

BRYNEVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Bryneven Parents and Community

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Our Fundraising committee will be selling a number of items in the lead up to Valentine's Day next Tuesday, 14 February. Learners will be able to purchase these items from the Fundraising Committee at the times and venues indicated above. Parents will only being able to purchase items in the mornings, before school starts.

In addition to Valentine sales, learners will also be allowed to dress up in civvies for Valentine's Day next week Tuesday. Parents can pay the R20 for the Valentine's Day civvies on the Karri App or to the class teacher. If sending the money with your child, please ensure that it is in a sealed envelope and clearly labelled.

Parent Info Evening & Bring and Braai

A big thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Parent Info evening and Bring and Braai on Thursday, 26 January. The Register and Subject teachers were able to cover important information relating to the 2023 academic year. The information provided has been uploaded onto the D6 Communicator for your reference. Judging by the total number of attendees in the venues, as well as the large number of parents who were able to stay and enjoy



the sense of community that a braai brings, it was a wonderful evening.



We have recently purchased a few extra braai stands in preparation for future events with a possible SGB Braai evening where all grades will be able to braai on their very own stands. The details for this event will be communicated in due course.

SGB By-Election

The SGB By-election to fill the vacant parent post in the SGB, will take place next week Wednesday, 15 February 2023. The notice has been distributed along with the nomination instructions. The Nomination Box located in the Front Reception. The time and venue for the by-election can be found below:

Venue: Bryneven School Hall Time: Nomination Meeting – 18h00

We need a quorum of +190 parents, found on the voters roll in order for the meeting to proceed. If we do not meet the minimum number of parents at 18h00 then another follow-up meeting (with no quorum required) will be held with the details to be provided in due course.

Measles Vaccinations

Last week Thursday officials from the Department of Health issued the Measles Vaccines to most of our learners across the grades. There were certainly some very brave young boys and girls who did not even flinch when faced with the daunting sight of the needle and not even when they received the jab. Some of our other learners had to be cajoled into taking the jab which led to a few tears but everything considered, we can certainly be proud of how our children handled the situation. The Department of Health will be coming back on Thursday, 9 February to complete the two remaining grades. Thank you to the parents who replied promptly with the permission slips.



A huge thank you to Ms Kotze and Mrs Blignaut for processing the hundreds of pages of documents in preparation for the vaccines.

School Uniform

Some of the regulations that we had to implement during the Covid restrictions had an effect on how our children wore their uniform. This, coupled with suppliers running out of stock, due to the Pandemic and international logistics, led us to relax our rules on how our children came dressed to school. With the restrictions we have endured over the last 3 years, which has hopefully past us, we can now return to our normal functioning at school. As mentioned at the AGM last year, we want our children to represent our school in the best light and the first step is their uniform.

On the days that the Grade 1 to 3 learners have PE or school matches, they can come dressed to school in their PE or match kit. Transition Soccer kits are not allowed to be worn from the morning. The Grade 4 to 7 learners must come to school dressed in their complete summer/winter school uniform and must change during their PE lessons. Time is allocated for this. If they have a school match, they will be allowed to change during the second break or after school. An appeal is made to our parents to please ensure that your child is dressed correctly in order to maintain the high expectations of our school.

The new school uniform also 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. All the cricket players are expected to wear the proper Bryneven cap when fielding.

Boys must 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 must 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 we encourage our children in the Inter-Sen Phase and especially if they are representing Bryneven at Inter-School matches to have the official School Blazer.

Bryneven Grade R and 1 Fun Swimming Festival

Last week Friday, we were able to host our inaugural Grade R & 1 Fun Swimming Festival. This is the very first year that we were able to separate the youngest of our swimmers from the Main Gala and give them all the opportunity to get into the water and have some fun while swimming, either with swimming aids or unaided. Zogs Swim School also assisted all children in the water. It really was fantastic to see the sheer joy on the faces of the Grade R & One's as they splashed and floated and made their way across the pool. With the cheers from the parents and some grandparents urging them on, our children certainly gave it their very best. We provided all our learners the chance to swim in a race with their parents there to cheer them on. A big thank to Mr Naicker for organising the events along with the Grade R and 1 teachers for their efforts. We also thank Zogs Swim School for assisting all our learners on the day. The effects of the Grade 1 swimming lessons with Zogs during the Grade 1 PE sessions is already showing a positive improvement in swimming skills amongst some of our learners.

A reminder to our parents that, while we as a school are looking to increase our effectiveness in the water by partnering with Zogs Swim School, it is expected that if your child does not know how to swim, that you will take them for the necessary lessons to ensure that they have mastered this very important lifesaving skill. Parents who are interested in extra swimming lessons for their child can contact Grant from Zogs Swim School (information on the D6 Communicator).



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