



BLAIRGOWRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Cup of Endeavour



Simphiwe Ngubeni

As we approach the final weeks before the upcoming **controlled tests and exams**, our teachers are dedicated to giving their absolute best in the classroom to ensure every learner is fully prepared to perform at their highest potential.

We kindly ask for your partnership at home during this critical window. Please work with your child to establish a structured home study routine, ensuring dedicated, distraction free time for revision and consolidation.

Additionally, I wish to make a strong appeal regarding attendance following the assessment period. Term 4 is relatively short, and while the bulk of the academic curriculum will be covered prior to exams, teaching and learning do not stop when assessments conclude. Our educators will be using the remaining days to teach key foundational concepts that are essential for your child's transition into the next grade.

Continued daily attendance is imperative through to the very end of the term. Absenteeism disrupts learning continuity and places learners at a disadvantage for the year ahead. We appreciate your steadfast support in ensuring your child arrives at school every day, ready to learn.

Events of the Week

- 21 October
– Civvies Day
- 23 October
– Job Applications Close

MOTIVATION MONDAY

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." – **Maya Angelou**

Principals Corner



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Class Honours Mention

- 1C Lefatse Makgamathe
- 1K Plamedie Kisenga
- 1M Evelyn Jones
- 1R Pakoentle Mahlatji
- 2B Emmanuel Onyigbuo
- 2F Bella Pascal
- 2J Tsholo Pabel
- 2L Sibahle Makgoba
- 3J Megan Hopley
- 3M Noah Purcell
- 3O Precious Zulu
- 3S Prathvi Kala



Be True Leaders

- 1C Awande Mannya
- 1K Siyanda Matsheni
- 1M Andrea Mbugua
- 1R Lethukukhanya Matabane
- 2B Aaliyah Nel
- 2F Hannah Chinyowa
- 2J Adam-Lee Jordaan
- 2L Miah Pieters
- 3J Ketav Bhanjan
- 3M Liya Bheamadu
- 3O Lisakhanya Mazibuko
- 3S Madison Lewis



100% ATTENDANCE GRADES 3J & 3S



Warm Hearts, Warm Hands: Our Term of Giving!

At BPS, we are incredibly proud of our **Foundation Phase learners** for embodying our school's values of compassion and community. They recently demonstrated this by raising **R370.05** for charity, with **Grade 1R** leading the way.

Their selfless efforts and giving spirit are truly inspiring. We are in awe of their generosity and the positive impact they are making on the world. Bravo, Foundation Phase!



House Spirit Ignites: Atholl House Claims Victory



First Place Atholl	130 Points
Second Place Dundee	129 Points
Third Place Murray	119 Points

The house points competition is heating up, and last week, Atholl absolutely soared to victory! Their amazing acts of service and kindness shone brightly throughout the school, propelling them to the top of the leaderboard. Go Atholl!!!!



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BPS Goes to Comic Con

During the recent school holidays, a group of our creative and enthusiastic learners had the incredible opportunity to attend Comic Con Africa alongside Mr.Knoppersen.

It was an actionpacked experience from start to finish. Highlights of the outing included getting to see gaming come to life in real time and even stepping up to participate in the interactive gaming action themselves. From exploring pop culture art to seeing fan favourite characters, our learners thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the excitement.

A big thank you to Mr.Knoppersen for accompanying our learners and facilitating such an inspiring, fun filled holiday memory!



Prioritising Safety & Emergency Readiness



At BPS, the health, well-being, and safety of our learners remain our absolute highest priority. To ensure our school community continues to be a secure and nurturing environment, several members of our staff participated in specialized, accredited training sessions last week, including comprehensive First Aid.

This professional development equips our team with up to date emergency response skills, practical life saving techniques, and the confidence to handle a medical situation that may arise during the school day, at sports practices, or on educational outings.

We firmly believe that creating a safe learning environment requires continuous growth and active preparation. Whenever an opportunity arises to enhance our safety protocols and upskill our staff, we will always take it, because protecting our learners is at the heart of everything we do.



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Inter-Schools Quiz Success

We are delighted to share the remarkable achievements of our academic quiz teams at the recent 2026 Inter-Schools Quiz Competition, hosted by Birch Acres Primary School. Competing among ten participating schools, our representatives demonstrated exceptional intellect, teamwork, and composure.

