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As Salaamu Alaikum

We may not have journeyed a thousand miles, but we have taken many steps towards achieving our goals. We at APAX with the Grace of Allah have the pleasure of introducing our first electronic newsletter. Your feedback would be highly appreciated. We urge parents to visit our website and facebook page.

APAX is also registered as a beneficiary on the My School Program. We urge all APAX parents who are already registered, to include APAX as a beneficiary. There is no need to obtain a new card. Applications for new cards may also be done on line.
The link: www.myschool.co.za

Wishing you and your families a joyous Eid!
Editor Mrs Fazela Amod

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Salaam U Alaikum

We are well into the third week of the third term. How time flies! Our children are our most precious and promising resource. My staff and I remain committed to providing a happy learning experience in a loving and safe environment for all APAX learners. This term promises to be yet another opportunity for us to work towards our vision of "achieving holistic quality education based on sound Islamic principles". Many changes are percolating through the school as we develop and introduce a more structured teaching, working and learning environment. Throughout the month of Ramadaan we focussed on the value of forgiveness - our line ups, assemblies and morning registration periods were used to highlight the importance of inculcating this virtue within us. We realise more and more that the emphasis on values is imperative if we are to develop emotionally intelligent children. It is far easier to build a strong child than it is to repair a damaged adult. It is not only children who grow. Parents and teachers do too! As much as we watch to see what our children are doing with their lives, they are watching us to see what we are doing with ours! We cannot tell our children to "reach for the stars"! All we can do is reach for it ourselves! In this light, I want to encourage teachers and parents to continue to be committed towards working together in the best interests of our children. I have no doubt that each and every learner at APAX has the potential to do great things...all we need to do, is help our kids to believe in this too!

Eid Break- School will be closed from 5th - 9th August. We will re-open on 12th August. 5th and 6th are official school days. These days will be worked in on 30th October and 5th December 2013.

Hifz Classes- there will be no hifz classes on Saturday, 3 August 2013 as well as from Monday, 5th-10th August 2013. Hifz classes will resume on Monday 12 August 2013.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences are sent out to the following families who have lost loved ones during the month of Ramadaan:

Zaeem Latiff (Grade 7) - lost both his grandparents
Muallima Aarefa - lost her dear grandfather
Muallima Aamena Gani - aunt
Muallima Radiyya - aunt
Mrs Fazela Amod - cousin
Muallima Rashida - aunt

PTA RAMADAAN DRIVE

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising our Ramadaan Drive so well. We collected R50 550.00 for hampers for our Needy Citizens (ZAKAH) and R21 742.00 for the "Feed the Needy" drive (Liah/Sadaqah). Our mass Iftaar on 27th July was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

A Life Changing Experience - Aaliah Essop

On Sunday 21st July, we met at the Bosmont Community Hall to spend the morning with a very special group of hundred elderly ladies – the oldest being 94 years old. We, together with our mothers and teachers, were privileged to be in the company of such wise, warm and loving people. The morning proved to be lots of fun, with the rendering of nazms, motivational talks and a very humorous play performed by our Grade 6 girls. Being in the company of such humble “old” ladies made me realise that wealth has very little to do with money...rather, it has a lot more to do with the accumulation of knowledge, wisdom and enlightenment. We were all reduced to tears when the ladies began to praise Nabi (SAW) in a wave of song. The highlight of the morning was handing out the pretty handbags, packed with lots of surprise goodies to all the ladies. The welcoming smiles on their faces and the warm, sincere hugs we received were very special. This was not all...afterwards, we distributed very heavy hampers to our guests. It was an extremely rewarding and humbling experience for all of us. Alhamdulillah...I am so thankful to have been given the opportunity to be part of this beautiful, successful day.

Feed the Needy - Hammaad Akoojee and Uzair Bulbulia

On Saturday, 20th July, we met at the Jubillium Grounds. We travelled in convoy to the Newlands Mosque where we met queues of underprivileged people waiting in line with containers and pots. Fruit packs were packed by the learners on both campuses the Friday before. We were shocked to see so many needy people – this made us reflect on all the things we need to be grateful for. We assisted our parents in the distribution of food and fruit. We also met and spoke to some of the people while they waited in the long queue. Some of them were as young as we were. Muallim Akhtar read a dua and we collectively gave thanks to Almighty Allah for all that he has blessed us with. It was a day well spent, serving not only a needy community, but our Allah as well!

MEET OUR SUPERSTAR SHOW JUMPER: ASMA PARUK-GRADE 4

We would like to congratulate Asma on her outstanding achievement in show jumping. On Friday, 26th July, she was awarded Sanesa Sedibeng colours. In addition to this, she received the runners-up award for APAX in the primary school section. This is indeed very impressive as she is the sole rider for APAX. Asma currently competes on the competitive circuit and recently jumped in an Internationally graded show- here, she was placed 2nd and 3rd. We wish Asma all the best as she prepares for the forthcoming championships being held at Misty Meadows in August. Congratulations and Well Done, Asma!! We are all so proud of you!

