



# Al Ihsaan

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<b>MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD</b>	<p><b>Message from the Board of Management</b></p> <p>Assalaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh</p> <p>We conclude the first term with the sad departure of Mr Ibrahim Vawda, Principal of Apax. We would like to thank Mr Vawda for his invaluable services these last few months and we wish him well at Media Review Network. May Allah SWT grant him barakah and success in all his endeavours. Aameen.</p> <p>Mr Gora Ebrahim, Vice Principal of Apax, will assume the duties of Acting Principal in the new term. He will be further supported in this position by an Educational Specialist from the Board until such time a Principal is appointed.</p> <p>As part of the Apax promise to continually raise the level of education and teaching standards, all educators will be attending compulsory developmental workshops on a regular basis.</p>
<b>INSIDE THIS ISSUE:</b>	<p>Parents are urged to assist in learner discipline by ensuring that their children are punctual and properly attired for school. Laxity in this regard will be reinforced through disciplinary measures in future.</p>
<b>ACADEMICS 2</b>	<p>We would like to sincerely thank all our parents for their participation in the service satisfaction survey that went out recently. Detailed results will be communicated per grade on our Parents Day, 13 April.</p>
<b>STAFFING 2</b>	<p>We value your support and wish you well for the holidays. If you are travelling have a safe journey and May Allah be with you all. Aameen.                  Mr Yunus S Gangat                  Chairman</p>
<b>ESPERENZA 2</b>	<p>One of the fundamentals of success is to eliminate the noise and focus on what you control directly or can influence. Empower people you work with, the gardener is also "people". Everything that is faced cannot be changed, but nothing can be changed unless it is faced!</p>
<b>ISLAAMIYAAT 3</b>	<p>We praise Allah (SWT) that the Auckland Park Academy of Excellence (APAX) is now a registered school with the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) We can look to the future of our school with a greater degree of confidence and pray that we grow from strength to strength. Insha-Allah.</p>
<b>PTS MESSAGE 3</b>	<p>Principal Mr Ibrahim Vawda</p>

### Academics:

Alhamdulillah, the 1st Term assessments are over. The end of term reports will indicate how your child has performed. Parents must realise that when a test is set for a certain time and date, the test must be written at that time. Requests by parents to have their child write the test earlier, severely compromises the authenticity of the test. These requests are unreasonable and unfair to the educators and the other learners. Another problem that the management faces, is the request by parents to leave early because they are going on holiday. All holiday bookings should be made to coincide with school holidays, not earlier not later.

### Hifz Classes

Parents of our Hifz learners are reminded that Hifz classes will continue until Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Attendance is Compulsory Classes will be held on:

Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	7:30 – 10am
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	7:30 – 10am
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30 – 10am
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30 – 10am
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30 – 10am

### Staffing

It is with sadness that the APAX community takes leave of Mualima Sophia Saib. During her short stay at APAX, she proved to be a very vibrant and an energetic member of the staff. Her enthusiasm for teaching was contagious and her departure will be sorely missed. May Allah protect and guide her and her young family. Insha- Allah. Alhamdulillah, we have secured the services of Mualima Zainub Saber to replace Mualima Sophia. She will be joining our staff at the beginning of the next term. Insha-Allah.

Parents are reminded to please inform the office (admin@apax.co.za) of any changes to your contact details, such as home addresses, mobile numbers, email addresses, etc.

**Please ensure that all sibling applications for the academic year 2015 are submitted by not later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013.** Application forms are available on the website (www.apax.co.za). DVD's on the talk delivered by Mufti Menk are still available at R30 per copy.

### Esperenza – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

We will concentrate on teaching our learners game skills. We hope to introduce soccer, netball, volleyball, cricket and softball. Soccer and netball may take precedence since they are term 2 sports codes. We hope that this will encourage all our learners to get involved. We are pleased to inform all parents, that Mr Saib, the husband of Mualima Sophia Saib, has generously donated soccer balls, basketballs, volleyballs, rugby balls and cricket sets. He has further committed to an ongoing relationship with the school. Our school will most certainly benefit from Mr Saib's generosity. Shukran Jazeelan Mr Saib. May Allah (SWT) reward you and your family in abundance.

### Islaamiyaat.

Qur'an Sabaq has been given to all learners. Parents are requested to please supervise the reading of the Sabaq and ensure that our learners use the marking and spelling method. Furthermore please encourage our children to perform their daily Salaah. Let us also inspire our children to safeguard their habits of good akhlaaq and to practise these at all times. Insha Allah.

### Important Dates.

Parents should please diarise the following dates:

Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2013:	Parents' Day at APAX.
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2013:	Staff Development Workshop
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2013:	OPEN DAY at APAX. Campus 1 and Campus 2

### From the PTA.

The APAX PTA looks forward to another successful and eventful year Inshaa Allah. We have a few exciting events planned for this year. Watch this space for information and details to follow. Alhamdulillah our Sports programme has taken off to a great start with Tennis, MMA and Cricket as well as the Art Extra Mural activity. Interesting news regarding our Sports initiatives:

1. Yaseen Motara will be participating in the upcoming Gauteng Central Tennis Trials.
2. The APAX Tennis students will be competing in the Centre For Tennis Development tournament to be held at the Grosvenor Recreation Facility on 9th of April.
3. The APAX Tennis students will be offered a chance to attend the upcoming ATP Challenge Tour event, The Soweto Open.
4. We are also planning to take the kids to watch a PSL game on the 11/05/2013 at the Bidvest Wits Stadium.

More information regarding these to follow shortly.

The PTA AGM will be held next term Insha Allah, details to follow during the second term. Our Sports Day was once again a success and the PTA would like to sincerely thank all parents for their generosity in donating food items for the breakfast table and for lending their assistance at the APAX Sports Day. Jazakallah Khair for making our Sports Day a day to remember. Please direct all queries or comments to our email address [pta@apax.co.za](mailto:pta@apax.co.za). Wishing you a safe and restful holiday, Was salaam, **APAX PTA**. Jazakallah Khair Ms Tasneem Sayanvala

Whenever a Muslim greets another, we do so with the offering of salaam (peace). This is often where the sincerity of our greetings end. Too often we are asked, "How are you?" and we respond with, "Alhamdulillah "CARRYING ON" or "Alhamdulillah, "SURVIVING".

Let us be CLEAR about what that means. If we are able to get out of bed without help, eat a meal KNOWING our next meal is assured, have enough clean clothing and are able to walk, talk and sleep in safety, we are not "SURVIVING" or "CARRYING ON". We are BLESSED. So incredibly BLESSED by Allah Azzawajal. Let us avoid diminishing and belittling the bounties that Allah has granted us.

Principal -Mr Ibrahim Vawda