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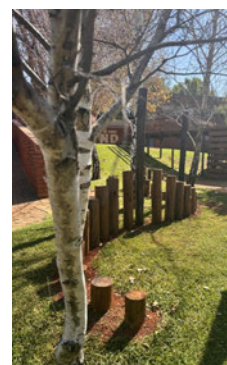
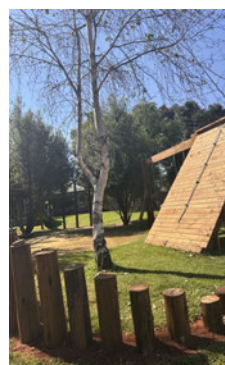
Dear parents

Welcome back to the second term

We warmly welcome new pupils and families to the school this week and trust that you will get involved and enjoy all that Bellavista School has to offer.

We also welcome some newlyweds back to school. Congratulations to Mrs Tayla du Plessis (neé Smith) and Mrs Samantha Levings (neé Jacquet) on their respective marriages to Alex and Matthew. We wish you all the Bellavista love in the world for your lives together. Shortly, two of our Occupational Therapists, Mrs Tamara Victor and Mrs Romy Saunders, will take maternity leave. We are thrilled to welcome Mrs Ashley Raubenheimer and Ms Shakira Mohamed to support their caseloads. Ashley and Shakira come with training and experience in the methodologies we prefer at Bellavista School and we look forward to their involvement. We welcome Ms Lauren Davis back from maternity leave this week. In each instance we wish good health and much happiness to each of them as their families grow.

Waiting to welcome the children back is a wonderful surprise - an update to the main lawn play area to include more and different activities for recreation time. Hidey holes to crawl in, bridges to cross, benches to enjoy lunch and climbing galore. The upgrade is thanks to YOU, the parents. The installation was provided for by proceeds of the 2022 Bellavista Bash - the fun is paying itself forward. To the Bellavista Parents Association and the Bash organising committee, thank you!



Staff news

We return to school this term after a sad time mourning the loss of Mrs Trish Scott who passed away following a brief but severe illness on 10 April 2023. Thank you to all the parents who wrote in response to the notice sent out. Trish's gentle manner and kind heart touched the lives of us all; children, staff and parents who got to know her. She is testament to the idea that we leave footprints in people's life that are indelible. For her, while only working at Bellavista School for under a year, each step was gentle and sincere.



Dates to diarise for your development as parents

There are a few wonderful opportunities in terms of your education and your beliefs about your child's potential as parents up ahead, i.e.:

- The very popular *Coffee and Cognition* workshops commence 9 May - you will receive separate notices to confirm your attendance.
- A workshop for parents who have children struggling with Mathematics - on 14th July at Bellavista School, presented by leading expert Judy Hornigold from the UK. You can click on the image to indicate your interest [here](#).

The latter forms part of an exciting conference hosted by Bellavista School on 12th and 13th July. You may or may not know that Bellavista S.H.A.R.E., a division of Bellavista School in Johannesburg, runs an annual conference that draws together thought leaders from across the world to explore key matters of quality and inclusive education. Our themes over the years have included Mathematics and dyscalculia, dyslexia, inclusion, trauma and child development.

This year, we take a deep dive into Mathematics and also dyscalculia and mathematical difficulties. Our keynote speakers are top drawer, authors and leaders in their field. Their work over their lifetimes informs our work at school directly. We have assembled them to deepen our knowledge but also to share their insights with you if you care to join us.

International Conference

Maths Matters

an evidence-based approach



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R3,800.00	CONFERENCE DAY ONE Wednesday 12 July 2023 12h00 – 17h00 17h00 – 19h00	The Building Blocks of the Mathematical Brain Memory and Mathematics The Concept and Causes of Dyscalculia Cocktails, Canapés and Connect
R450.00	CONFERENCE DAY TWO Thursday 13 July 2023 08h30 – 16h30	Mathematical Mindsets & Maths Anxiety Co-occurring Difficulties Mathematics Language and Word Problems Mathematics in the South African Context Screening for Dyscalculia and Mathematics Difficulties Planning & Intervention, including Singapore Maths
	PARENT WORKSHOP Friday 14 July 2023 08h00 – 09h30	Understanding how best to support your child struggling with Mathematics

The Maths Matters Conference offers presentations from both local and international experts including Professor Daniel Ansari (Canada) and Judy Hornigold (UK), pioneers in the field of Mathematics research and education.
A separate parent workshop, facilitated by Judy Hornigold, will equip parents to support their school going child who may be struggling with Mathematics.



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Grade Six and Seven examinations

If you are a parent in Grade Six or Seven, please do take note of the exam week falling 10-14 July 2023. Examinations are standardised and can only be taken in the programmed schedule. Please ensure that you do not make any travel arrangements for your child over the period.

Uniform essentials

May is a transition from winter to summer uniform.

- From Monday 22 May, all the children should be in winter uniform.
- Through the transition, they can wear either dress code, but not mingle the two seasonal wear; i.e. full summer or full winter uniform. Mondays and Fridays are formal wear for all; Wednesdays are formal wear for Grades 4-7; and Tuesday through Thursday are sports attire.
- Please note that netball and soccer have specific uniform requirements.
- Every child will need a house shirt this term for all the inter house events.
- This is the time of year to ensure that every uniform item is clearly marked with your child's name and surname. They peel layers off throughout the day.
- Dress code guidelines are available [here](#).
- Romy Ancer at the Uniform Shop can be reached on 0824654461.
- For seconds, you can call Julie-Anne McIntock on 0837776677.
- Shoes and socks must be uniform please: black **school shoes with the formal wear** and **white/black takkies for the sports** outfit.
- **Hair should be neat** and out of the face. No hair colour will be allowable. Hair should be tied up with a green/black band or BV tartan scrunchy. Only watches are acceptable as accessories- no earrings, bracelets etc.

Sports

The co-curricular programme resumes and is compulsory for all Grade 3-7 participants, from this Thursday, 4 May 2023.

Our first soccer match of the season is today, Wednesday 3 May 2023 against Knights Prep. If your child was selected to play, the details will have been sent to you per letter in March. If you have any queries, please email:

Ashley.Button@bellavista.org.za (coach) or Anien.Evans@bellavista.org.za (HOD)

The term is going to be long, and with the power situation, likely a little gruelling. May our precious community only experience health and strength to face the inevitable challenges in the months ahead.

Enjoy the week!

Alison Scott
Executive Principal