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Dear Bryneven Parents and Community

“Some smiles are big, some smiles are small, but the smile that says welcome, is the best smile of all.”
– Phyllis Ellison (The Friendship Book of Francis Gay, 1991).

Welcome back to all our children, parents and staff. Happy New Year to you all. We trust that 2023 will be a wonderful year for everybody. Hopefully all our families would have had the opportunity to enjoy a break during the December school holiday period. We would like to extend a very special welcome to all our new children and families to Bryneven and in particular to our Grade R and Grade One children.

Provisional Dates to Diarise

2023 Term 1: Week 01 of 11		
Wed 11 January	Orientation Timetable	Term 1 2023 begins for all Learners
Thurs 12 January	Orientation Timetable	Swimming Trials U8, U9 and U10 U10 Individual medley trials  Grade 1 First day photos House captains to be selected 
Fri 13 January	Orientation Timetable	Swimming Trials U11, U12 and Open U11,U12 and Open Individual medley trials.  Grade R First day photos.
2023 Term 1: Week 02 of 11		
Mon 16 January	Day 1	Cricket Trials 2023 Open (U12 & U13) – 14h00-15h20
Tues 17 January	Day 2	Cricket Trials 2023 U11 -14h00-15h20
Wed 18 January	Day 3	Cricket Trials 2023 U10 – 14h00-15h20
Thurs 19 January	Day 4	Cricket Trials 2023 U9 - 13h30-15h00 Inter-House swimming gala rehearsal for Grade 2-7
Fri 20 January	Special Timetable	Inter-House swimming gala for Grade 2-7 

Staff News

A word of welcome to our new staff who have joined Bryneven; Mrs L van Wyk joins us from St. Stithians Prep in Grade 4 and we welcome back Mrs H Richmond to Grade 3.

First Day drop-off procedures

All parents should have received an email advising them of their child's class for 2023. Parents will be allowed to accompany their child onto the school's premises. Parents must please refer to the School Map for them to know where their child's classroom is. The map was emailed to parents yesterday and copies have been placed at various locations around the school. There will be staff members on duty to assist those parents who need assistance in the morning. Once your child has found their classroom (the register teacher will be on duty from 07h00), learners can leave their school bags and stationery boxes by the classroom. The official starting time for the school day is 07h25 and learners need to report to their register classes promptly. Parents are expected to leave the school premises once the school day has started, unless making a purchase from the Uniform shop or the new school Tuckshop.

First Day pick-up procedures: For pick-up, parents will be allowed to enter the school premises to pick up their child. Please see table below for the pick-up details.

Grade	Pick-up/End of school Time	May be collected from	Escorted to Waiting Area
2 and 3	13h10	From the Register Class	13h50
4, 5 and 6	13h40	Flagpole Area	13h50
7	13h40	Outside Gr 7 Classrooms	13h50

Please note that this process is only for the first week of school ending on Friday, 13 January. (Gr R and 1 parents have been informed of the drop-off and pick-up procedures for these grades.)

Drop-off and pick-up of learners from Monday, 16 January



School will start at 07h25 and we will have morning line-up for the learners once the bell rings at the start of the day. The Grade 1-3 learners will line up outside the Grade 1 and 2 classrooms, the Grade 4-6 learners will line up at the flagpole area and the Grade 7 learners will line up in the Grade 7 Quad. Parents who accompanied their children for the drop-off will then be expected to make their way out of the school premises once the bell rings. (Teachers will practice this procedure tomorrow to ensure learners know where to go for line-up)

The Grade 4 to 7 learners will be allowed to leave the classes at the end of the day to be collected/to meet their parents. The Grade R – 3 learners will have to be fetched from their classes/area. After 13h50 all learners will be placed in the School Waiting Area to be fetched by their parents. We are concerned that in the past we have noted that some learners were constantly fetched late in the afternoon. We do have an Aftercare Facility (details provided below) on the school premises where your child can be under supervised care if you are not able to fetch them on time. No child should be left to sit in our Waiting Area for hours on end.

Academic Staff: For your information, our academic and admin staffing complement for Term One, 2023 will be as follows:

Grade R: Mrs H Herdman (*Head of Grade R*), Mrs K Pereira and Ms M Otte.

Grade 1: Mrs C Wrathall (*Head of Grade*), Mrs L Chetty, Mrs L Wadsworth and Ms A Longmore.

Grade 2: Ms S MacArthur (*Head of Grade*), Ms K Bucarizza, Ms Broodryk and Ms O Varnicker.

Grade 3: Mrs H Richmond (*Head of Grade*), Mrs D Agostinetto, Mrs Roux and Mrs S Herbst.

Grade 4: Mrs A Jonathan (*Head of Grade*), Ms J McLaren, Mrs S Pillay and Ms M van Wyk.

Grade 5: Mr W Botha (*Head of Grade*), Mrs U Naicker, Ms I Touffie, and Mr S Chinyadza.

Grade 6: Mrs I Harrison (*Head of Grade*), Mr R Govender, Mrs T Suklal, and Mr N Maho.

