

From the Desk of the Executive Head...

29-7-2021

Good day to the PEPPS community

Psalm 23 reminds us, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

Despite great adversity in our country and the knowledge that many of our families have struggled with illness and grief, we do remain blessed with God's Grace at PEPPS.

We are so fortunate that we have the means and the technological know-how to continue with an excellent education.

I have no doubt that as this year unfolds we can rest in the truth that The Lord will make us all lie in green pastures and lead us beside still waters so that our souls may be restored.

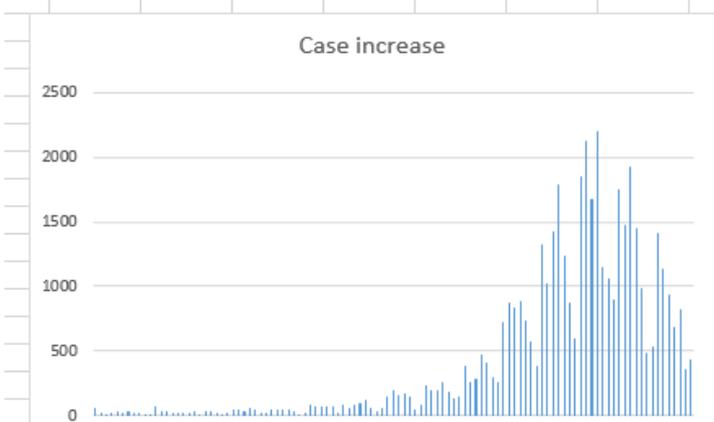
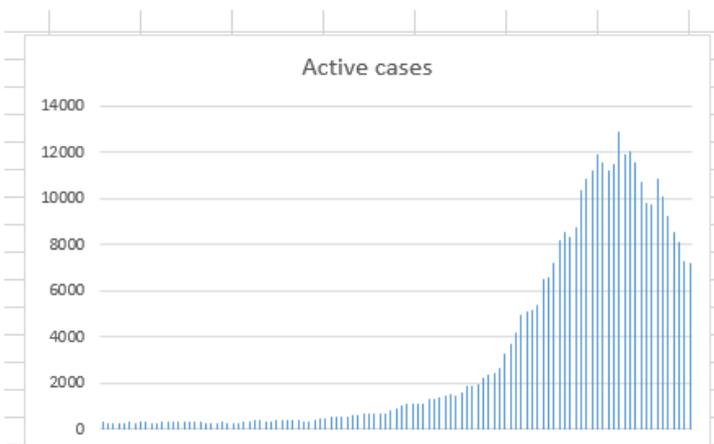
This is my prayer for us all. We also pray for those who are struggling because they are infected or affected by Covid. We are indeed being tested by this pandemic and we can only pray for God's strength and comfort during challenging times.

Amen

**The Lord is
my Shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures.
He leads me
beside still waters.
He restores my soul.**

-Psalm 23:1-3

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PEPPS did extend online learning one week beyond other schools returning to campus. Although the numbers were on the decline in Limpopo, we were keen to see them more clearly lowered before bringing all of our pupils back. We do care about the countrywide statistics, but I specifically keep a record of **the Covid numbers in Limpopo**. The current trend is clearly downwards so it is encouraging and **allows us to return to face-to-face teaching**.

Our experience last year taught us that to try and be both an online and on-campus school simultaneously stretches teachers to the point of breakdown and does not deliver optimum education in either space. It is for this reason that we are trying to be more defined this year. We have been online since the start of term and **we shall be back on-campus from Monday 2-8-2021**.

On-campus education will be supplemented with the **sharing of resources on myHomework** so that pupils are in a position to stay up to date if they are obligated to stay at home due to illness or

isolation. Online lessons will *not* be provided, only online resources. The responsibility for catching up on work missed on campus is the pupils'. Teachers may be emailed to assist.

