

# Walvis Bay Private High School

## NEWSLETTER 1—11 JANUARY 2019



Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers, Learners

### WELCOME TO 2019

The change that Walvis Bay Private High School underwent in changing from a South African Model C School to a Namibian Private School in 1994, is vividly documented in our School's History. While the amount of progress and change we have made in reality, may not have reached our expectations - yet - the ultimate goal still shines through, embodied in our Mission Statement and seen on all levels, such as academics, sport, cultural activities and enrichment.

WPBHS is rightly hailed as one of the most progressive schools in the country. What makes it so exclusive, is that few other schools have so many changes and innovation in order to define its nature going forward, and at the same time, holding on to core values and pillars, that have been the strength of its existence.

We have existed for a few decades, but the impact of our growth has been phenomenal and praiseworthy.

Change has taken us through vastly difficult and different times and new mindsets, with regard to curriculum changes and the language of instruction, but we have had the opportunity to serve the broader community and uplift the entire "status" of the school. Crucially, WPBHS had to adapt to our new situation with regards to the way we handle discipline, the inclusion of the Primary phase, the extension of our curriculum and the combination of subjects offered at our School.

This lengthy process of change involved many stakeholders, a lot of patience, endurance and understanding, but the transformation has been overwhelming and the results are ongoing.

The staff at WPBHS strive to inspire our learners to dream and to work towards a fulfilling future career, in the schooling phase of their lives, and give them dignity to be able to provide and support themselves and their families in the future to come.

To be involved with WPBHS is a journey with a destination in sight. It is an honour to welcome each and every one to 2019 at WPBHS. Enjoy the journey with us.

Walvis Bay Private High School embraces 2019 in total dependence of our Heavenly Father.

Regards

Mrs EE Eigelaar  
PRINCIPAL

## WPBHS EXCELS IN THE NSSCH EXAMINATIONS

Walvis Bay Private High School once again excelled in the NSSCH examinations with a total of 54 1-gradings and 70 2-gradings. Over 40% of all the subjects written in grade 12 in the external examinations were taken on the Higher Level. 93.8% of the subjects written were quality symbols – 1, 2 or 3 gradings.

Raine Young and Charlize van Zyl both had five 1-gradings and one 2-grading; Gerard Hough obtained four 1-gradings; Elizabeth Rossouw, Britney-Lee Viviers, Kyle Bouwer, Hugo van Schalkwyk, Ethan Feris, Tannan Groenewald, Carina de Barros and Kay-Lee Sissing all obtained three 1-gradings. Congratulations to each and every one. We are very proud of you.

Physical Science had eleven 1-gradings, Mathematics had ten 1-gradings and Accounting seven 1-gradings. Well done to all the staff for all the hard work done.



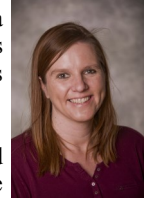
# WALVIS BAY PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL STAFF MATTERS



Mrs Michelle Aggenbach, former WBPHS teacher of 2013, has once again joined us in the Mathematics Department. She is from Meyerton, South Africa and her attributes and qualities will be a great asset to the school, especially in the Mathematics Department. Miss Marieke Derks, an old scholar, Graduated at the North West University (Potchefstroom campus), completing her B.Ed. Degree (Intermediate Phase). She is also joining us as teacher of Junior Mathematics and Geography. We would like to welcome these two ladies and trust that their acquaintance with us will be a long and fruitful one.



We would like to congratulate Mrs Natasha Geyser with the birth of their son Luké. Mrs Louise du Plessis is taking over her classes while Mrs Geyser is on maternity leave.



Congratulations to Mr Philip van Niekerk and Miss Melanie Franken on their marriage. We therefore welcome Mr and Mrs van Niekerk in

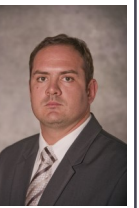
their new capacity as married couple. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Jamé Adams (née Jansen) and Mrs Leanni Paulsen (née du Plessis) on their marriages. We wish them much joy and happiness.



Miss Nikita-Mari Puren has been a WBPHS Graduate student since the beginning of 2018. However she is now joining the full-time Graduate Teacher program in the Junior Secondary Phase as assistant teacher.