Grade 7: Mrs L Liversage (*Head of Grade*), Mrs A Govender, Mr A Mabale and Mrs K Venter.

Other teaching/support staff include: Mrs L van Wyk, Ms S Greive, Ms N Khumalo, Mrs C Chimbetete, Mr M Govender, Mr E Bradley, Mr K Mbatha, Mrs M Flint, Mr R Blignaut (Head of IT), Mr JP Christiany (IT technical support) and Mrs Haley Swartz (Educational Psychologist)

The Admin staff:

Mrs S Leahy (School Bursar) and Mrs C Bell in the Finance Office;
Mrs M Rose (Procurement), Ms R Molekoa (Printing),
Mrs C Lawrence (Admissions), Ms K Naidoo and Mz L Swanson at Reception.
Mrs J Blignaut (PA to the School Head)

The General Assistants:

Mr D Zwane (Estates Manager), Mr E Phoshoko, Mr O Majola, Mr T Maluleke, Mr J Nkale, Mr T Matlou, Mrs P Mgwena, Ms F Maluleke, Mrs A Mbele, Mrs L Mugada, Mrs F Phakathi. Mr Jeffery Mashayi is our security guard assisted by Mr T Mamashela.

The Senior Management Team:

Mrs R Naidu (*Department Head - Foundation Phase*),
Mrs I Harrison and Mrs T Suklal (*Acting Heads - InterSen Phase*)
Ms P Govender (*Departmental Head - InterSen Phase*)
Mr P Naicker (*Sports Co-ordinator in charge of Extramurals*)
Ms C Kotze (*Deputy Head*)
Mr N Nakooda (*Head*)

Parent Info Evening & Bring and Braai

Please diarise Thursday 26 January, as Bryneven will be hosting our annual Parent Information Evening and Bring & Braai function. Important information will be shared by the various grades during the sessions so please make sure you attend and then join us for the bring & braai afterwards. Further details will be given closer to the time.



School Uniform

All children must wear the correct summer school uniform from the beginning of the term. Please note that class teachers will be holding periodic inspections of uniforms and hair. The co-operation of all parents will be appreciated. The new school uniform includes the new football shirt which will be used for cricket as well as a number of additional sports. Please refer to the D6 Communicator for pictures of the new sports kits. The old blue and yellow striped jersey will not be allowed for school matches but can be used for practice sessions. Boys need to have the correct length of hair (not touching the shirt collar or ears). Highlights or the use of different colours in the hair is not allowed. Girls need to have their hair neatly tied. Fingernails must be cut neatly, and the use of the correct socks and shoes is essential in completing a neat appearance. As mentioned at the AGM last year, children in the Inter-Sen Phase are encouraged to wear the official school blazer, especially if they are representing Bryneven at Inter-School matches.

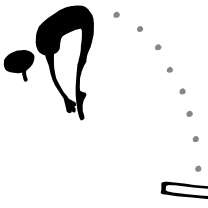
Extra-Murals

Although the full Term 1 Extramural programme will only commence from next week, coaches will be notifying learners about certain sessions during the next couple of days. Our school's extramural programme for Term 1 will be issued as soon as all our sports fixture lists have been received and confirmed. This week, the focus will be on general orientation and Inter-house swimming trials. Selection trials for the U/9 to Open cricket league teams will take place next week.
NB: U/12 and U13 cricket age groups form the Open team.



Junior cricket teams (Gr 1 and Gr 2): More specific information about our cricket for all our younger teams will be issued in due course.

Inter-house swimming gala trials – Please note that the annual Inter-house swimming gala will be taking place next Friday morning, 20 January, weather permitting! A circular with more specific details will be sent out in due course. *NB: Swimming trials for the House teams will start on Thursday morning, 12 January, during school time.* **Note:** All learners in the Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 age groups must bring along their swimming costumes, caps and towels (Thursday 12, January). The Junior Individual Medley for the Under 10 age group only, will also take place on Thursday, 12 January. On Friday, 13 January, we will be continuing with the Under 11, Under 12 and Open swimmers.



The Individual Medley for the Under 11, 12 and Open age groups will take place on Friday, 13 January. The best times in the Divisions will be taken into account. Please bear in mind that both Thursday and Friday this week are normal teaching days so children must also bring their school bags and books along as per our Grade 4 to 7 *Orientation timetable*.

Just a reminder to all parents to please ensure that their children wear suitable sun block and hats at all times especially when doing any sporting activities.

Bryneven hats are recommended for Grade 1 – 3 learners during break and sport. Learners are encouraged to carry a bottle of water to stay hydrated during the high temperatures which is expected for this week.

