach LO.
- William Hayward is fresh from CPUT Wellington and will teach Geography.

It has been a pleasure welcoming them to PV and I know they will make their presence felt and contribute richly to the **Blue Thread**.

I am very pleased with the academic results for grades 8 – 11 and encourage you to discuss them with your children and look for improvements where possible. The matric results will be released at noon on 6 January 2016 and I have no doubt that they will do us proud.

May God bless you richly over this special season and keep you in the palm of His hand no matter where you go or what you do. Please travel safely and return happy and refreshed in the new year.

Warm PV greetings

David