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AssalaamuAlaikum

All praise and thanks are due only to Allah and peace and salutations on our Master Muhammad (SAW), the last and final messenger of Allah.

The publishing of this first newsletter means that the holidays are over and that the 2014 school year has begun. We hope that everybody enjoyed their holidays and are motivated to participate in this new academic year. The atmosphere since the return to school has been very positive with both Learners and Educators ready to tackle the challenges ahead. Back to school time also means adjustments for children and families. Change is sometimes exciting and sometimes frightening, but this can also be an opportunity to set new goals. It is a new year and each year goes so fast like a quick turn of a page. As Muslims all our plans should be aimed at achieving our final goal which is to please our Creator, Allah.

" He who fails to plan, plans

to fail"

Editor

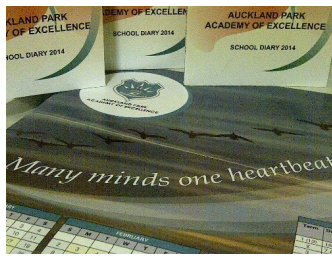
Mrs Fazela Amod

From the Principal's Desk.....

As Salaam U Alaikum Parents

Welcome back to the 2014 academic year! I hope the holiday has provided you with some rest, relaxation and an opportunity to rejuvenate. I am already sensing a tremendous amount of pride amongst staff, learners and parents. It is indeed an exciting time for APAX as we move into our fourth year. I welcome our new learners and parents and trust that they will feel welcome and will join us in achieving our vision of excellence. The following teachers have joined our APAX family and have already settled in:

- Ms Munira Hansrod (Grade 3)
- Mrs Waheeda Patel (Grade 4)
- Ms Katuschka Du Pisanie (Grade 6)
- Ms Fatima Nanabhay (Grade 8)
- Mrs Wudaa Sallie (Islamiaat)
- Mr Rifat Zardad (Grade 7)



Added to this, we have our older teachers who are committed and ready to face the year positively. We started the year off with a team building workshop. Our slogan for this year is **“MANY MINDS....ONE HEARTBEAT”**. Our Staff Development sessions would thus focus on building a strong, motivated team of motivated staff.

Planning and preparation is not the job of teachers alone. I would like to invite you to spend time getting prepared, inspired and motivated for the school year. When adults are equipped with mind-sets to facilitate learning, kids have a fighting chance of getting a good education! “Upon the subject of education”, Abraham Lincoln firmly stated, “I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as people may be engaged in.” In fact, research suggests that parental support may be the single most important aspect of how children succeed in school and in life. I therefore urge parents to get involved in all school activities and to assist us in making it a year to remember!

Parents and teachers are partners in education....a child educated only at school is an uneducated child... when both parents and teachers are inspired to facilitate learning, children are the winners!

Jazakallah
Principal
Ms Nadia Motara



DATES TO DIARISE

DATE	ACTIVITY
6th February	Grandparents Tea-Foundation Phase
15th -16th February	Leadership Camp (Class Reps)
22nd February	Inter House Athletics



SKIP-A-THON

We invite all parents to bring along their skipping ropes to Grovenor Tennis Courts on Saturday, 1st February to participate in a Skip-a-thon. This is a Lead SA project to promote the importance of fitness and a healthy lifestyle. Our aim is to enter an APAX team. Parents and learners may enter. Please inform Mr Ebrahim if you are interested in participating.

SCHOOL FEES-REMINDER

A friendly reminder that school fees are to be paid in **ADVANCE** by the 7th of each month. There are some parents who do not pay school fees on time. The school relies on fees received to meet its operational expenses, please bear this in mind when you choose to delay your payment. The following Hadith is food for thought....

Deliberately delaying payment of debts is a form of oppression

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah (Radiyallahu Anhu) reports that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: *“It is a great injustice for a person to delay in paying his debts whereas he has the means.”* (**Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith #: 2287**)

The Hadith refers to those who have the funds to pay off their debts but neglect this priority. Unfortunately, this practice is becoming quite common. Debtors who have the means to pay their creditors should keep in mind the above words of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam).

To our parents who pay fees on time we say Jazakallah Khair, we appreciate your commitment and may Allah reward you abundantly-Ameen.

Please note that we no longer accept cash payments at our premises. Parents are required to make deposits/transfers directly into the school's banking account. Kindly insert the name of your child and grade as your reference.



EXTRA MURALS

The extra mural programme for 2014 will be administered by the school. The programme is divided into two sections: the extra cost activities and the school's internal programme.

Extra Cost Activities

These cost R450 per term and the learners have one lesson per week. Our extra cost activities are tennis, mixed martial arts and arts and crafts. Parents will be required to complete a registration and indemnity form. All fees are payable in advance into the coaches bank account (Details can be found on registration forms). The coaches have requested that learners sign up at the beginning of the term. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that learners are dropped off and picked up from tennis. Mixed martial Arts and Art will be done at school. A teacher will be assigned to assist with the administration of the extramural.

Internal Programme

These activities include remedial, speech and drama, eco club, charity and chess. Chess is only for Grades 4-9. These activities will take place immediately after school and no cost is involved. A detailed programme with dates and times will be circulated soon.

APAX LEARNERS PAY TRIBUTE TO MADIBA



" A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special".

On 9th December a group of parents and APAX learners paid tribute to Madiba. Our learners dropped off cards, posters and notes at his Houghton home and we made a special dua for peace and unity in our country. Our learners, beautifully dressed in their APAX uniforms, caused quite a stir, both amongst onlookers and the media.



SCHOOL DIARIES

Diaries have been issued to all learners. Parents are to ensure that diaries are signed daily.

DROPPING AND PICKING UP LEARNERS

Student safety is a high priority at APAX. We have more cars dropping off and picking up

learners. We appeal to parents to follow the rules of the road, to drop off and pick up as quickly as possible. Richmond is becoming a busy road with busses and taxis often choosing to use it over Kinsway. Please be courteous to other drivers, drive slow and proceed with caution through the school parking area at all times.

UNIFORMS

We pride ourselves in our beautiful school uniform. The year has kicked off to a good start and we appeal to parents to ensure that learners are properly dressed for school. We would, particularly like to thank our older boys who are really looking very smart!

MANNERS FOR MINORS

This year we introduce a Life Skills programme in our Foundation Phase called Manners for Minors. These lessons will take place every Tuesday from 13h00 – 14h00. The focus is on learning values through the creative arts.



ESPERANZA

Our Thursday Esperanza sessions will continue...our focus this term is on preparing our learners for our Annual Athletics Inter-House meeting on 22nd February.

MY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

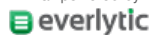
To all our new parents and a reminder to our old parents who have not as yet registered. APAX is a registered beneficiary on the “My School” Programme.

Details on our website www.apax.co.za

*Watch your thoughts, for your thoughts become your actions.
Watch your actions, for your actions become your habits.
Watch your habits, for your habits become your character,
And your character determines your destiny.*

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