



ANNUAL REPORT : UT PROSIM 2011

Dear MC, GB and BPA members, colleagues, parents and learners! It's almost unbelievable to be standing here again to celebrate yet another great year for the school. And what a year it has been in many respects! One for cause to celebrate, one to be challenged, to mourn the loss of a beloved colleague, to share in the exciting projects currently being undertaken at Beaumont, to mention a few. There will always be challenges in education, but we as management at school and parent level have approached these challenges head-on and taken what we believe to be progressive action in the best interests, and benefit of Beaumont. Our core business is to provide a well-balanced educational programme for all our learners, so that when they enter high school, they will be adequately equipped to meet the many challenges that those institutions will present them. On the topic of education....

Robert Hutchins once said: The objective of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives. In today's times, this is an objective that requires dedicated work and commitment from all stakeholders!

While **Brian Tracy** said: If you raise your children to feel that they can accomplish any goal or task they decide upon, you will have succeeded as a parent or a teacher, and you will have given your children the greatest of all blessings.

Allow me now to briefly reflect on some of the many highlights and successes that the school has experienced under the following headings:

THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF OUR SCHOOL

The School's Governing Body (GB) under the efficient Chairmanship of Riaan Smit continues to prosper with unprecedented success! They are nearing the end of their term of office, and what has been achieved in during the past year again is simply remarkable to say the least. Everybody on the GB made meaningful contributions in terms of management, and special mention must be made of Koos Pieterse, our treasurer who will be leaving Beaumont at the end of this year as his son is in Grade 7. He was instrumental in ensuring excellent financial management of the school's finances and leaves the school in a very good financial situation. Wayne Hutchons is another member on the GB leaving us as the family is moving to Australia. Most of the decisions taken were well received and continue to add great value to our school. Their collective efforts with all role-players have resulted in the school making vast strides in improving systems and infrastructure in particular. We value their time, expertise and energy as they continue to serve the school voluntarily! Many additions / improvements were brought about / are in the process of being brought about this year, including:

- FLOODLIGHTS ON THE SPORTSFIELDS, courtesy of LOTTO!
- FENCING IN FRONT OF THE MAIN PAVILION
- FLOODLIGHTS ON TOP TENNIS COURT AREAS (existing ones relocated)
- POP-UP IRRIGATION SYSTEM ON ALL GRASSED AREAS (LOTTO funds)
- SEATING AND A PAVILION ROOF OVER ALL SEATED AREAS AT THE SWIMMING POOL (Partial LOTTO funding)
- FOUR 'BONUS' PREFAB CLASSROOMS
- SEVEN NEW CLASSROOMS CURRENTLY BEING BUILT COURTESY OF THE WCED
- THE RE-STRUCTURING OF THE SCHOOL'S ADMIN BLOCK TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL IN FUTURE, DUE TO GROWTH
- THE REPAIR OF A LEAKING SCHOOL ROOF
- 10 DATA PROJECTORS, SCREENS AND WHITEBOARDS IN CLASSROOMS
- THE BUILDING OF A NEW STOREROOM FOR GRADE R
- THE UPGRADING OF A NUMBER OF CURRENT COMPUTERS IN USE IN SCHOOL, TO MENTION SOME OF THE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

The GB is currently in the process of exploring the possibility of building an indoor activity centre over the bottom three tennis courts to meet the ever-growing needs of our school. While the school funds are not nearly enough to cover all costs, a phased-in approach will ensure that this dream will become a reality sooner than later. The leasing of land adjacent to Beaumont to cater for the growing sporting needs of our learners has also been a point of discussion this year, and may become a strong possibility in future.

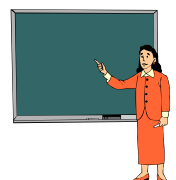
The School's Management Team also deserves a special mention for their outstanding collective efforts in ensuring the good management of all systems within the school from a professional point of view!

The **aftercare centre** continues to add valuable support to parents who both have to work. This year we had as many as 232 children in the aftercare, representing about 20% of all our learner numbers.

The school fee of R825 per month this year compared very favourably with other public schools and we can feel rightly proud of what we have been able to offer in return. Your contributions make it possible for us to manage the school effectively, in spite of tough economic times. Our school fee for next year (R905 per month) is still very reasonable as it also includes all excursions, computers and the provision for much needed improvements in general. The financial demands of running a school are increasing all the time, especially in the light of the Department's insufficient R13.75 per learner per month next year, leaving the parents with a huge responsibility in ensuring that their children's educational needs are met. We still have a good track record of school fee payment and we trust that this will continue next year.

2. PERSONEEL

Ons het die jaar met **2 nuwe opvoeders** begin en het ook van heelwat aflospersoneel deur die loop van die jaar gebruik gemaak. Sadelig, one of our beloved colleagues, Mrs Senatore, passed away in August



because of cancer. **Miss Ilse van Niekerk** will be leaving us at the end of the year after 3 years in the Foundation Phase. We want to thank her for her valuable contributions during this time and we wish her all the best for the future as she takes up a teaching position at Simond Private School near Paarl.

Numerous courses were attended by many academic, admin and remedial staff in an effort to stay abreast with the latest developments and demands in education. This trend will continue in the new year, where staff will be given the opportunity to attend specialized courses such as counseling, discipline, academic, computers, admin and leadership, so that their general management skills can be further extended for the benefit of all at Beaumont.

Mrs Saayman and Mrs Philander were also identified as two top educators to assist with the CAPS training of educators in the District during the past holidays. This curricular programme will be introduced in the Foundation Phase next year. Another compliment to the Beaumont staff!

