

12 February 2024

Dear Bryneven Parents and Community

## Provisional Dates to Diarise

2024 Term 1: Week 05 of 10		
Mon 12 February	Day 3 	Assembly Foundation Phase Cricket Fixture: U10A/U10B – Bye Mini Cricket vs Steyn City (away)  Fundraising selling Valentines Gifts 
Tues 13 February	Day 4	Cricket Fixture: U11A vs Crawford 4ways (away) Chess Match away at Grayston  Fundraising selling Valentines Gifts 
Wed 14 February	Day 5 	Reading Period Cricket Fixture: U13A vs Reddam House Waterfall (home) U13B vs Reddam House Waterfall (away)  Valentines Day Fundraising Civvies 
Thur 15 February	Day 6	Cricket Fixture: U9A vs Reddam House Waterfall (home) U9B vs Reddam House Waterfall (away)  Senior Boys Tennis vs De La Salle (home) 
Fri 16 February	Day 1	Swimming Gala at Reddam Helderfontein 
2024 Term 1: Week 06 of 10		
Mon 19 February	Day 2 	Assembly IS Phase Cricket Fixture: U10A vs Bryandale (home) U10B vs Bryandale (away) Mini Cricket vs Wendywood (away) 
Tues 20 February	Day 3	Cricket Fixture: U11A vs Dainfern (home) Chess Match away at Grayston Prep  
Wed 21 February	Day 4 	Reading Period Cricket Fixture: U13A vs Curro Midrand (away) U13B vs Curro Midrand (home) 
Thurs 22 February	Day 5	Cricket Fixture: U9A vs Montrose (away) U9B vs Montrose (home)  Senior Boys Tennis vs Cliffview (away) 
Fri 23 February	Day 6	Swimming Gala at Bryneven 

## Anti-Bullying campaign

With the rise of Bullying in schools around the world, we have recently launched our **“Too Bright To Bully”**, campaign. This is an ongoing campaign for the year with talks and activities planned to bring the awareness around bullying to the fore. We ask parents to please make your children aware of Cyber bullying and make them aware of their responsibilities when using electronic devices.



**Cyber bullying:** The use of information communications technology (particularly cell phones and the Internet) to deliberately upset someone else.

Using the internet and technology should be a positive experience for young people, and for most of them it is. Unfortunately, young people can use technology in negative ways. When a young person is bullied or harassed via the Internet or cell phones by their peers, the Internet is no longer a safe or enjoyable place for them and instead

becomes a source of anxiety and fear. In various research studies conducted around the world, as many as one-third of young people surveyed have experienced cyber bullying.

Young people can be participants as much as they can be victims of cyber bullying, and there are risks to anyone who engages in such behaviour. Harassing or bullying anyone online can even be considered a criminal offence. It is the responsibility of parents to monitor and manage their children's use of technology at home.



### How is technology used to bully?

There are positive and negative uses of technology.

Below is a list of ways that technology can be used for either purpose:

	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Cellphones</b>	Keeping in touch by voice or text, taking and sending pictures and film. Useful in emergency situations and for allowing children a greater sense of independence.	Sending nasty calls or text messages, including threats, intimidation, harassment. Taking and sharing humiliating images. Filming others being harassed and sending them to other phones or Internet sites.
<b>Instant Messenger</b>	Text or voice chatting live with friends online. A quick and effective way of keeping in touch even while working on other things on the computer.	Sending nasty messages or content. Using someone else's account to forward rude or mean messages via their contacts list.
<b>Email</b>	Sending electronic letters, pictures, and other files quickly and cheaply anywhere in the world.	Sending nasty or threatening messages. Forwarding unsuitable content including images and video clips or sending computer viruses.
<b>Social network Sites (e.g. Facebook)</b>	Socialising with your friends and making new ones within online communities. Allowing young people to be creative online. Personalising profiles and homepages, creating and uploading content.	Posting nasty comments, humiliating images or videos. Accessing another person's account details and sending unpleasant messages, deleting information or making private information public. Groups of people picking on individuals by excluding them. Creating fake profiles to pretend to be someone else and get the person into trouble.