Ms Zandria Nagel, one of our old-scholars and Graduate Teachers, has completed her studies, done a practical year, and is taking her place in the Art class.



Our congratulations to the newly appointed Head of Departments in the Primary Phase of our School. With the Head of the Primary Phase of the School, Mr Henjan van der Hyde, Mrs Elzabé Koen (HOD Junior Primary), Mrs Chrissi van Dyk (HOD Languages & Social Sciences Senior Primary) and Mr Jan Breedt (HOD Sciences and Technical Senior Primary), these staff members have an enormous task is taking the Primary Phase of the School to the next level, in ensuring that the day to day functioning of the Phase be streamlined and optimally effective. We have full confidence in their abilities and look forward to the further development of the phase in 2019.



Since her Ministerial retirement in 2016, Mrs Loekie Grane is still continuing as staff member in a private capacity as remedial teacher. However she has stepped down as HOD and we are grateful for her hard work and commitment towards the Junior Primary Phase since its existence in 2009. Her efforts and contributions towards establishing this part of the school have been praiseworthy and outstanding. Mrs Angie Otto has joined the Senior Secondary Phase of the school as teacher in the Commercial Department. We would also like to thank her for the major task she fulfilled as HOD in die Senior Primary Phase. Each and every staff member at WBPHS play a major role in working with the learners of Walvis Bay Private High School. Welcome back to all and may 2019 be a special year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF—DIRECT NUMBERS



Please contact our Receptionist, Mrs Rúnelle Zerbe, for:  
Application forms;  
PTA enquiries  
OSA enquiries;  
General enquiries



Please contact the School Secretary & PA to the Principal, Mrs Agusta du Preez, for:  
Absenteeism of your child; appointments with Principal and/or staff; Results of learners and /or school leavers; contact between home and school.  
*Direct telephone number: 279255*  
*E-mail: secretary@wbphs.com*

The School Administrator, Mrs Rochelle Noble, is responsible for: The Clothing store; new enrolments and change of personal contact details on the Administration programme of the School.

*Direct telephone number: 279258*  
*E-mail: administrator@wbphs.com*



The Financial Administrator, Mrs Deidry de Jager, is responsible for all financial matters concerning the organisation. She receives tuition, registration and other fees:

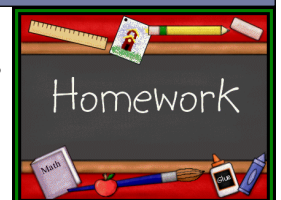
*Direct telephone number: 279251*  
*E-mail: finance@wbphs.com*



## GRADE 1-7 HOMEWORK AT WALVIS BAY PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL

For Grade 1-7, it is imperative that control of homework by parents is done on a daily basis. You as parent must sign your child's homework book (diary) with completion of your child's homework.

This will ensure that you are up to date with the progress of your child.



Nangolo Mbumba Weg  
 Posbus 567  
 WALVISBAAI  
 NAMIBIË  
 Tel: +26464-279250  
 Faks: +26464-207610  
 E-pos: [principal@wbphs.com](mailto:principal@wbphs.com)  
 Webwerf: [www.wbphs.com](http://www.wbphs.com)



Nangolo Mbumba Drive  
 P.O. Box 567  
 WALVIS BAY  
 NAMIBIA  
 Tel: +26464-279250  
 Fax: +26464-207610  
 Email: [principal@wbphs.com](mailto:principal@wbphs.com)  
 Website: [www.wbphs.com](http://www.wbphs.com)

WALVIS BAY PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL  
 (Incorporated Association not for gain – Reg. No. 21/96/259)

Dear Parents/Guardians

11 January 2019

### 1. REVISED CURRICULUM FOR 2019

In 2011 permission was granted to WBPBS to be exempted from writing the JSC (Grade 10) external examinations. Since then we have followed a three year Senior Secondary Curriculum. We are currently reaping the fruits of following that path as seen in the successes of our external results and for the past two years we have been placed 1st in the Erongo Region for our higher results. With the new revised curriculum the Ministry of Education, Arts & Culture have decided to follow the Senior Secondary Curriculum from Grade 10 as well, as we have been doing for the past 7 years.

