

## Welcome to 2023

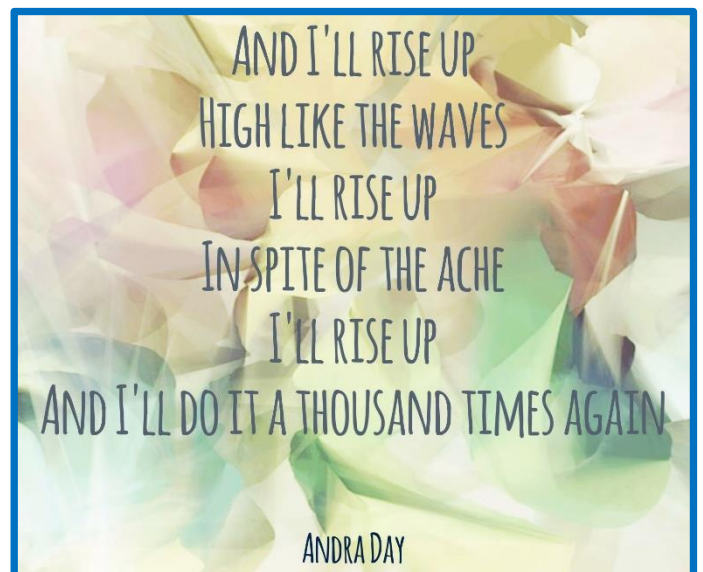


Welcome back to PEPPS Prep. As always I believe that what we do at PEPPS is special and that those who are part of our family are here to be blessed. I anticipate an exciting year ahead. For those brand new to PEPPS, I welcome you wholeheartedly and trust that you will soon find yourselves enveloped into the fold. We look forward to getting to know you and ask that you feel free to contact your Grade Head (details below) should you have any settling-in questions. We believe that your child will quickly make friends and discover his/her place to SHINE.

I would like to welcome our new teachers to the school. I wish both of them a prosperous stay at PEPPS.

Our theme for the year is **“Rise Up”**.

Rise up requires choice despite feelings and action despite circumstance. It speaks to overcoming adversity through faith and courage. Refer to the words of the pop song by Andra Day below. As children of God we have grace and mercy to Rise Up repeatedly so that we can reflect God's glory.



Left: Shaaziya Vazeer (Gr 4 English) and Right: Simone Enslin (Gr 1 class teacher).

This year I challenge you to aim high and to set yourself and your child clearly defined expectations. Then remember the promise of God.

A PEPPS education inspires **CURIOSITY** & demands **RIGOR!**

We are **CHILD CENTRED** and committed to **EXCELLENCE!**

# School Logistics & Reminders

**School times:** Pupils must gather for *line up* at 07h25 for announcements. School comes out at 13h30 (Monday to Thursday) and 12h30 (Fridays). Our Extra-curricular programme is offered from Monday to Thursday from 14h00-15h30. The Foundation Phase has its extra-curricular activities integrated into the school day (12h40-13h30). Loitering is **UNSAFE** and is **NOT** tolerated. If a child is on campus after school, they are expected to participate in the rich programme OR sit in a homework venue until they are collected. Every child is compelled to participate in at least **ONE** extra curricular activity per term. Staff are only on duty from **06h45–16h00** daily.

**Uniform** (including hair, nails and jewellery) checks will be implemented from Monday 16 January. The uniform expectations are clearly outlined on the website ([www.pepps.co.za](http://www.pepps.co.za)) for a detailed outline of acceptable physical presentation. Penalties will be issued from Monday, 16 January onwards.

**House Names** have changed: Your child will now belong to either Acacia (white & black), Baobab (blue) or Marula (red). New house names align better with our context and we will spend the next few weeks building house identities and school spirit under new banners.

PEPPS uses **digital platforms to communicate** with parents. Please ensure that you do the following as soon as possible.

1. We are moving away from myHomework and will communicate via **Google Classroom** from 2023. Please expect an email that will provide you with your child's PEPPS email address (Grade 1-7)

and password. This will be used to access the respective Google Classrooms (per subject). Further details of "how to" will be included in the email. As a parent, please keep track of the *PEPPS Prep General Communication* classroom on the App.

2. Sign up with **ADAM** (<https://pepps-polokwane.adam.co.za/>) for a running report of your child's academic progress.



3. Every Grade 4-7 pupil will be given a login and password for **Matific**

(<https://www.matific.com/za/en-za/home/>) Your child can expect weekly assignments on Matific which can be found on Google Classroom.

Deadlines will be adhered to and marks will stand on ADAM. We urge parents to support this programme from home.

We welcome your child to school for their first day back on **Wednesday, 11 January 2023**.

## Grade Heads / Coordinators

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Yours in partnership towards an excellent education!!

Kind regards



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