

Bizweni

Pre-Primary & Daycare



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A bit more about our beautiful school:

Bizweni Pre-Primary is situated in a beautiful part of Somerset West on the beautiful Bizweni Church grounds. Bizweni Pre-Primary was started in 1990. Since then, we have grown into a well-established Pre-Primary, caring for and educating learners from all over the Helderberg area. Bizweni Pre-Primary caters for learners turning 3 in 2024 up to learners turning 5 in 2024. You are welcome to come and view the school, weekday mornings between 8:30 and 12:30. Please phone and schedule an appointment.

We can be contacted on 021 852 6601 (landline) or 079 837 4870 (cell phone or what's app). On the Bizweni Campus we are able to assist parents by accommodating learners from birth to Gr 7.

Learners younger than 2 attend our baby school – Bizi Babies. They can be contacted via e-mail at info@bizibabies.co.za

Our Primary School for learners turning 6 up to Grade 7 can be contacted via e-mail at admin@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za

You can also visit our website <https://www.bizwenipreprimary.net/blog/> or you can visit our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/486275154785919/> to view more information about our school.

Fees

The **Registration fee/Stationary fee** of R1000 is payable with your application.

School fees are due for payment the 7th of each month.

Each month you will receive an invoice and statement reflecting payments made and payments outstanding. Each month you will receive an updated statement reflecting your invoices and payments made. Our fee schedule is among the application documents you will receive.

Documents

The following documents must be handed in with your application.

- The application form for enrolment
- A copy of the birth certificate
- A copy of the clinic card
- Medical Aid details
- A copy of the ID documents
- Proof of residence
- A recent photo of the learner
- If applying for Gr RR, a copy of the last report card received

It is important that we have all these documents on file in case of an emergency. It is also a requirement from the Department of Social Development and the Department of Education that we have updated information on record.

Daily activities:

Bizweni Pre-Primary is a Christian School. We are part of the Bizweni Church. At Bizweni, we encourage our learners to be kind to one another, to be safe and to be fair to each other. We have a set routine each day. We follow the CAPS curriculum. We discuss a new topic each week. This gives learners the outline of what our Language activities, Life Skills activities and Maths activities will be based on. New music, creative activities and outside activities are structured around these topics too.

Topics 2024

January	My Holiday
January	God Creates Life
January	Who am I?
January	My Body
February	Keeping my body clean
February	My Senses
February	Colours and Shapes (1)
February	Colours and Shapes (2)
March	I feel safe
March	My family
March	How I treat other people
March	Easter
April	Autumn
April	My Home
April	Safety at my home/ Tools we can use
May	Fire-Fire safety
May	My School
May	Safety at my school
May	Community Helpers - Safety in my community
May	Community Helpers - People we visit
June	Transport * Road * Air
June	Transport * Rail * Water
June	Road Safety
July	Space
July	Seasons: Winter

July	Opposites
August	Farm Animals
August	Pets
August	Food
August	Spring
September	Plants
September	Clothes I like
September	South Africa (National anthem, flower, animals)
September	Sports I like
October	Creepy Crawlies
October	Birds
October	Wild Animals - spring walk week
October	Reptiles
November	Sea Animals
November	Music - concert week
November	Water
November	Summer
December	Christmas

General

We have a busy bee award ceremony once a week, where learners who have done exceptionally well during the week, receive a busy bee award in front of their fellow learners. On a Friday our teachers prepare a baking activity and puppet show to end off the topic discussions for the week.

We have a cake sale every first Friday of the month, instead of a baking activity, as well as some special activities during the year.

To keep our fees competitive, we must rely on fund raising to supplement our income. Each year we try to keep the fundraising projects interesting for the parents and the children. We send out newsletter to parents with details of upcoming events and exciting activities.

Extra Mural activities:

Available **for all** Bizweni Pre-Primary learners – **Extra charge**

- Mondays: Monkeynastix during the morning
- Tuesdays: Playball during the morning

Available for **Gr RR** learners – **Extra charge**

- Fridays 13:00 - Stimizone

Grade RR – No extra charge

- Creative dancing girls - Fridays: Gr RR - 12:30 until 13:00
- Gr RR sports 12:30 until 13:00 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

What to pack for school:

For a school day you will pack a bag as you would for going out for the day.

This will be all that is needed every day.

Best bag to use - A small backpack – easy for the little ones to carry themselves or to pull along themselves

The following items will be in your bag:

Snack time is at 10:00. We ask parents to pack a healthy snack.

A sandwich, fruit cut into pieces, biltong, healthy snack alternatives such as trail mix, dried fruit, rice cakes – these are possible ideas for a snack to pack for school.

Water or juice in a **non-spill** Sippy bottle. The rubberized, bpa free water bottles are the best as they can not easily brake when accidentally dropped.