### 2. TUITION FEES FOR 2019

Walvis Bay Private High School strives to offer an outstanding all round education to our learners that respect and reflect the investment you make to provide a top quality education for your child. 2018 has marked another year of growth, successes and challenges. Learners have achieved record successes on the academic, sporting and cultural activity fronts and we offer our senior secondary learners an unequalled opportunity to focus considerably more time in preparation for their Grade 12 examinations.

School fees are set by the Board of Directors and reviewed on an annual basis after the school budget requirements have been determined. School fees for 2019 are set on N\$2 950.00 per month for 12 months for Grade 1 to 11 learners, and N\$3 540.00 per month for 10 months for grade 12 learners. Book fees are set on N\$1900.00 (Grades 1-12) payable annually upon acceptance of placement. Supplementary subject fees is also payable upon acceptance. A fee of N\$850.00 per year is payable for Office Practice / OKB (Grade 8-12), N\$410.00 per year for Design and Technology (Grade 8-12) and N\$550.00 for ICT (Grade 1-7).

**The Board of Directors are concerned by the fact that tuition fees of a number of Grade 12 learners are not up to date by the time that they leave school. This creates a problematic situation, especially when such learners come to collect their final results. The Board therefore resulted on the Board of Directors meeting held on 13 November 2018 that should school tuition fees for grade 12 learners not be paid up to date, these learners may not receive an invitation to the Matric Farewell.**

It is our practice every year to offer a discount on tuition fees if these are paid in full in advance. We are again offering a discount of 5% to those parents who are willing to pay the year's fees in advance by 28 February 2019 and look forward to many parents choosing this mutually beneficial option. A discount of 2% is offered for three equal payments (by first day of each trimester). A discount of 10% is offered on the third child (and further siblings) in a family attending our School—the first two children pay the full fee.

May we thank you for your understanding in this regard and for your continued support to Walvis Bay Private High School.

### 3. CLOTHING SHOP TIMES FOR THE END AND BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

Please take note of the end of year times for the School Clothing Shop: On Wednesday, 9 January the clothing shop will return to normal times of 07:00 – 08:00 and 14:00 – 15:00. Please make use of the above opportunities to purchase your clothing before the new year to avoid long queues and congestion in the two days before school starts.

### 4. PARKING AND DROPPING OFF OF LEARNERS IN THE MORNING

As it is at the beginning of a new academic year, the dropping off and fetching of pupils will be hectic. Both the Grade 1 and Grade 8 parents are "new parents to our school". We appeal to parents to help us manage the driving in of vehicles and the dropping off of pupils at the start of each day. Parents, please be understanding and assist us in this matter.

We wish you a very happy 2019. May 2019 be a year of sharing kindness with all those with whom we share our days.

Yours faithfully

Mrs EE Eigelaar  
 PRINCIPAL

**THEME 2019: BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME (B3)**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ABSENTEEISM

● Please use the form in your child's school diary or phone the school (School Secretary at 279255) by 08:00 if your child is ill.

● Submit a doctor's certificate within two days.

● Absentees during exams must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate daily.

● If your child is absent for a Mastery Test, he/she will receive "0" unless a doctor's certificate is handed in.

● Learners may only be absent for: Medical reasons; death in family; national sport and cultural events.

● When your child is absent he/she loses valuable class time.

● Please ensure that your child catches up with work lost due to absenteeism.

## SKOOLTYE VIR GRAAD 1 2019

Vanaf 9 Januarie tot en met 31 Januarie verloop die tye vir Graad 1's soos volg:

Maandae: 07h15 – 12h00  
 Dinsdae: 07h15 – 13h00 (atletiek)  
 Woensdae: 07h15 – 12h00  
 Donderdae: 07h15 – 13h00 (atletiek)  
 Vrydae: 07h15 – 12h00

*Dinsdae en Donderdae oefen leerlinge atletiek dus kom die skool vir Graad 1's 13h00 uit.*

Vanaf 01 Februarie verloop tye vir Graad 1's soos volg:

Maandae: 07h15 – 13h00  
 Dinsdae: 07h15 – 13h00  
**Woensdae: 07h15 – 12h30**  
 Donderdae: 07h15 – 13h00  
 Vrydae: 07h15 – 13h00



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE: IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

