

2021 – YEAR END LETTER

Dear PEPPS Parents/Guardians,

Another busy year has come to an end here at PEPPS Mokopane Preparatory School. We are thankful for the countless blessings we have received throughout the year as well as the opportunities from which we were able to learn!

ACADEMIC:

As always – it remains our first and foremost priority and this year we survived a more “normal” year and we are thankful that we were able to be on campus. Hopefully in 2022 all pupils will be back at school every day. Our pupils' progress is continuously monitored. Where we see the need for extra attention or other help necessary recommendations are made and steps taken to improve the situation. We strongly believe that it is in the pupil's best interest to complete the entire phase (Stage 4/5 – Gr 7) at our school – it ensures continuity and stability. Every year pupils are taken out just to be brought back at a later stage – being at a disadvantage since they are behind in many aspects, especially so with Mathematics and English. Of course, we realise that circumstances play a definite role, but we urge you to consider your options with great care before taking any compulsive steps. Our best advice to you would be to KNOW what is going on in your child's life – be it socially, emotionally, academically. Be attentive and be positively involved!

MERIT AWARDS

The annual merit awards took place on 30 November 2021 at the school hall. Once again – a very successful event! We would like to thank you as parents/guardians for supporting your child/children. To the pupils who received merit awards – thank you for your hard work and perseverance. In the end it always pays to work hard and reap the benefits. To those who might not have received an award – don't be put off, use it as a stepping stone to improve and challenge yourself to do even better. If you can dream it – you can achieve it and all flowers bloom at their own time!

Please follow this link for a slideshow:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ubmdGUUXfn8AKIWaknDeeh9ERPxDwGwE/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109863514456204396553&rtfpof=true&sd=true>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We are always humbled to see our stable growth with every passing year – we are grateful! To name only a few of PEPPS' accomplishments during 2020.

- We are proud of our new gardens.
- The school's security and alarm system were upgraded.
- We upgraded our Wifi to be able to use the projectors in class.
- The building of our Grade 8 classrooms and bathrooms.
- The whole premises is being upgraded.
- The upgrading of our sportfield.

ACADEMIC/CULTURAL/SOCIAL/CO-CURRICULAR:

- All PEPPS Mokopane's pupils are monitored and evaluated continuously throughout the year. We maintain a high standard and we reward our pupils for their hard work and achievements at the annual Merit Awards. Our teachers work very hard and put in a lot of effort.
- Internal Math Olympiad and bootcamp
- Entrepreneurs Day (Grade 7)
- Grade 7 Farewell Picnic – Tibani Lodge
- Colourfun Day
- Worship Wednesdays
- Axiology and Philosophy
- Genius Hour implemented with great success
- Bosveld Kunsfees

STAFF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:

Various of our teachers are busy with studies/post graduate studies to enhance their existing skills:

- Miss Ursela Venter – B.Ed: Foundation Phase (Current)
- Mrs Marélie Engelbrecht – B.Ed: Foundation Phase (Complete)
- Ms Eunice Simata – FET (Current)
- Miss Mirieck Griessel – B.Ed: Foundation Phase (Complete)
- Miss McKayla Bodenstien – B.Ed: Foundation Phase (Current)
- Mrs Marluné Erasmus - B.Ed: Foundation Phase (Current)

CIRCULAR LETTERS

Circular letters and school fee statements are handed out to every pupil and e-mailed at least once every month. We urge you to please ask your children and check their suitcases regularly as they often lose it or totally forget about it!

SCHOOL REPORTS

Progress reports have been e-mailed out on 01 December 2021 for ECD and Foundation Phase and e-mailed out on 03 December 2021 for Intersen Phase, to pupils whose school fees are paid in full for 2021. Regrettably, failure to pay your child's school fees up to date will result in your child not being allowed back at PEPPS Mokopane Preparatory School in 2022, subsequently losing his/her space in this school.

SCHOOL FEES

The PEPPS Trust agreed on the new fees for 2022. School fees are payable for 11 months (January – November). Please refer to the school fee structure that was e-mailed to you. Please enquire if you are uncertain.

SCHOOL RE-OPEN

Please take note of the following very important information that will affect the school in 2022. PEPPS Mokopane Preparatory School opens again on Wednesday, 12 January 2022.

1. With effect from 12 January 2022 PEPPS Mokopane Preparatory School will officially start at 07:00am every morning, Monday – Friday. Pupils are required to be at school by 06:50am.
2. Our usual test period will take place every Thursday morning as usual.
3. An organised sports programme will be on Mondays & Wednesdays from 13:45pm – 15:00pm. All pupils will participate in first term athletics & culture activities.
4. School hours from 12 January 2022 will be as follow:

* Mondays & Wednesdays:	07:00am – 15:00pm
* Tuesdays & Thursdays:	07:00am – 13:40pm
* Fridays:	07:00am – 12:30pm

College hours:

* Monday – Thursday:	07:00am – 15:00pm
* Friday:	07:00am – 12:30pm

GENERAL

Please note: PEPPS Mokopane is a cash free premises. All payments can be done at the bank or via EFT. Our banking details are:

NEDBANK

ACC: 1411 406 958

Branch: 141 148

Ref: Pupil's name & surname + Grade

IMPORTANT

No visitor can disturb any teacher during class times. Please note: Should you need to see a teacher, please make an appointment. All visitors are to report to reception directly. No visitors to classes!! For information, always keep a look out on Facebook and watch out for sms messages from the school. We send out important information.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

One of our priorities is the development of sport in the school. The Grade 4 - 7's will start with PBL in 2022.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All school uniform can be bought at Bank Store Mokopane and Stands. Please take note that sports uniform will be compulsory on Mondays and Wednesdays, with tekkies. Sports uniform is the new school uniform – red school t-shirt and navy shorts. Make sure your child is neat and dressed according to the dress code of the school. College uniform is also available at Bank Store. Please note that Grade 8 pupils may still wear their Prep school uniform as the new uniform will be phased in. This will help parents a bit financially.

STAFF LEAVING

We are saying goodbye to Ms Dipuo Selman, who will be teaching in Gauteng in 2022. We are wishing her all the best.

From the PEPPS Mokopane staff we would like to thank you for your input during this year and for caring! We wish you safe holidays and a Merry Christmas. May 2021 be a safe, healthy and happy year to you all.

As a last thought: Jeremiah 29:11 – "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans for welfare and not evil, to give you a future and hope." Children are our future!!

Kind regards,

S. C. King

Mrs Sharon King
Headmistress