It is hard to believe that the first term of 2015 is already over. It has been a very busy term with important events having taken place – most important being the interviews for the Principal and Deputy-Principal posts at Bryandale, we await the final appointments from the GDE. We also have a new democratically elected SGB, who are tasked with ensuring good governance at the school.

Farewell: It is always sad to say good-bye to a staff member but this term we have to say good-bye to Mrs Jill Longmore. Mrs Longmore has taught at the school for 26 years and will retire at the end of the term. She leaves an enormous legacy at Bryandale and those learners who have passed through her classes are indeed very fortunate. Not only has she been able to teach the learners, she has also given an incredible education to those of us who have had the privilege of working with her. Mrs Longmore, you have given tirelessly to Bryandale and its community, now it is time for you to look after yourself and your family. May God grant you many happy, healthy years ahead.

We say good-bye, too, to Mrs L van Zyl and to Mrs L Marais, who have both chosen to leave us to be closer to their children. We thank them for their contribution to Bryandale and wish them well in the future.

Welcome: We welcome Ms J Smit and Mrs M Pepper who will join the staff from next term to teach in Grade 3. We look forward to what you will bring to our Bryandale family and hope that you enjoy your time at our school.

Re-registration of all current Grade One to Grade Six learners will take place early next term.

Parents’ Day: Reports may be collected from the register teachers between 15:00 and 18:00 on Tuesday, 24 March 2015. Each parent will have a chance to talk briefly to the register teacher about their child’s progress. If there is a serious matter which requires an in depth discussion, please make an appointment to see the teacher.

School fees: Thank you to all the parents who continue to make regular school fee payments. Your commitment to the school is appreciated.

Night series: Congratulations to all the learners who participated in the Montrose Night Series. It is indeed an exciting series to be a part of and I am sure the learners enjoyed the experience of ‘playing under lights’. Well done to our U11 netball girls who came second in their age group and to the U13 netball girls who were the winners of their age group. The cricket boys were knocked out in the group stages. Well done to the boys, your spirit and manners did us

Admissions: The admissions process for 2016 opens on 13 April 2015. Application forms for new Grade One to Grade Twelve learners must be collected from the schools from this date. Applications forms, with all the relevant documentation, may only be returned to the school from 21 April 2015. Siblings are not automatically accepted into schools, new applications must be made for them. Likewise all Grade Seven parents should apply for Grade Eight at the chosen High School as Bryandale does not make this application on your behalf.
proud. Cathrine Hlathi was awarded the best defender and U 13 player of the tournament and Tristen Hendrikz was the best batsman. Congratulations to both of you. To top it all, Bryandale won the overall spirit award. Thank you to all the staff who prepared their teams for this event and for giving up your Friday evenings for our learners.

Closing times: School will close at 12:00 on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 for the Easter holidays and re-open at 07:25 on Monday, 13 April 2015.

Please be advised that the school will no longer be opened before 06:00 each morning. I request that you do not drop your children off before this as it is dangerous and the school cannot accept responsibility for children at this hour.

Safety: Please ensure that you collect your children within half an hour of school closing. As per the Agreement of Tuition signed by all parents: “The responsibility of Bryandale Primary caring for learners ceases half an hour after school closes.”

Please do not allow your children to buy sweets and cool drinks; from vendors as there have been many warnings of ‘spiked’ items been sold there. Teach your children to make responsible choices for their own safety.

Remember that the school gates will be locked at 07:25 each day to ensure the safety of your children. Children who arrive late for school are very stressed, so please make every effort to get your children to school on time.

Communication: Once again I would like to stress that all official communication will be sent to you through the official communication channels – the Communicator, Newsletters or New Flashes, e-mails or SMS’s from the school or posted directly on our website. We do not accept responsibility for any other source of information.

Finally I would like to thank all the teachers for their dedication and hard work throughout the term, to thank all the learners for their commitment to Bryandale this term and to you, parents, for your continued support. We wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back next term.

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