



# Al Ihsaan

74 Richmond Ave, Auckland Park, 2092

www.apax.co.za /email: admin@apax.co.za/011 482 7852

A U C K L A N D P A R K A C A D E M Y O F E X C E L L E N C E

Happy Holidays!

<p><b>Special points of interest:</b></p> <p><b>Chairman's Message</b></p>	<p>Assalaamualaikum—Welcome to our final edition of Al- Ihsaan for this year. We thank everyone for the strong spirit of collaboration and generosity – a manifestation that together we can do more than what we can do individually. Happy School Holidays, may you enjoy your holiday with beloved ones. Keep safe and see you all again Insha'Allah in 2013. Editor-Mrs F Amod</p>
<p><b>Message From Principal</b></p>	<p><b>Chairman's Message-Mr Yunus Gangat. Chairman.APAX</b>                  The year 2012 has been a challenging year for all the key players at APAX. The Principal, Mr I. Vawda and his team of educators have worked diligently to bring the academic year to a successful closure. The Board acknowledges the dedication of all the educators , who accepted the challenges of a new school to ensure the success. May Allah(SWT) reward them in abundance.                  We express our gratitude to all the parents, who have placed their trust and faith in the Board and have joined us on this exciting journey to make APAX a successful school, Insha-Allah. We salute you for your voluntary contributions in terms of time and effort, which you have made and will make for the cause. Insha Allah.</p>
<p><b>INSIDE THIS ISSUE:</b></p>	
<p><b>Message From Principal (cont)</b> 2</p>	<p>To the PTA, we express with deep gratitude and appreciation all you have done for the school. Your contribution cannot be quantified in terms of time, effort and finance. Remember you are a valuable cog in the APAX machinery and your ability to accept the challenges and ensure the success of the school is never in doubt. Shukran</p>
<p><b>Message from Foundation Phase H.O.D.</b> 3</p>	
<p><b>Message from Intersen Phase H.O.D.</b> 3</p>	<p><b><u>Message from the Principal, Mr. I.C. Vawda</u></b>                  Alhamdulillah, we have successfully navigated 2 years since the establishment of the Auckland Park Academy of Excellence (APAX). Admittedly, it has not been an easy journey, but similar to all new establishments, there will always be teething problems. These are the challenges that face brave men and women who have dreams and who wish to realise these dreams.</p>
<p><b>Message from PTA</b> 4</p>	<p><b><u>Staffing: 2013</u></b>                  The APAX community bids farewell to the following:                  Nazeerah Surtee will be leaving for family reasons. We make du'a that Allah (SWT) bless her with a healthy baby who will bring tons of joy and happiness to the parents. Muallima Zaakira Loonat and Muallim Zeyn Coovadia have resigned for personal reasons. It is our du'a that Allah (SWT) increases them in knowledge and blesses them with unlimited barakah in their future careers. Insha-Allah. (Continued on page 2)</p>

### Message from the Principal, Mr. I.C. Vawda



Congratulations to Muallima Zaheeda Sujee on the arrival of her baby girl. The Auckland Park Academy of Excellence would like to **welcome** the following people who will be joining our staff of Educators in 2013.

Mr. Ahmed Gora Ebrahim.	He will be joining us as the new Deputy Principal.
Muallima Radiyya Wadvalla	Intersen Phase
Muallima Sophia Saib	Intersen Phase
Muallima Aaminah Gani	Intersen Phase
Muallima Zubeida Waja	Foundation Phase
Mualim Sulaiman Timol	Intersen Phase

### Islamiyaat

At the time of going to press, we were in the process of interviewing staff for this division. We hope to secure the services of qualified Ulema shortly. Insha-Allah

### Hifz Class

The Hifz class, in its present format will be retained for 2013. We will not enrol any part-time Hifz learners. Having said that, I appeal to all parents of our Hifz learners to ensure that their children attend all Hifz sessions, including Saturdays and holidays. The board of Management is in the process of re-structuring the entire Hifz program. Parents will be informed of the changes that will be implemented. Insha-Allah.

### School Time Changes

The Gauteng Department of Education prescribes time allocation for the various learning areas. Being a Muslim School, we have to take the Islamiyaat subjects into account as well. In order to accommodate the GDE requirements, we must not be seen to compromise our Islamic studies. Therefore the need to extend the school day by ½ an hour. Parents are therefore informed that School will commence at 7:30 am and end at 3:00pm. All educators will be at school at 7:20am to receive the learners and will leave school at 3:10pm. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter is appreciated. Alhamdulillah

### Enrollment

The roll of the School has increased steadily since inception. From 37 in January 2011 to 171 in December 2012. We will be introducing a second grade 5 and grade 6 units. As a result of our progression in growth, we will open our doors to a grade 8 class. As a result there will be more seats available in grade 5,6,7 and 8. These developments should further increase our roll in the new year. Insha Allah. It is imperative for parents who wish to enrol their children at APAX for the academic year 2013, should do so as soon as possible.

### Do you know what happens in one minute on the Internet?

- More than 204 million emails are sent.
- Amazon rings up about \$83,000 in sales
- Around 20 million photos are viewed and 3,000 uploaded on Flickr
- At least 6 million Facebook pages are viewed around the world.
- And more than 61,000 hours of music are played on Pandora
- More than 1.3 million video clips are watched on YouTube.

Today, the number of networked devices equals the world's population. By 2015, the number of networked devices is expected to be double the world's population. And by the time we reach 2015, it would take five years to view all the video content crossing IP networks each second.-AMAZING!!!

**From the desk of Mrs Aysha Haffejee (Head of Department-Foundation Phase)**

Term 4, as all the rest has been abuzz with many exciting activities and events to keep our little ones quite captivated.