## ANTI-BULLYING PLEDGE



- I agree to step up and take a stand against bullying.
- I agree to use my mouth, mind, body and technology for good and not as a tool to hurt or harm others.
- I agree to support others who are targets of bullying.
- I agree to treat others as I would like to be treated.
- I agree to respect others as I would like to be respected.
- I agree to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.
- I can help change things.
- I can be a leader.
- There are no bullies allowed in our school.
- I will have the courage not to be a bystander.
- It is my responsibility to help those being bullied and report those who are bullies.

This is our school, and we won't stand by!

WE WILL STAND UP!

THIS IS A

BULLY  
FREE  
ZONE

WALK WITH CONFIDENCE



## Elevate Education: Parent Support Series- Second Webinar

We would like to remind our parents and guardians about the upcoming parent webinar that offers valuable insights into how you can best support your child's/ ward's learning journey, and foster a positive academic environment at home. This will take place on Wednesday, 14 February at 18:00. We encourage our parents to register for this, using the link below.

[https://go.elevateeducation.com/l/891981/2023-12-20/qgfgx/891981/1703129233lCS1ZEFw/Webinar Newsletter SA Term 1 2024 ZA.pdf](https://go.elevateeducation.com/l/891981/2023-12-20/qgfgx/891981/1703129233lCS1ZEFw/Webinar%20Newsletter%20SA%20Term%201%202024%20ZA.pdf)



### SGB Elections 2024

Notice of the SGB Elections was given on Thursday, 8 February 2024. Please save the date for The Bryneven SGB Election on Wednesday, 6 March 2024.

#### **SO YOU WANNA BE A GOVERNOR?**

*You have ambitions of serving on the governing body of your child's school, do you? Well, congratulations – you'll be in good company! School governors form the biggest group of*

*volunteers in the country, and also make up the largest number of elected members serving in any one sphere of governance that there is. With about 275,000 members in all, governing bodies absolutely dwarf parliament (400 members), the Provincial Councils (430 members), and even municipalities (4 277 elected councillors). Governing body members serve as the third tier (local level) of governance in the field of education. In this way, the governing body can be viewed as schooling's equivalent of the City Council and the Governing Body Chair as a sort of mini mayor. Getting involved thus brings with it wonderful opportunities, but also awesome responsibilities.*



Part of the biggest group of volunteers in the country ...

### WHAT IS SCHOOL GOVERNANCE?

School governance is about creating, implementing, supervising and evaluating policies and rules, which guide and govern the actions of the school and its members. In other words, school governance is concerned with the creation of policies for the school and making sure that the school is run according to the set policies. School governance is also about raising money for the school. Parents or caregivers must form a majority of members of a school governing body because according to the South African Schools Act they are the ones who have the primary responsibility for ensuring that the school is run well.

**What is the difference between school governance and school management?** School management is about the day to day running of the school. In other words, school management is about the organisation of the teaching and learning in a school and related activities (e.g. managing staff, detailed planning of the curriculum, assessing learners and educators). The principal together with the School Management Team (SMT) is responsible for school management.

While school governance and school management are not the same, it is important to understand that some of the responsibilities of school governance overlap with those of school management.

School governors and school managers are equally responsible for protecting the rights of all learners to education, for maintaining discipline and for financial management.

It is therefore important that school governors and school managers work together and respect each other's areas of responsibility. This will not only make their work easier, but it will also reduce conflict between the school governors and the school managers and will benefit the school.

**WHAT IS A SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY?** A school governing body is a government of the school, established in terms of the South African Schools Act. It is mandated to set policies and rules that govern the school, and to monitor the implementation of the rules. The SGB gets its mandate from the different members (learners, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff) of the school community. These members of the school community elect the SGB. The elected members of the school governing body represent the school community. Once it is put in place, the SGB acts on behalf of the school because the school is a juristic person. This means that the school can enter into a

legal contract and the school governing body acts on its behalf. The school governing body can therefore sue or be sued. The SGB exists independently of its members, which means that even if all members resign, the school governing body may be held responsible for all the legal contracts entered into on behalf of the school. (Taken from Education Rights Project)

### Montrose Night Series

On Friday, 2 February 2024, Montrose kicked off their annual Night Series for the Under 13 Cricket and Netball Teams. After the opening ceremony play began for the Netball team with the Cricket team starting their very first match for this Series last Friday. Unfortunately, rain stopped play with the remainder of the fixtures for that round to be completed in the course of this week. The Netball team has played a few matches, already winning 3 and losing 2. We wish both teams and their coaches all the very best for the rest of the Series.



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