BISLEY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

INTRODUCTION

Set in the lovely suburb of Bisley, Bisley-Park Primary school caters for pupils from Grade 1 to 7 and we have two Special units. It is a community centred school. Pupils who attend the school become part of the "School Family" where the Principal and teachers are able to get to know every child in a personal friendly basis. We are a multi - cultural school with a multi-cultural staff.

SCHOOL HISTORY

The school opened on 28 January 1947 as Oribi Government Village School with 23 pupils on roll. Twenty two years later on the 9 April 1969 the school moved to its present site and was renamed Bisley Park Primary School with 94 pupils on roll. School houses, Oribi, Sable, Impala and Eland were introduced. Later, Eland House disappeared, it was later reintroduced in 1993 (enrolment of over 600 pupils made it necessary.

The first sports meeting on the "new" field was held in 1975 - Oribi won. In 1977 at Prize Giving the school hall (now the Media Centre) was named the W. Morgan Hall after the then Principal. On 20 March 1981, the Std 5 pupils were allowed to "christen" the new school pool. Sabel won the first gala in the pool. On 23 July 1984, Mr E.H. Lourens took over the reins of Bisley, with 211 pupils on roll. 1991 started with 435 pupils on roll. On the 6 November 1991 Mr E.H. Lourens died tragically.

1992 was a year of settling into the present new buildings and the new section of the school was officially opened by the Executive Director of Education Mr A. Olmesdahl on 11 November 1992, and the hall was dedicated to the memory of Mr E.H. Lourens.

We have now inherited a lovely school with beautiful grounds and buildings all of which we are indeed proud. May the "caring family" reputation of the school go from strength to strength.

ASSESSMENT

Teachers being aware of the many skills and facets in the education process continually assess the child's progress by means of a variety of methods. The school does not rely purely on a rote learning, formal testing situation. We believe that a continuous assessment programme gives better, more structured insight into the child's progress. We are implementing the R.N.C.S. (OBB) skills based method of teaching.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Various specialist teachers visit the school to assist selected pupils. In some cases we make use of the school Psychological Services to help identify and remediate children's weaknesses. The teachers monitor the progress of their pupils carefully so that wherever possible, children with special needs are identified and included in relevant programmes. We have two Special Class units in our school. We call them Individual Units because we endeavour to cater for their individual needs. With perseverance these learners can be placed back in mainstream.
PHYSICAL AMENITIES OF THE SCHOOL

Each class in the school has its own room. In addition to this there is a Music Room, Video Room, Media Centre which is well equipped and is continually being updated, and a Computer Room. The teaching staff have a variety of audio visual equipment at their disposal. These include/cd players, overhead projectors, television sets, video recorders and DVD players.

The school uses the "Computers for Kids" program which is highly successful. Adult computer classes, (at various levels), are held on a Saturday. Contact the school secretary for further assistance. Our School Hall can seat 400 people. Not only is the School Hall used for assemblies, but also for numerous school productions, school plays, Speech and Drama, etc., and community events or functions.

Our Tuck Shop, which is open daily between 10.00 to 10.15 am and 12.30 to 1.00pm. The Tuck Shop has been named "The Tuck Inn". We sell a variety of foodstuff.

During the summer months our swimming pool is fully utilised. A basketball court has been superimposed on one of the tennis courts.

SCHOOL HOURS

Grade I and 2 Monday to Friday

• 7:40 to 12:30
• 1:00 to 2.00 pm - Extra Curricular

Grade 3 to 7 Monday to Friday

• 7:40 to 2 pm
• 9:55 to 10:15 am - Tea
• 12:30 to 13:00 – Lunch
• 2:20 to 3:30 pm - Extra Curricular

Whole school closes at 12:30 on a Friday.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

No pupil may leave the school grounds during school hours unless his/her parents, guardians have made special arrangements by letter with the Principal. A pupil is expected to bring a letter of excuse explaining the reason for absence from school. If a child is absent for more than two days a doctor's certificate must be provided Parents may not wander through the school during school time, they are to report to the office.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

If your child contracts an infectious disease please notify the school as soon as possible e.g. measles, Chicken - pox, Mumps, German measles etc. The school has HIV-AIDS policy for learners and staff.

HOMEWORK

Homework is set for all classes on Monday to Thursday. The work varies in form and amount from class to class, and should take a maximum of 30 minutes in Gr I and 2 and 3, to about 1 hour in Gr 7. Please sign your child's homework book to show that he/she has done the work set. Regular reading of good quality material must be encouraged.
LOST PROPERTY

All clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name. When clothing is found lying around it is placed in our lost property room, which is open every tea break. It is the responsibility of the pupil to collect his or her clothing. At the end of each term, remaining unmarked clothing goes into the Thrift Shop.

