



Beste PV-rugbyouer en ywerige ondersteuners

Sjoe, wat 'n jaar was dit nie vir PV-Rugby nie! Ons vyfjaartransformasieplan om Parel Vallei op die rugbykaart te plaas en die skool as 'n krag in skolerugby in die Wes-Kaap te vestig, is op koers, selfs 'n bietjie voor! Veral na die vrystelling van die nasionale posisies op die bekende hoërskole-rugbywebtuiste, Ruggas.co.za.

PV is nr. 33 op die lys van die Top 50 rugbyskole in Suid-Afrika!

Die Parel Vallei-rugbyseisoen het verlede maand afgesluit met die eerste rugbyspan wat 'n klinkende oorwinning van 61 – 3 oor Settler's High behaal het. Dit het die mees suksesvolle seisoen tot op datum afgesluit, en dit in die Hoërskool Parel Vallei se kort 30 jaar-rugbygeskiedenis! Die ranglys van SA School Sports National Rugby ondersteun hierdie stelling en bevestig 'n opwaartse beweging in prestasie en uitslae oor die hele spektrum, met die Bulldog-eerste vyftiental wat die kroon span op nr. 29 in Suid-Afrika.

Hier volg die ander ouderdomsgroepe op die SASS-ranglys:

- O.14A: nr. 54
- O.15A: nr. 46
- O.19A: nr. 29

Dit beteken slegs een ding vir my: ons moet harder werk, vernuwe en uitblink!

Ons bou van onder af op, volgens die riglyne wat mnr. Schenck neergelê het. Verlede week se funksie vir die nuwe graad 7 rugbyrekrute wat volgende jaar by Parel Vallei aansluit; Woensdagaande se na-seisoen sessies en twee O.13 "Tag Rugby"-spanne wat deelneem aan die agweek PV-Tag Rugbykampioenskappe het die O.14-voorbereiding vir Kwaggaweek 2017 versnel met 4 maande! Die seuns is alreeds op 'n naseisoentuisprogram tot Desember en O.14 rugbyproewe sal volgende Januarie voor die skool begin, alreeds plaasvind. Werklik grondslag-ontwikkelinge!

The Dads and Lads Camp 2017 is a highlight on the Parel Vallei rugby calendar and will also double as our PV Rugby Coaching Corps Indaba. We are NOT at True North next year, but at a campsite that has ample facilitators, staff and food! Therefore, we, as coaches, will use our time more constructively: hash out what needs to be done pre-season, discuss the future of PV rugby and the development of your child/children.

Planned tours and rugby festivals/ tournaments for 2017:

- Boland Landbou Rugby Day for u/19A Boland Landbou, Paarl;
- STD Bank WBHS Rugby Festival for all A teams, Wynberg Boys High;
- KWAGGA Week U/14A & U/15A, HS Outeniqua, George;
- Southern Cape Sports Week U/16A, Outeniqua, George;
- International Rugby Tour U19A Windhoek, Namibia.

Parel Vallei will register a record number of teams next year; 11 entered in February at the Western Province High Schools' AGM! Therefore, 5 new coaches will be joining us in 2017. These new faces will push the coaching team to 20+ coaches!

A key area of concern for me has been the lack of matches available on Saturdays against our opposition schools, which is potentially a bigger problem in 2017 with more teams! It is imperative that our B and C team players get just as much game time as their peers. The strength of any school depends on the quality of its depth! So I have identified weekday matches and have spoken to enough schools, eager to play against our C/B teams, as a solution to the problem.

Only the Rugby Parent Committee farewell function and the 1st XV dinner lie ahead, then respite! I trust you are as excited and proud as I am. I hope you are as proud of our accomplishments in 2016 and as excited for the year ahead, as I am.

Rugby blessings

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