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Geagte Ouer
Dear Parent

1. Welkom

Ek wil u graag hartlik welkom heet by Vaalpark Articon in 2019. Ons sien uit na 'n opwindende jaar vol hoogtepunte. 'n Spesiale woord van welkom aan ons nuwe Graad 8 groep! U word hartlik uitgenooi om aktief betrokke te raak by u kind se skoolloopbaan en –aktiwiteite. Ons maak staat op u ondersteuning.

Welcome

I want to extend a warm welcome to you from Vaalpark Articon in 2019. We look forward to an exciting year filled with highlights. A special word of welcome to our new Grade 8 group! You are invited to actively become involved in your child's school career and –activities. We are counting on your support.

2. Opwindende nuwe gebeure

Ons skop 2019 af op 'n hoë noot met opwindende nuwe gebeure in ons skool. Ons stel met trots die volgende aan u bekend:

New and exciting happenings:

We kick off 2019 on a high note with new and exciting events at our school. We proudly share with you the following:

- **Ons nuwe skoolhoof:**

Die skoolbeheerliggaam wil graag van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om Mnr. Etienne Engelbrecht geluk te wens met sy permanente aanstelling as skoolhoof van Vaalpark Articon. Die beheerliggaam asook die Departement van Onderwys het volle vertroue in Mnr. Engelbrecht en doen 'n beroep op u om hom in alle opsigte te ondersteun.



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Our new principal:

The school governing body would like to congratulate Mr. Etienne Engelbrecht on his permanent appointment as principal of Vaalpark Articon. The governing body as well as the Department of Education have great confidence in Mr. Engelbrecht and would like to appeal to you to fully support him.

- **D6-Kommunikeerder:**

Die D6-Skoolkommunikeerder is 'n elektroniese toepassing ("application" of "app") wat spesifiek ontwerp is om kommunikasie tussen die skool en ouers te vereenvoudig. Alle inligting wat ouers benodig, is op hierdie platform beskikbaar met die druk van 'n knoppie. Dit sluit omsendbriewe, nuus, skoolkalenders, huiswerk en nuttige hulpbronne in, asook 'n fotogallery en kontaklyste.

'n Volledige, stap-vir-stap gids is by hierdie omsendbrief aangeheg om u te help om die D6 te installeer op u rekenaar, tablet en selfoon. Dit word heeltemal gratis aan u gebied en ons wil u graag aanmoedig om dit so spoedig moontlik af te laai aangesien ons binnekort wil oorskakel na 'n papiervrye kommunikasiestelsel.

- **D6 Communicator:**

The D6 School Communicator is a stand-alone application designed to simplify school-parent communication. The D6 School Communicator includes all the information an engaged parent would need at the touch of a button, including news, calendar events, homework, useful resources, gallery and contact lists.

A detailed, step-by-step guide is attached to this letter to assist you in downloading and installing the app on your computer, tablet and mobile phone. This is offered completely free of charge and we encourage you to install it as soon as possible since we will be converting to a paperless communication system shortly.

- **Webtuiste:**

Ons is baie opgewonde om ons splinternuwe webtuiste aan u bekend te stel. Alle inligting, vorms, fooie en omsendbriewe sal daarop verskyn, asook skoolreëls, gebeure en ander nuus. Verder spog ons webblad met 'n pragtige fotogallery en breedvoerige inligting oor elk van ons kunsvakke.

Ons webtuiste gaan hand-aan-hand met die D6-kommunikeerder asook ons Facebookblad. Gaan besoek ons by www.vaalparkhigh.co.za. U sal aangenaam verras wees!



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Website:

We are excited to launch our brand new website. All information, forms, fees and circulars as well as school rules, events and other news will appear on our website. We furthermore boast a beautiful photo gallery as well as detailed information about each of our art subjects.

Our website goes hand-in-hand with the D6 communicator as well as our Facebook page. Visit us as www.vaalparkhigh.co.za. You will be pleasantly surprised!

- **Facebookblad:**

Ons het ook nou oorgeskakel na 'n Facebook**blad**, aangesien ons Facebook**profiel** met rasse skrede gegroei het en ons net 'n sekere hoeveelheid persone op die profiel kan aanvaar. Daar is egter geen beperking op die hoeveelheid persone op 'n Facebookblad nie, en daarom maak dit soveel meer sin. Ons Facebookprofiel is steeds beskikbaar by [facebook.com/Vaalpark Articon](https://facebook.com/VaalparkArticon), maar ons wil u vra om ons Facebookblad te gaan "like" by <https://fb.me/vaalparkarticonVPA>.

Facebook page:

*We have now switched to a Facebook **page**, since our Facebook **profile** has grown to such an extent that we could no longer accept friend requests. A Facebook page has no limitation on its amount of members and it therefore makes sense to rather switch to the page. Our profile is still available at [facebook.com/Vaalpark Articon](https://facebook.com/VaalparkArticon), but we want to ask you to "like" our Facebook page at <https://fb.me/vaalparkarticonVPA>.*

- **"Reading Rocket" en "Maths Muncher"**

As 'n bykomende diens, en heeltemal gratis tydens skoolure vir Graad 8 en 9 leerders, bied ons nou u kind die geleentheid om deel te neem aan die hoogs-aangeskrewe "Reading Rocket" en "Maths Muncher" rekenaarprogramme.

"Reading Rocket" se vermoë om die leesvlak van leerders te bepaal asook regstellende aksies te fasiliteer, vorm deel van die skool se ingrypingsinisiatief sodat ons verseker kan wees van die heel beste eksamenuitslae vir ons leerders. Aspekte soos behoorlike spelvaardighede, 'n uitgebreide woordeskat, gevorderde leestegnieke en vlakke van leesbegrip asook die motivering om te lees, is slegs 'n paar van die vaardighede wat hierdie program aanspreek.