### FIRST TRIMESTER 2019

Jan 7 Books available Gr 9 & 10  
 Jan 8 Grade 1 & 8 Orientation  
 Jan 9 School opens for learners  
 Jan 11 Athletics Heats High School  
 Jan 15 Parents Evening Grade 1-12  
 18:00  
 Jan 17 Guppy Concert  
 Jan 18 Gr 1 Anchor Ceremony  
 Jan 23 Prefects & Gr 8 team building  
 Jan 25 Gr 8 Anchor Ceremony  
 Jan 26 PS Athletics Meeting  
 Feb 1 Athletics Big Brag  
 Grade 1's time changes to 13:00  
 Feb 2 High School Athletics Meeting  
 Feb 5 **BOD meeting**  
 Feb 9 Zone Athletics  
 Feb 14 Valentine's Day/Mr & Miss  
 WBPHS/Civvie Day  
 Feb 15 Blood Transfusion clinic  
 Feb 16 HS Zone Athletics  
 Feb 21 Grade 1 Recruitment Evening  
 Feb 28 **Grade 7 Food Sale**  
 March 06-08 Gr 11 Camp  
**March 12 BOD meeting**  
 March 14 **Gr 6 Food Sale**  
 March 15-16 NAPSO Athletics/meet  
 March 19-23 Desert Sport Festival  
 March 25 Gr 4-12 Internal Exam  
 April 9 **BOD meeting**  
 April 12 Last school day for learners  
 April 12-13 National Athletics  
 April 16 School closes for teachers  
 April 19-22 Easter Weekend

### SECOND TRIMESTER 2019

May 13 School opens learners  
 May 14 **BOD meeting**  
 May 21 AGM & Parents Evening  
 May 23 **Grade 5 Food Sale**  
 May 29-1 June 2 NAPSO  
 Winter sport WBay  
 June 04 Recruitment Evening Grade 8  
 June 06 **Grade 4 Food Sale**  
 June 14 ATKV Orators Semi-finals -WBPHS  
 June 16 Day of the African Child  
 June 20 **Grade 8AB Food Sale**  
 Blood Transfusion Clinic  
 June 28 Applications for 2019 close  
 June 28 NAPSO Netball II  
 July 02 40 days  
 July 05 Prefects Spirit building &  
 Mad Hair Day  
 July 9 **BOD meeting**  
 July 11 **Grade 3 Food Sale**  
 July 15-16 Photo days  
 July 17 Moving of desks  
 July 18 Internal Exam  
 Aug 3 Schools' 58th birthday  
 Aug 6 **BOD meeting**  
 Aug 9 School closes for learners

### THIRD TRIMESTER 2019

Aug 21 Fish River Canyon Hike  
 Aug 30 Stop & Stap Evaluating  
 Aug 30-1/09 Prefect Camp  
 Sept 2 First School day learners  
 Sept 06 Matric Farewell  
 Sept 10 **BOD meeting**  
 Sept 11 Valedictory Day  
 Sept 12-14 NAPSO Cultural Festival  
 Sept 19 Sport Prize-giving Grade 8-12  
 Sept 20 Grade 1 Grandparents Day  
 Sept 24 Gr 8 & 10 2020 Info Evening  
 Sept 26 **Grade 2 Food Sale**  
 Sept 26 Fun Day Grade 1-7  
 Sept 30 External Exams begin  
 Oct 05 World Teachers Day  
 Oct 10-11 Grade 6 Camp  
 Oct 11 Stadium Golf  
 Oct 15 **BOD meeting**  
 Oct 17 **Grade 9AB Food Sale**  
 Oct 18 Grade 7 Farewell  
 Oct 25 External Exam ends  
 Oct 29 Senior Academic Prize-giving  
 Oct 31 Junior Academic & Sport evening  
 Nov 1 Grade 1 visit  
 Nov 1 Grade 7 visit  
 Nov 4 Astra Awards Evening Grade 1-12  
 Nov 7 Nativity Play  
 Nov 8 Moving of desks  
 Nov 8 Grade 9 Entrepreneurs Day  
 Nov 8 Spirit Building/Civvies day  
 Nov 11 Internal Exams  
 Nov 19 **BOD meeting**  
 Nov 27 Internal Exam ends

**W**hen you  
**E**nter this  
**L**oving School  
**C**onsider yourself  
**O**ne of the special  
**M**embers of an  
**E**xtraordinary family