Our Grade 3 learners all participated in running their own little businesses at our **“Entrepreneurship Day”**. Colourful and creative advertisements enticed our learners to come prepared for the big day. Our Campus burst into a market atmosphere. All the educators and learners were provided with an opportunity to purchase a variety of items ranging from eats and treats to games and toys. Our learners benefitted greatly by developing fundamental skills in our mini-market.



The grade 1 learners were enchanted by parents who eagerly came in to share information regarding their professions during our **“People who help us”** week. Learners gained new knowledge about, doctors, therapists, designers, helping worthy causes and business minded thinking. Our parents came prepared with a variety of exciting visual media. The grade 1 learners then rounded up the week by performing in a colourful and informative assembly on careers in which they dressed and spoke the part. May Allah guide all our learners into choosing righteous and worthy careers. The last few weeks were indeed the most exciting. Our campus turned into a theatre for the last hour of each day. The children trained to perfect their lines, costumes were tried and backdrops got sketched and painted by parents, to put together a beneficial production depicting fundamental aspects of the incredible history of Makkah. Not only did our learners benefit from participating in a wonderful production, but I believe, the best benefit of this project was the learning of valuable facts and information which Insha Allah will stay with them for a lifetime.

Our year has ended rather quickly. Once again, with the Mercy and blessings of Allah, our learners have grown and developed in a warm, fun filled and nurturing environment. We thank all our parents for their kind co-operation and support in working together with us to bring out the best in our children. May Allah continue to bless our institution abundantly- Ameen

***To BE KIND is MORE important than to be right. Many times, what people need is NOT a brilliant mind that speaks but a SPECIAL HEART that LISTENS.***

**From the desk of Mrs. Amina M Dollie (Head of Department- Intersen Phase)**

**A year at the PALMS,** It has been an honour working with educators and learners of such a high calibre at Campus 2. We all had our reservations about leaving Campus 1 which we grew so fond of but almost immediately settled in at The Palms. Our learners have really impressed us with their resilience and strong work ethic. They have achieved among others 100% pass rate in English, Mathematics and the Natural Sciences. Our grade 5 and 6 learners achieved +70% on average, for the ANA Mathematics and English Examinations putting our learners in the top 0.22 % of the country! In the SAASTE Science Olympiad,(11) learners obtained silver certificates- above 60%.and one learner obtained a gold merit certificate- above 80%. Thank you to the educators, parents and learners, for it is only with joint effort and co-operation that we can continue to excel.

A Prayer for all my students and colleagues: May all that you learn be useful to you. May you receive the understanding of the Prophets, the memory of the Messengers and may all that you do ultimately lead you ever closer to your Creator, Ameen Sincerest Duaas.

***All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them” Walter Elias (aka Walt Disney)***

## **APAX AWARDS EVENING 2012**

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to our Educators, Learners , the ever willing APAX PTA and all our volunteers for making our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Evening a huge success. The UJ Auditorium was the perfect setting to host an evening where our learners were honoured. **We need to honour the past to inspire the future!** As Muslims we always need to turn to the Quraan and Sunnah of our Beloved Nabi Muhammad (SAW) during challenging and joyful times. While listening to the soulful rendition of the poem dedicated to our brethren in Palestine the slide show in the background gave us a stark reminder of the atrocities committed against innocent Muslims by the Zionist regime of Israel. Let us reflect on the following Hadith: **“The believers in their affection, compassion and love for one another is like one single body. If a part of it suffers from pain, the whole body will suffer in pain.”** (Hadith narrated by Imam Muslim). To our brothers and sisters in Palestine, we share your pain!

Our Foundation Phase Learners amazed us all by producing an excellent performance in their play **“Centre of the World”**. The audience were captivated by the high standard of the performance, ranging from the acting, colourful props and sensational backdrops! Our little ones conveyed a clear message regardless of our heritage, culture, ethnic origin and race we are ONE UMMAH and we worship the ONLY ONE ALLAH. **Mrs F Amod**



### ***Message from PTA***

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November saw Crosby abuzz with activity. APAX was honoured to host a public lecture by the internationally renowned scholar and da'ee, Mufti Ismail Menk. In addressing an extremely relevant talk entitled **“Raising Tomorrow's Leaders Today”**, Mufti Menk eloquently relayed extremely beneficial advices for all those in attendance and completely had the audience captivated. Due to the overwhelming responses to our request for pre-registrations and limited seating capacity, registration was closed two days prior to the talk. Immediately after the talk, four items that were generously donated to the school were auctioned off. Upon entry to the Suliman Nana Centre, attendees were greeted with the delectable aromas of chicken tikka, sheesh kebaabs, wors rolls and stir fry. There was a variety of hot and cold beverages on sale as well as sumptuous cakes and savouries. *Alhamdulillah*, it was a successful evening for many reasons and once again the APAX PTA would like to sincerely thank every single parent and volunteer for their assistance and support up to and during the event. *Jazakallah Khair* for making this yet another successful APAX PTA event! We look forward to many more exciting fund-raising events in the future. The lecture has been recorded and is available at a cost of R30. Please email [pta@apax.co.za](mailto:pta@apax.co.za) if you would like to order a copy. We wish all members of Management, staff, teachers, parents and learners a well deserved rest over the holidays and wish you a safe return next year when we will be unveiling many more exciting new initiatives.

***Universal values of honesty, integrity, truthfulness, respect and good manners remains the core of a Muslim's life style. If internalised, these values manifest in our behaviour and attitude. If not, they remain meaningless and an outward show only. Allah (SWA) judges us by our internal world i.e. our intentions. Hadrat Ali (R.A), said: “The garments one wears do not add beauty to a person; it is his/her manners and knowledge that does”.***