We ask parents not to pack:

- Any peanuts, peanut butter or products containing any form of nuts as we have learners attending our school who are allergic to these items.
 - Sweets
 - Chips
 - Fizzy drinks
 - Biscuits
- with biscuits there are however the Cheddars or healthy snack biscuits that will be allowed but not for an everyday snack.

All the learners at Bizweni bring an extra set of clothes to school each day. Accidents do happen, children get sick and at these times we might need an extra set of clean clothes during the day. Rather pack it than to have a little one stuck without a clean shirt or pants if an accident occurred.

A set of spare clothes consisting of:

- A pair of pants
- Underwear
- A t-shirt
- If it is cold Learners can wear shoes. If they wear shoes with socks, please pack an extra set of socks. Shoes, jackets, hats scarves and gloves are all items that might come to school especially in the colder months.

Please make sure that ALL items, even underwear and socks are clearly marked with your child's name.

This helps us to make sure items go home safely especially if clothes such as jackets, shoes and socks come off on warmer days.

Nappies

Learners turning 3 - If still on nappies - Depending on the child, normally 4 nappies for the day is enough. Pack your preferred brand of wet wipes and bum cream for us to use during nappy change. Those still on bottles or dummies will send these items along.

Comforting items

Our 2-3-year-old learners sometimes need to bring along comforting items as they are still very small and unsure of things, especially in the beginning of the year. We slowly work towards them leaving these things in their bags during the day. Usually, as they get use to school and as they enjoy the activities more and more, these items are in their way of having fun. They soon decide, on their own to leave these aside and rather paint or build with blocks or explore other activities. All the items remain in the child's bag. It only gets used when needed by that child. It gets put back into the bag once used. Everything else is supplied by the school.

Meals

We supply our learners with cold purified water during the day. Water bottles are re-filled with cold purified water and purified water is served during afternoon snack. Breakfast is served at 8:30. This is either oats, weetbix, corn flakes or maize meal. Lunch is served at 12:00. We try to keep the menu fresh and healthy. A copy of the week's menu is on display outside at the entrance to the school. Aftercare learners receive a sandwich and cooldrink at 14:30.

Communication

Communication to our parents is important to us.

We use WhatsApp as a platform to communicate with the parents. The learners turning 3 uses message books to send messages to parents. Please ensure that we have all the correct contact details for both parents to add you to the WhatsApp groups. We will be compiling new WhatsApp groups for communication at the beginning each year.

The Bizweni Pre-Primary office is open Monday to Friday 7:30 until 14:30.

The principal can be contacted via e-mail – bdc@bizweni.net

Should you wish to schedule a meeting with the principal or with your child's teacher, please send an e-mail to bdc@bizweni.net with a brief description of your reason for the meeting as well as a time and date that suits you.

We prioritize the wellbeing of our learners and appreciate any and all feedback from our parents.

Safety

Because safety is so important, **we have 2 gates at our entrance. We ask parents to always keep these gates closed as they come in and go out of our premises.**

Any person visiting the Pre-Primary must ring the bell at the gate. Here we will receive them and assist them accordingly.

We encourage children not to run on the stoep area. We have a beautiful playground with lots of space for running and playing. The stoep area is where we need to be careful and walk to where we need to be.

Our playground is divided into different sections as the little ones turning 3 are too small to play on bigger equipment. During the year when they turn 4, we assist them on bigger equipment on the playground, slowly introducing them to the bigger jungle gyms and other equipment.

Aftercare

Nap time is from 13:00 until 14:15 for learners turning 3 and learners turning 4. Learners turning 5, have free play while the rest of the school have nap time. Each learner will have their own duvet, mattress, and mattress cover. Duvets, mattress covers, and mattresses are cleaned on a regular basis. These items are supplied by the school.

Collecting of learners from school

Bizweni Pre-Primary will be open for half day learners until 13:00 and for learners attending aftercare, until 17:30.

T-shirts

Bizweni Pre-Primary t-shirts can be ordered at the Bizweni Pre-Primary office. They are available in WHITE, BLACK, PINK and BLUE.

Bizweni Pre-Primary is OPEN throughout the school holiday.

We are closed only during the December school holiday.

However, our teachers and staff are taking turns during this time to take a few days off, so please keep in mind that your child's teacher might not be at school on some of the school holidays. We normally have fewer learners at school during the school holiday allowing us to combine groups and to give our teachers a well-deserved break. Our normal program resumes when the new term starts.

We want to assure our parents that we are only a phone call away and ready to answer any questions, listen to any concerns our parents might have and available to assist wherever we can to make school time, for our learners as rewarding as possible.

We are so looking forward to welcoming our "Little People" at our school.

I hope this gives you a bit of an idea of what our school is about...

Come and visit us to see for yourself.

We hope to see you really soon 😊

Regards

Lizette