When we return to campus, PEPPS will ensure that **all Covid protocols are maintained**. Pupils will be screened, sanitising will continue between lessons and masks will remain mandatory. We also do our best to keep pupils at least 1,5 m apart. **Please speak to your children about taking responsibility for staying an appropriate distance away from their peers and keeping their masks over their mouths and noses**. It is frustrating for staff to have to continually remind pupils to do what is appropriate to keep themselves and their families safe.

We beg you not to send pupils who are unwell to school. We also humbly ask that if anyone in your home is not well or is going for a Covid test that pupils are not sent to school. One direct contact in a grade jeopardises the on-campus education for an entire grade for a week. Let us all keep children at home if there is any thought of Covid in or near our homes. We thank you for this consideration.

Non-contact physical activity will resume when we return to campus on 2-8-2021. We would like education to be as conventional as we are used to.



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All applications are done online.

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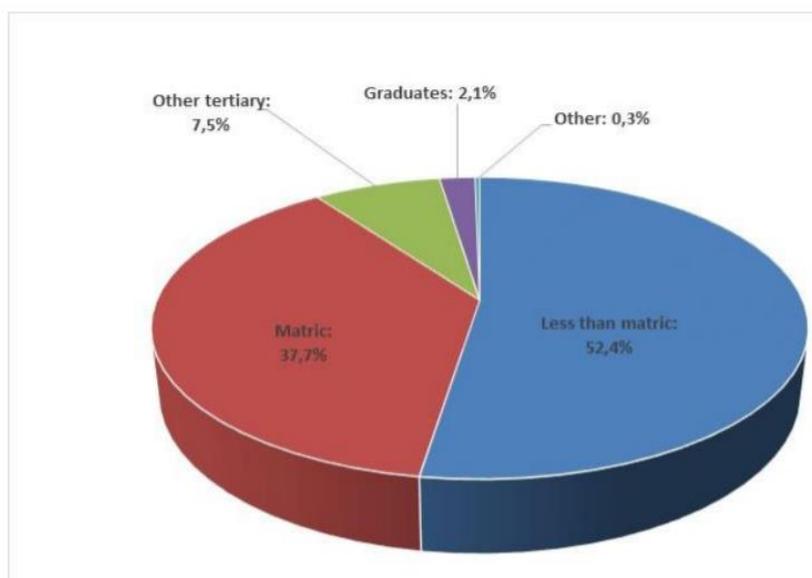
Limited 2021
spaces still available.

All Grade R-11 applications submitted by 30 July 2021 will qualify for the main 2022 entrance screening in August 2021.

ECD (Stage 3, 4 & 5) admission is on a first come, first served basis subject to our Admission Policy.

Please note the 30-7-2021 deadline on 2022 Applications that qualify for our main entrance screening process.

Figure 13: Proportion of the unemployed by education level, Q1: 2021



This week I was doing some research for a course that I am studying and I was looking at the unemployment figures in South Africa for the first quarter of this year. The pie chart alongside comes off the StatsSA website and graphically reminds us how important it is for us to invest in our children's education.

Although there are some tertiary qualified people who are unemployed, statistically, **increased education significantly improves one's chances of being employed.** When over half of unemployed South Africans do not have matric and another nearly 40% only have matric, it does speak to the merits of tertiary study. This is the reason that **PEPPS remains focused on providing a standard of education that sets pupils up to get a Bachelor Degree Pass** so that as many tertiary educational doors remain open to each pupil as possible.

PEPPS does habitually achieve a matric pass rate of 100% (National is 76%) and a BD Pass rate of around 85% (National 29%). This is a statistic that we are proud of, but at the same time, we are continually aiming to ensure that a higher percentage of PEPPS pupils matriculate with a BD Pass. Although only our Polokwane campus currently offers matric, our College is predominantly fed from the Polokwane Prep School. All of our schools are held accountable to the same high standards, so **we are confident that all PEPPS pupils are set up for success by the education that they receive in our ECD Schools, our Prep Schools and our College.**

Thank you to each of our families for entrusting your child's education to PEPPS. We take the responsibility of 'Creating Tomorrow's Leaders' very seriously and purposefully work towards fulfilling that goal.



Yours in healthy and safe education

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PEPPS Executive Head