

Virginia Preparatory School



NEWS

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

9 January 2019

A rather chaotic start to the morning with the weather not quite playing its part but a happy, exciting morning nonetheless, filled with many smiles and a few tears. I extend a warm welcome to you all and hope that you had a relaxing break with family and friends over the December holidays. A special welcome to all of our new parents. May their association with Virginia be both happy and rewarding, for both them and their children.

I also welcome back all of our staff who have returned after their short break ready to embrace the new year with enthusiasm and positivity. A special welcome back to Mrs Courtenay who has returned to Virginia and to Mrs Smith who replaces Mrs Thomson in the IT department and the Media Centre.

ACTING MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE - Part 1

9 January 2019

I am pleased to announce that the Gazette containing our three vacant management posts, namely our Principal's post and two HOD posts, has been issued. According to the proposed dates, it is hoped that these posts will be filled by 2 April, the start of the second term. Although we are aware that dates aren't always adhered to and things with the Education Department don't always go as planned, I am pleased that the process has officially started and will ultimately be finalized. In the interim please be aware of the following structures which have been put in place.

Mrs Potgieter - Head of Academics, GB Deputy Principal; Mrs Harris - State Deputy Principal until the Principal post is filled. Mr Beetge continues as HOD Sport. Mrs Ferns and Mrs Singh have been appointed as Heads of Grade.

ACTING MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE - Part 2

9 January 2019

This structure should provide the support parents may need to resolve any queries or concerns.

Please follow this protocol

- consult the relevant teacher directly first; if the situation is not resolved or requires further attention,
- please email the Grade co-ordinator, who will, if necessary, consult with the Head of Grade
- should a solution not be reached by following the above mentioned protocol, then please contact me.

Email addresses and further details are in the hard copy Newsletter sent home today.

SCHOOL INFORMATION PACK

9 January 2019

Please read the various documents sent home today either in an envelope (Grade 4) or in the Communication File (Grade 5-7). Remember to sign the Acknowledgement of Receipt of these documents and return the slip to school.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

9 January 2019

VPS uses the D6 school communicator to communicate with parents. The weekly newsletter and the Virginia Viewer, which details all events, are available on the D6 every Tuesday. Please install The D6 School Communicator programme onto your desktop and your cell phone. We will be utilising this channel as our preferred method of communication. Details on how to install the D6 were sent home in your Information Pack today. For any queries regarding extra-mural activities, feel free to contact Mr Beetge directly via cell phone (084 464 5926) or email (sport@virginiaprep.co.za).

PAST PUPILS NEWS

9 January 2019

Congratulations to the many past pupils who excelled in their matric results for 2018 and to those who have been elected into leadership positions in their various high schools for 2019. A special mention to Emma Sharratt - Head Girl of Durban Girls' College 2019, Alex Kerr - Deputy Head Boy of Clifton 2019 and Anke Greveling - Deputy Head Prefect of Danville Park Girls' High 2019.

As an educator it is most satisfying to know that we have played a small part in their school achievements.

UNIFORMS 2019 - Mrs Botha

9 January 2019

As you are aware, only the NEW uniform is to be worn from the first day of this year. Should you have any of the old uniforms (brown and yellow) you wish to dispose of, you are welcome to drop them off at the VPS office. We are donating all our old stock to Briardene Primary School, who wear brown and yellow uniforms. They are so grateful to receive these much needed donations.

From The Sports Desk - Week 1 of 1st Term 2019 - Clive Beetge:

9 January 2019

A very special welcome goes out to our new and to our returning pupils. We are a very busy school. Please make use of all the opportunities that Virginia offers. Our rather extensive Extra-mural Programme will begin on Monday the 14th January. All pupils are encouraged to participate in the programme as fully as possible. There are a few activities that will take place this week and these details are published in the Virginia Viewer on the D6 School Communicator.

1st Term Extra-mural Programme 2019:

9 January 2019

The 1st Term Extra-mural Programme will go home this week in a hard copy format and it is also published on the D6 School Communicator. This extensive programme is drawn up to offer your child the best opportunities. Please assist us in encouraging your child to become involved, whether it is on the sportsfield, the music room, the art room, the environmental groups or in any cultural activities. Our main goal is to coach through basic skills training in a fun non-threatening manner. We strive for mass participation from the learners of Virginia Preparatory School. Virginia needs them to be a part of the team!

Pupils Personal Achievements:

9 January 2019

If your child has achieved in any field that is not school organised or related event please email the sports department with detailed and specific information. We will endeavour to include these achievements in the weekly newsletter. Please only email the sports office and not the front office or the principal. sport@virginiaprep.co.za this channel of communication will cover all and any achievement from acrobatics to xylophone playing. Please keep us informed.

CALENDAR for 9 January 2019 - 16 January 2019

9th Jan 2019

1st Term Starts

14th Jan 2019

Extra Murals Start

18:00 15th Jan 2019

Grade 4 & 5 Meet the Teacher Evening

RESOURCES added in the last 7 days

From The Sports Desk - 1st Term 2019 - Week 1

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http://downloads.d6communicator.com/downloads/resources/229_resource_5c343ffc63c5a410064344.docx

Extra-mural Programme 1st Term - 2019

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http://downloads.d6communicator.com/downloads/resources/229_resource_5c343fc06b50f706121081.doc

Tuckshop Menu 2019

http://downloads.d6communicator.com/downloads/resources/229_resource_5c337f525a10b964535616.pptx

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