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Dear Parents

It's amazing to realize that this busy term is over.

### REPORTS

You will receive your child's progress report today. Please review it thoroughly and discuss it with your child. Remember that your child only competes with him / herself, according to his / her ability. Congratulations to the learners who achieved success and good luck to the rest for the hard work ahead.

### PARENT APPOINTMENTS

As part of our intervention programs, teachers will make appointments with parents individually. During these appointments, the academic well-being and support of your child will be discussed. If you are not contacted, but still want to talk to the teacher, take the liberty of making an appointment. Please note that these appointments can only take place after school hours.

### SYSTEMIC TESTS

It was with great anticipation that we received the results of the systemic tests. These tests are set by the University of Cape Town and written by all the schools in the Western Cape in Grades 3, 6 & 9 to determine the state of education in the province. Our school is compared to other quintile-5 schools which then include the top schools in the Western Cape.

The following results for grade 3 shows the percentage of learners that achieved 50% and more:

<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>HOME LANGUAGE</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>
Plettenberg Bay Primary	87,7%	88,1%		Plettenberg Bay Primary	66,7%	81%
Quintile 5 Schools	76,9%	68,5%		Quintile 5 Schools	67,4%	62,1%
All Western Cape schools	58,1%	44,3%		All Western Cape schools	44,9%	36,9%

Congratulations to a brilliant team of teachers who, despite all the challenges, deliver these excellent results.

The following results for Grade 6 show the percentage of learners who achieved 50% and more:

<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>HOME LANGUAGE</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>
Plettenberg Bay Primary	98,6%	90,8%		Plettenberg Bay Primary	87,5%	89,5%
Quintile 5 Schools	69,5%	65%		Quintile 5 Schools	68,9%	67,4%
All Western Cape schools	44,4%	37,3%		All Western Cape schools	42,8%	39,4%

Despite all the disruption, the teachers achieved exceptional successes and performed at more than 20% above the average of other quintile-5 schools. Congratulations!

This is a reflection on a dedicated staff, knowledgeable leadership team, excellent curriculum management and involved parents. The parents of Plettenberg Bay Primary School can truly be proud of these results.

### SPORT

Congratulations on all for the excellent sports results achieved this past term. Apart from the fact that we have several learners in the Eden tennis team, there are athletes who participated in the

Western Cape athletics championships, two learners who qualified for the SA junior swimming championships, a gold medal at the Eden biathlon championships, one learner in the final cricket group and 13 girls between 11 and 13 qualified for the Eden Netball trials after the Plett and KPSSS trials were completed.

### **MULTI-SPORT SURFACE**

The new multi-sport surface is almost complete. We are very excited about the beautiful facility created by the SGB. Our children will truly benefit from this facility that is of an international standard. The artificial turf area allows for Hockey, netball and even tennis! The surface has been approved by the ITF for grass court tennis. We look forward to the inauguration of the facility during the food festival on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Good luck to Mrs. Mimi van Huyssteen and her capable team responsible for this function.

### **MASKS**

The new directives on the use of masks were announced on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. As a result, learners no longer have to wear masks outside the buildings during breaks or sports. **It is still compulsory to wear masks in class.** Parents and children should please cooperate in this regard.

### **LATE FOR SCHOOL**

There are more and more learners arriving late for school. Parents must respect the school hours and ensure that their children are on time. Late arrival is a violation of the school's code of conduct and will reflect negatively on the child's behavior.

### **WINTER DRESS CODE**

Learners must be dressed in full winter uniform from Monday, 3 May 2022. This includes the formal blazer for all Grade 4-7 learners.

### **FUNDRAISER**

Many thanks to Mimi van Huyssteen and her team for their continued efforts to generate funds. We look forward to a delicious food festival and the resumption of the cake sales. Please offer your help where needed.

### **GOVERNING BODY**

Two vacancies arose on the school governing body. The entire process for a by-election was followed. Two nominations were received for the two positions and therefore a formal vote was not necessary. The members were automatically elected to the two positions. Congratulations to Lorraine van Jaarsveldt and Gerard Jordaan who were elected to the governing body. We look forward to your positive contribution for the next two years.

May you enjoy a wonderful holiday with your loved ones. We are looking forward to a full winter sports term, especially on the new multi-surface.

Thank you for your loyal support.

Regards



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