Ons bied u kind ook "Maths Muncher" met analitiese toetse vir elke wiskundige vak wat probleemareas vinnig en akkuraat kan bepaal en dienooreenkomstig oplossings voorstel. Dit bied diagnostiese analise met regstellende benaderings, stimuleer rekenkundige denke en het 'n verskeidenheid van oefeninge, stap-vir-stap verduidelikings met onmiddellike terugvoer en antwoorde.



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Hierdie programme sal twee periodes per week vir Graad 8 en 9 klasse aangebied word in ons splinternuut-opgradeerde rekenaarlaboratorium. Gaan lees meer daaroor by www.stimulusmaksima.co.za

Dit vervang die Gasvryheidstudiesmodule vir Graad 8 en 9 leerders. Gasvryheidstudies is 'n volwaardige vak vanaf Graad 10.

“Reading Rocket” and “Maths Muncher”

As an added service and totally free of charge during school hours for Grade 8 and 9 learners, we now offer your child the opportunity to enjoy the highly-acclaimed “Reading Rocket” and “Maths Muncher” computer training programmes.

“Reading Rocket” with its ability to determine the reading age of any individual, as well as to remedy the lack of reading skill, forms the basis of our intervention programme to ensure the best exam results possible. The aspects mastered on the journey to adequate reading skills include the establishment of an extensive vocabulary base, proper spelling skills, advanced reading techniques, advanced levels of reading comprehension as well as reading motivation.

We also offer “Maths Muncher” with the convenience of diagnostic tests available for each mathematical subject which empowers facilitators to pinpoint problem areas in a timely and accurate fashion. Maths Muncher provides diagnostic analyses, an automatic remedial approach, mental arithmetic, random exercises, step-by-step explanations, immediate feedback on answers as well as motivational rewards.

These programmes will be offered to Grade 8 and 9 learners two periods per week. Read more about it at www.stimulusmaksima.co.za

It replaces the Hospitality Studies module for Grade 8 and 9 learners. Hospitality Studies is a full subject from Grade 10.

3. Kwartaalprogram

Ons sien uit na 'n propvol kwartaal wat voorlê. Hier volg die hooftrekke. Indien daar enige veranderinge is, sal ons u in kennis stel daarvan. Vir verdere inligting, gaan loer gerus op ons Webtuiste, op Facebook of op die D6-kommunikeerder.

Programme for the term ahead

We look forward to a busy term. Here are the main events. Should there be any changes we will notify you. For more information, visit our Website, look on our Facebook page or the D6 communicator.

- **19/01/19:** Huissport by die skool vanaf 08:00. Almal is welkom, selfs al neem jy nie deel nie!
Inter-house athletics from 08:00. Everybody welcome, even if you don't participate!
- **22/01/19:** Bloedskenk in die saal gedurende die dag vir leerders en personeel.
Blood donation drive in the hall during the day for learners and staff.
- **22/01/19:** Graad 8 Groentjekonsert vanaf 18:00 in die skoolsaal. Almal is welkom. Koop vroegtydig kaartjies en nooi ouma, oupa en die familie!
Grade 8 concert from 18:00. Everybody welcome. Buy tickets early to avoid disappointment and invite grandma, grandpa and the family!
- **23/01/19:** Skool kom 11:30 uit as gevolg van verpligte vergaderings by die Onderwysdepartement.
School comes out at 11:30 due to compulsory meetings at Department of Education.
- **23/01/19:** Funi Claassen atletiekbyeenkoms in Frankfort.
Funi Claassen athletics meeting in Frankfort.
- **26/01/19:** Uitnodigingsatletiekbyeenkoms. Meer besonderhede sal later volg.
Invitational athletics meeting. More information will follow.
- **06-07/02/19:** Vaalrivieratletiekbyeenkoms.
Vaal river athletics meeting.
- **13-14/02/19:** Fezile Dabi-atletiekbyeenkoms.
Fezile Dabi athletics meeting.
- **15/02/19:** Valentynsbal vanaf 18:00 in die skoolsaal. Koop betyds kaartjies om teleurstelling te voorkom!
Valentine's ball from 18:00 in the school hall. Buy tickets early to avoid disappointment!
- **15-16/02/19:** Rugby eerstespan toer na Glenco.
Rugby first team tour to Glenco.
- **19/02/19:** Clover atletiekbyeenkoms.
Clover athletics meeting.
- **01-02/03/19:** Vrystaat Interhoër atletiekbyeenkoms.
Free State inter-high athletics meeting.
- **01-03/03/19:** Koorkamp by Maraneman.
Choir camp at Maraneman.
- **04/03/19:** Eksamen begin.
Examination starts.
- **13-15/03/19:** Rugby O/16 toer na Vrede.
Rugby U/16 tour to Vrede.
- **15/03/19:** Skool sluit.
School closes.
- **21-22/03/19:** S.A. atletiekbyeenkoms.
S.A. athletics meeting.



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4. Algemeen:

Ons wens u alles van die beste toe vir die komende kwartaal. Ons distrik, die Fezile Dabi distrik, was weer vanjaar nommer een in die land. Hul leuse is:

“100% Uitnemendheid – geen uitsonderings, geen verskonings”.

Dit is waarna ons as skool ook gaan streef in die komende jaar en ons wil u uitnoui om die pad saam met ons te stap.

General

We wish you all the best for the term ahead. Our district, the Fezile Dabi district, was number one in the country again this year. Their motto is:

“100% Excellence – no exceptions, no excuses”.

We are striving towards this and we would like to invite you to join us on our journey.

Vriendelike groete

Warm regards

Mnr / Mr E. Engelbrecht

Skoolhoof / Principal