We extend our warmest congratulations to both teams on their commendable placements:

Junior Team: Overall Competition Winners (1st Place)

Senior Team: 4th Place Overall

We proudly recognize the following learners who represented Blairgowrie Primary School with distinction and academic excellence:

Grade 4: Keziah Davidson & David Adam

Grade 5: Yololoyolo Mafunda & Enoch Kabeya

Grade 6: Zaybah Mahomed & Micah Kara

Grade 7: Skylar Koekemoer & Aurelia Davidson

Our sincere gratitude goes to Birch Acres Primary School for organizing this prestigious event, as well as to our educators and parents for their steadfast guidance and support. We applaud our learners for upholding the high academic standards of our school.





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Honouring Leadership: Celebrating Boss's Day

Last week, we came together to celebrate Boss's Day and extend our heartfelt appreciation to our Principal, Mrs Vartharajaloo.

Mrs V's steadfast dedication, vision, and compassionate leadership continue to make a profound and positive impact across our entire school community. On behalf of the staff, learners, and parents, we wish to formally wish Mrs Vartharajaloo a very happy Boss's Day!

Thank you for your tireless hard work, guidance, and support. We are immensely grateful for the inspiring leader you are to us all.



Exciting Transitions in the Foundation Phase



As we move through Term 4, our school is focused on ensuring smooth and confident transitions for all our learners as they prepare for the next step in their academic journey, particularly in the Foundation Phase.

Each grade gets to spend time exploring the next grade to experience the environment and build excitement for the year ahead.

We kicked off the transition by welcoming our Grade R learners to their very first Friday school assembly. Our youngest learners conducted themselves with incredible discipline, focus, and exemplary behavior throughout the gathering.

Well done to our Grade R learners for taking this big step with such grace and pride.



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Partner Spotlight: Junior Sport at Pirates Club

Did you know that Pirates Club offers some incredible sporting programmes for our learners? Thanks to the wonderful partnership between BPS and Pirates, your children have access to top-tier coaching and facilities right on our doorstep.

Here is what is on offer for your learners:

Cricket

The Junior Cricket section offers fantastic coaching, exciting matches, and a whole lot of fun for both boys and girls. While the current season has officially wrapped up, it is never too early to prepare for the next one.

Contact: Roger Burne

Email: admin@rbsportsacademy.co.za

Phone: 082 403 5294

Hockey

The Junior Hockey section has been thriving since the installation of the AstroTurf, with over 100 junior players taking to the field this season. Practices take place on the turf either during the week or on Saturdays, depending on the age group.

Special Benefit: Participation is FREE for all BPS learners

Contact: Helen

Email: juniorthockey.pirates@gmail.com

Rugby

The youth rugby programme continues to grow, and Pirates Club are particularly excited to see more girls getting involved in the sport. If your daughter would like to give rugby a try, Pirates offers an amazing, supportive environment featuring an all-female coaching staff and girls-only teams.

Practice Times: Wednesdays and Fridays (17:00 – 18:30)

Email: juniorryugby@piratesclub.co.za



Tennis

The club is incredibly fortunate to have the expert coaches from the Sue Rollinson Tennis Academy guiding the junior tennis section right on Pirates courts. They offer lessons for ages 4 and up, and yes even for adults looking to pick up a racket.

Contact: Sue

Email: susan-steyn@hotmail.com

Be sure to reach out to the contacts above to get your children involved in these fantastic sport opportunities!!!



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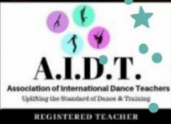
Only R890 per term

Classes to accommodate girls and boys, from **grades R to 7** on Friday afternoons at school.

Would you like your child to develop confidence, capability, coordination and creativity via the magical world of dance?

Book a space in one of our dance classes today on **082 888 1053**

Find out more about us at www.ataofd.co.za



We also teach tap, ballet and hip-hop dance offsite!



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LEARN TO SWIM & STROKE CORRECTION LESSONS FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL KIDS



Every child deserves the opportunity to learn this important life skill.

Small focused groups of 4 children per class,
based on age and current swimming skill level.

Goal is to ensure all children are 100% waterborne
& comfortable in the water before moving
onto strokecorrection from age 4+.

R900 per month (1 class per week)
R1350 per month (2 classes per week)

Contact Leigh's Swimming Academy

083 646 9724
teachers@lsacademy.co.za
www.leighsswimmingacademy.co.za



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