Another quote from **Clay Bedford**: You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.

3. LEARNER ENROLMENTS

We started the year with three new growth posts in the Foundation Phase and we will extend this by a further two growth posts in the Intermediate Phase in 2012. This will extend our learner enrolment from 1084 in 2011 to an estimate 1170 learners in 2012. We expect the WCED to provide us with two additional growth posts in the process.

4. CURRICULUM MATTERS

Beaumont again excelled in the annual WCED systemic tests for Numeracy and Literacy. We were commended for our overall **excellence in both Numeracy and Literacy and came 1st in our District, and 5th overall in the entire Western Cape with its more than 1170 public schools!** It's also fantastic to see our children doing so well in the many high schools they attend, especially PVHS. The fact that PVHS will be represented by 4 ex-Beaumont learners as their Head Prefects for 2012 also bears testimony to this.

Our remedial department continues to render a valuable service to our school. Occupational and Speech Therapy are offered, Remedial lessons, Audiblox and DAT in Maths and Languages is available to all learners from Grade 1-7. All learners were exposed to Computers 4 Kids on a weekly basis for the 6th successive year. We also offer Maths enrichment to the senior learners and a curiosity club for the juniors.

Heelwat uitstappies is ook deur verskeie graadgroepe onderneem en wat nou aansluit by die kurrikulum, bv. SOS Kamp te Villiersdorp, Robben Eiland, Kasteel, Tafelberg, Butterfly World, Hout Bay and the Nature Reserve, to mention a few. Entrepreneurship days were also held each term, giving learners from Gr 4 – 7 the opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial skills.

5. SPORT

When one looks at our overall achievements on the sporting front, we can proudly say that we have had another very successful year. Some of the outstanding achievements are:

- Cindy Dorrington SA U/13 tennis player
- Aiden Masencamp SA U/13 surfing champion;
- Sharyn vd Walt SA Rhythmic dancing champion in her age group

Winners of:

- the Cricket sixes at Rhenish
- the girls U/12 & 13 regional netball league
- the Interschools boys hockey, girls netball and cross country
- the Helderberg Mountain Bike Challenge
- many provincial players representing a broad spectrum of sporting codes

The U/13 rugby, hockey and netball teams went on tour to Namibia, while our tennis team took part in the Sun City Schools tennis tournament for the 1st time, as well as the local Gerrie Berner tennis tournament in Paarl involving 32 top tennis teams throughout the country!

6. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Many learners took part in the Stellenbosch and Helderberg Eisteddfods in choral verse, poetry and prose, individual participation in singing, recorder, violin and piano, Art, Art Club, the Junior and Senior Choirs, and many CUM LAUDES and Golds were gained. The Senior Choir also gained a 1st place at the SASCE and undertook a choir tour to the Southern Cape, a first for our school. Truly a wonderful achievement by our learners and very talented staff who prepared all the learners so well!

The Princess Roselyne Operetta was a great success for all the learners in Gr R – 4 and we were amazed by their wonderful performances, given the fact that they only had a limited amount of time to prepare for it. We salute our parents, learners and teachers for a great team effort and I'm sure it will remain a highlight for many of them in the years to come.

Talking of achievements, **Walt Disney**, quite an 'artist' himself, said the following... Somehow I can't believe there are many heights that can't be scaled by a man who knows the secret of making dreams come true. This special secret can be summarized in four C's. They are: curiosity, confidence, courage, and constancy, and the greatest of these is confidence.

Other cultural activities worthy of a mention are chess matches and tournaments (an ever-increasing sport) that were played on a regular basis during the winter months, learners were afforded public-speaking opportunities against other schools, ballet lessons were offered for Foundation Phase children, Speech and Drama classes were very well attended by our learners, Hip Hop classes too, Art club on week days, to mention a few.

The adventure club has also been active this year, involving learners and parents and included day trips, camps at Apple Creek in Grabouw and also

Theewaterskloof, and a trip down the Orange River. It's wonderful for our parents to share in the life of the school in this way!

6. PARENT INVOLVEMENT

As stated earlier, our dedicated Governing Body again governed the school superbly. The interests of the school, its parents and learners always received their highest priority. They succeeded tremendously this year in addressing the many needs of the school, and continue to look at ways and new ideas to improve our great school. Our active BPA under the efficient leadership of Michelle Farrer also needs to be congratulated for their dedication and hard work this year, in spite of a pretty bad financial year for many people. Some of the major projects included the ever popular soap-box derby, a Golf Day, a Maths Flash, our 1st attempt to Ratanga Junction and a few others. Other parent-related activities included parent evenings; school-related activities, sport involvement and various cake sales. Parents also assisted the school in many other ways, eg. roneo and admin work, photocopying, **recycling**, library assistance and supporting the school through prayer group activities and the Choices programme. The liaison committee members also contributed to the overall success enjoyed by the school.

7. WORD OF THANKS

In closing I wish to express word of thanks to:

- All learners for their dedicated efforts this year, both intra- and extra-murally;
- The parents for their positive attitude towards, & continued support of our school;
- The BPA members for their outstanding efforts - also the liaison parents;
- All our sponsors for their ongoing support of, and involvement in the school;
- Die lede van die skool se BL vir hul onbaatsugtige diens en uitstekende bestuur van die skool se belange;
- Die personeel vir hul puik opvoedingswerk – en ook vir al die ekstra ure se werk wat op die sportveld, die kultuurakker en ander gebiede ingesit is.
- The secretaries and general assistants for their valuable contributions towards the success of the school;
- The entire aftercare team under the very efficient management of Keri Hartung;
- To Our Heavenly Father who continues to bless our school in so many ways!

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