APAX - A BULLY-FREE ZONE

We will be having our first anti bullying campaign from 12-16 August. Our aim is to raise awareness of bullying and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. We have planned interactive activities for the week and would like parents be involved by reinforcing the topic in the home. All learners will take the pledge

APAX ANTI BULLYING PLEDGE

“I make a COMMITMENT to take a stand against bullying
I will treat others with RESPECT and KINDNESS
I will have the COMPASSION to not be a bully
and the COURAGE to not be a bystander
It is my RESPONSIBILITY to help others being bullied and to report
bullying”

ASSESSMENT PLANNERS

Assessment Planners have been distributed to all learners from grade 4-8. Please diarise dates and ensure that your child is well prepared for Formal Assessment Tasks. This term, we assess the learners continuously – there is no formal examination. A reminder to parents that if tasks are sent home, they are to be signed and returned to school the next day. Should a learner miss an assessment task he/she will write the test at a suitable time agreed upon by the subject teacher and the parent.

SPEECH CONTEST

Preparations for our Annual Speech Contest are well underway. Elimination rounds will be held from 19th – 23rd August. It is compulsory for all learners to participate in the preliminary rounds as these marks will be used to form part of the term mark for English.

SPECIAL GUEST AT OUR ASSEMBLY

We would like to thank Khalid Vawda for addressing our assembly on 26th July. He not only tested our knowledge of Islamic History but also inspired and motivated staff and learners to think about values like justice, fairness and respect.

ADMISSIONS

Our Grade 1 admissions for 2014 have been finalised. Entrance tests for new Grade 8 learners will be written on Wednesday, 14th August. We still have a few spaces left in the Intermediate phase. Parents are requested to phone the office for details.

2015- SIBLING APPLICATIONS

Sibling applications for the 2015 Academic Year are to be submitted to the office (Campus 1) by Monday 30 September 2013. Please note that late sibling applications will not be given any preferences.

UNIFORM

We pride ourselves in our beautiful school uniform. All learners are expected to adhere to the uniform items stipulated in the Code of Conduct. Learners in their uniforms, whether in school or not, represent APAX. We have noticed that some of our learners are wearing the incorrect toupee. Please note that only school toupees are allowed to be worn. There are also a number of male learners who do not have regular haircuts and wait to be reminded before they do so. We appeal to all parents to assist the school in this regard.

TENNIS FIXTURES

We are really excited to have joined the Private School's Tennis League. Herewith the fixtures for the term. Mr Ebrahim will communicate directly with the schools concerned and will notify parents of match times and venues.

Junior Boys Grade 3-5

DATE	SCHOOL	Vs	SCHOOL
10 September	St Davids A	Vs	Aucklandpark Academy A
	De La Salle A	Vs	Grayston A
	Jan Celliers A	Vs	ST Stithians A
17 September	St Davids A	Vs	Jan Celliers A
	St Stithians A	Vs	Grayston A
	Aucklandpark Academy A	Vs	De La Salle A
1 October	Grayston A	Vs	St Davids A
	Jan Celliers A	Vs	Aucklandpark Academy A
	De La Salle A	Vs	St Stithians A
8 October	St Davids A	Vs	St Stithians A
	Jan Celliers A	Vs	De La Salle A
	Aucklandpark Academy A	Vs	Grayston A
15 October	St Davids A	Vs	De La Salle A
	St Stithians A	Vs	Aucklandpark Academy A
	Grayston A	Vs	Jan Celliers A

Junior Girls - Grades 3-5

DATE	SCHOOL	Vs	SCHOOL
6 August	Fontainebleau A	Vs	Kings Robin Hills A
	Aucklandpark Academy A	Vs	Cliffview A
	Dalmondeor A	Vs	Northcliff A
20 August	Cliffview A	Vs	Northcliff A
	Aucklandpark Academy A	Vs	Fontainebleau B
	Kings Robin Hills A	Vs	Dalmondeor A
3 September	Fontainebleau A	Vs	Dalmondeor A
	Kings Robin Hills A	Vs	Cliffview A
	Northcliff A	Vs	Aucklandpark Academy A
10 September	Aucklandpark Academy A	Vs	Kings Robin Hills A
	Northcliff A	Vs	Fontainebleau A
	Dalmondeor A	Vs	Cliffview A
17 September	Fontainebleau A	Vs	Cliffview A
	Kings Robin Hills A	Vs	Northcliff A
	Aucklandpark Academy A	Vs	Dalmondeor A

STUDY LADDER

We are very happy with all the exciting things that are happening in our IT Department. Our learners are now using a free version of Studyladder, an online educational program which allows learners to learn at their own pace. The programme is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Languages and a variety of other subjects. Your child will receive their user name and password shortly - this will allow him/her access to the programme.

EID MUBARAK

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families "Eid Mubarak". Eid is about the giving and receiving of gifts. A good reflection point is to ask... "What gift is Allah giving to me?" and "What gift am I giving to Allah?" The Almighty has given us so many treasures and He continuously says "take as much as you like...unconditionally! Take as much love and peace from Me". The gift He asks from us is for our obedience, our time and our commitment towards making positive changes, not only to our own lives, but to the lives of every single person with whom we interact. May the true feeling of love, unity and togetherness be with all of you! Eid Mubarak!

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