THRIFT SHOP

This operates at the school from Monday to Thursday - 1.00 to 2:30 pm

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Stockists of uniform: All obtainable at our thrift shop

GIRLS

- Regulation "A' line dresses in green with checked collar and cuffs.
- Short white socks
- Grey stockings (winter)
- Black shoes (lace - up or bar)
- Black and green track suit with white badge on pocket
- Black cardigan
- Black hair ribbon (if worn)
- Black or green Alice-band if worn

BOYS

- Regulation new-grey shirt and shorts set with green badge on pocket
- Grey stockings
- Black shoes (Bata Type)
- Black and green track suit with white badge on pocket
- Black pullover

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS

- P.E. Bisley Park sports shirt and black shorts. PE kit has to be worn for P.E. Lesson. A new inexpensive black T-shirt has been introduced that can be used for sport practices.

SWIMMING
- Black costume, coloured house caps (obtainable from school)

TENNIS, CRICKET, HOCKEY, NETBALL, SOCCER, BASKETBALL & RUGBY

Boys: Black shorts, Bisley Park Sport shirt, or given sport top.

Girls: Black skirts or shorts, Bisley Park Sports shirt.

EXCURSIONS

As part of the enriched programme, each class undertakes numerous excursions throughout the year. These excursions play an important role in the education process and allow pupils on many occasions to experience the "real thing"
SPORTS/EXTRA CURRICULAR

The value of sports and games in the child's education is not to be underestimated. In the physical development of the child, his/her social integration, the ability to accept victory and defeat, the understanding of etiquette and manners, the importance of learning to work together are some of the important life skills in the child's education process. Our children participate with great enthusiasm. It is, therefore, for these reasons that every child from grade 1 to grade 7 be encouraged to take part. Sports offered at the school are: SWIMMING, ATHLETICS, TENNIS, SOCCER, HOCKEY, NETBALL, CRICKET, RUGBY AND BASKETBALL.

All pupils must be correctly dressed in order to participate in matches.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

The School Governing Body consists of a maximum of 8 members and the School Principal. Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in the school. They belong to the "School Family" The Governing Body meets regularly to discuss the issues pertaining to the betterment of the school. The school encourages all parents to become involved in the school. Apart from serving on the Governing and Sub-committees there are always opportunities for parents to offer their help, expertise and assistance e.g. Media Centre and gardens.

No matter what the parent does, the most important assistance he or she can offer is support and interest in the child's activities.

MISSION

THE MISSION OF BISLEY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY WITH THE BEST AND MOST APPROPRIATE EDUCATION by:

• Offering a set academic education for boys and girls.
• Counselling and assisting pupils to follow the most advantageous avenues open to them, in preparation towards their secondary and tertiary education.
• Continually exploring areas to enrich further the offered curricula, and to investigate, and where possible implement modem developments in education.
• Equipping pupils socially as well as academically in order to enable them to make a positive contribution to society.
• Encouraging a moral obligation to, and from, parents, the community and business by involving them in all the school activities.
• Maintaining and upholding the Christian values and ethos of Jesus Christ and fellowmen.
• Encouraging participation in diverse and appropriate co-curricular activities and developing good sportsmanship.
• Obtaining and retaining the best possible staff.
• Ensuring that a high standard of discipline is maintained throughout the school with the view to developing self-discipline.
• Maintaining the school on a sound financial footing.
• Maintaining and upgrading the facilities and equipment to provide a sound environment for education.
• Encouraging pupils to be respectful and well mannered at all times.
POLICY AND RULINGS

For a school to function in an orderly manner, it is important that all pupils and parents are aware of the school's policy and rulings. We do have a detention discipline system. Learners who are placed in detention are kept in on a Friday from 12.30 to 2 pm or a Saturday from 8.30 to 11.30.

HOUSES

The school is divided into four houses: Oribi, Sable, Impala, and Eland

SCHOOL REPORTS

Comprehensive reports are sent out twice a year, and parent interviews are held in the beginning of the second term.

AFTER CARE CENTRE

An after care centre is run at the school during term times. Further details can be obtained by telephoning the After Care at 033 3862604 afternoons only, or the office during school hours.

SCHOOL RULES

Pupils are obliged to observe school rules and to practise the required standard of behaviour, dress and personal appearance. Parents are courteously requested to ensure that their children abide by all school regulations at all times. Pupils are to wear the correct school uniform to and from school each day.

Wearing of jewellery. This is normally prohibited in all primary schools for many obvious reasons. We make the following concessions. Girls may wear small gold "sleeper" or small ring earrings or studs. Wristwatches may be worn with the understanding that the school will not accept responsibility in case of loss.

No cell phones unless a special arrangement has been made with the Principal.

Pupils are under the control of the Principal during school hours and may not leave the school grounds without permission.

The Principal has the authority to change or initiate any rule which he may deem necessary for the safety and well-being of the pupils in the school.

Manners, consideration and respect for others is to be upheld at all times.
No bullying or violent behaviour is allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is hoped that you will become a happy member of the Bisley Park School family, joining past pupils and associates who continue to reflect on their memorable days at Bisley. The school is indeed proud of the achievements of many of its past pupils and believes that it has provided a solid base for their success.
You are welcome into the family with the hope that you will become involved. Don't abdicate your responsibility as a parent.

Get involved.

THE PRINCIPAL