Age groups for Sport: Sports teams are selected according to age groups. The following should assist new parents with determining which age group their child should be playing sport in:

(Under 6) 6 years & under - Born in 2017
(Under 7) 7 years & under - Born in 2016
Under 8) 8 years & under - Born in 2015
(Under 9) 9 years & under - Born in 2014
(Under 10) 10 years & under - Born in 2013
(Under 11) 11 years & under - Born in 2012
(Under 12) 12 years & under – Born in 2011
(Open – U/13 & U/14) Open age group - Born in 2010/2009

Communication channels

For the benefit of our new families in particular, we would like to explain our communication procedure at Bryneven:

- **Interviews:** At our school we believe that education is not the sole prerogative of the teaching staff but must include the parents, our 'partners' in education. However, although it is the policy of this school to obtain the full co-operation of parents in matters affecting the educational progress of the children, we request that parents **do not visit** the classroom to consult with a teacher **during school hours** without a prior appointment having been made. *For security reasons we cannot have visitors to the school wandering around without having reported to Reception. (It is also not acceptable to keep other children waiting at extramural activities because a member of staff has had an unexpected visitor).* Appointments for interviews with teachers should be made at least 24 hours before the interview via Reception. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's progress with the teachers; however, appointments must be made. Should it be necessary, we may request parents to attend an interview to discuss a learner's performance. *(At our school, all senior staff, including the Headmaster, teach and they are involved with extramurals in addition to their administrative duties. Staff are also required to attend GDE courses and meetings).* We sincerely hope that contact with the school will not only take place when problems are being experienced.
- **The first line of communication:** While our school has always operated with an 'open door' communication policy for parents and learners, we do encourage parents whenever possible to consult with the class/subject teacher as the first line of communication.
- **Guidance:** Personal or problems of a domestic nature could be referred to the class teacher or the Senior member of staff in charge of the Grade if preferred or to Miss Govender who is in charge of the School-based Support Team.
- **Extramurals:** Specific extramural queries should be addressed with the particular educator or coach involved with the sport *(see Extramural Programme)*. Mr Naicker is our extramural co-ordinator.
- **Senior Staff:** Parents are also welcome to contact the Grade Head/Co-ordinator or one of the Senior Members of Staff, i.e. the Department Head or the Deputy Head otherwise an appointment should be made to see the Headmaster (once the various channels have been followed).
- **Newsletter & Reply Slips:** All parents listed as the primary contacts on the mailing lists on the school's database will receive a newsletter which is usually sent every second Monday. Please make sure you receive this important communication. The Extramural Programme and a list of sports

fixtures is given out every term. We urge parents to assist us in our communication by returning reply slips, circulars, questionnaires, etc., timeously.

- **Up-to-date details – please notify the school:** Please provide us with relevant up-to-date information regarding your child's progress, health and any other special needs. Please notify us via the class teacher of any change of address or telephone numbers at home or work as soon as possible to enable us to be able to contact you.
- **Absence from school:** If your child has been absent from school, an explanatory note must accompany him/her on the return to school. A doctor's letter is required if your child is ill on an assessment day (Grade 4 to 7).
- **Queries about School Fees, etc:** All queries about school fees, etc should be directed to Mrs S Leahy or Mrs C Bell in the Bryneven Finance Office at Reception. Please submit all monies in a sealed envelope with your child's name, surname, class and state clearly what the money is for. Please remind your child to hand the envelope in by 08:00.

Robotics and Coding (STEM Education)

In the past we have made use of Purple Mash as our coding resource. Our Grade R to 3 will continue to make use of Purple Mash to learn about coding. Our Grade 4

to 7 learners will be learning about Robotics and coding in the classroom. They will be making use of

Cubriod Coding Blocks as well as Scratch to take of the coding aspect of the lessons. This is an exciting

development as we look forward to making use of the new technology and lessons which will prepare our children for the future.



Tuckshop

Café Flava is the new service provider that was awarded the tender to run the school tuckshop. In addition to appointing a Chef who oversees the menus in all their schools, they have also revamped the interior of the Coffee Shop as well as introduced a wonderful new menu. Do visit them when you pop in too the school to check out their offerings. Please click on the link below to find out more information about this exciting new partner at Bryneven.

Café Flava <https://www.bryneven.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Flava.pdf>

After care

Club Engage is the privately run Aftercare service based at Bryneven. Parents who wish to make use of their services must please click on this link to view further details.

Club Engage <https://www.bryneven.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Club-Engage-Welcome-letter.pdf>

Uniform Suppliers

We have two uniform suppliers they are Attache based at the school and Rufaro Ferndale Uniform Online Shop www.rufarogarments.com.

External Extra Mural Providers

We have a number of external extra murals that operate from Bryneven. Please click on the link below to see their details.

External-Service-Providers <https://www.bryneven.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/External-Service-Providers-Final-2022-PDF.pdf>

The New Bryneven Website:

Please do visit the newly designed Bryneven Website at <https://www.bryneven.co.za> The new website has been rearranged to provide a more streamlined experience as well as links to relevant information.

With the start of the new Academic year and parents being allowed into the school after 2 years we do expect there to be massive congestion in the limited parking space around the school. Whilst the delayed starting time for the Foundation Phase may help, there will still be limited space for all the cars. We have hired extra security for tomorrow, but we urge you to please physically check that your vehicle is locked, and all valuables are stored out of plain view before leaving your vehicle. We have received reports of Remote Jamming in the past, so please be vigilant.

Hoping to see you bright and early tomorrow and I wish you all a fantastic 2023.

Mr N Nakooda

Headmaster