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## AUCKLAND PARK ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

Assalaamualyikum, welcome to another edition of our Newsletter.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN
- MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

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### MESSAGE FROM THE APAX CHAIRMAN-MR Y GANGAT

As Salaam Wa Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi, Wa Barakatu

All praises and thanks are due to Allah Ta'alla, who through His Grace and Mercy has blessed us with many bounties, one of which is our School, the Auckland Park Academy Of Excellence. Alhamdulillah, one full school term has successfully passed, and The Board of Management would like to extend their thanks and appreciation, to our Principal, Mrs H Manjra as well as all the faculty members, who through their experience, individual expertise and collective team work, have contributed to the smooth running of the school. A very special 'Thank You', goes out to all the parents and learners of APAX, who have undoubtedly contributed in giving the school an identity, as a young institution, that has all the qualities and drive to develop into a major learning centre that will successfully benefit learners of present and future generations. Many challenges and difficulties were overcome in the start up of our School, and we expect future challenges too. In addressing these challenges we anticipate personal growth towards us rising into an educational centre of excellence. We, The Board Of Management, acknowledge and understand that Insha Allah, with the help of our educators and the support of our learners and parents, we will be able to achieve our collective goals in promoting the Auckland Park Academy Of Excellence, into one of South Africa's leading educational institutes. We are very pleased with the progress achieved so far, and we are excitedly looking forward to the achievements of the future.

Thanking You

APAX Board of Management

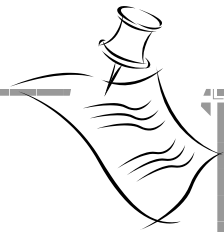
**Mr Yunus Gangat (Chairman, Co Founder)**

**Mr Nazir Talia (Vice Chairman, Co Founder)**

Mr Mohammed Feroze Dollie ; Mr Mohammed Gangat, Mr M Faheem Mahomed, Mr Asif Moosa , Mrs Fatima Talia and Ms Farah Saloojee (Secretary to the board)

Narrated Sa'd bin Ubaid: Allah's Apostle said,

"None of you should long for death, for if he is a good man, he may increase his good deeds, and if he is an evil-doer, he may stop the evil deeds and repent."



### MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Alhamdulillah on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 a meeting was called by the APAX School Management Committee for the formation of the APAX PTA. It was indeed humbling and encouraging to see the parent turn out at the meeting. In our community which is often plagued by "apathy", it was certainly encouraging to see that the parents at APAX are showing a keen interest in the affairs of the school. The benefits of an active and successful PTA far outweigh any negatives (if any).

The APAX PTA would like to encourage parents to get involved in any way that they can. Your involvement is not only going to help your child but the benefits will be felt throughout the school and indeed in the years to come, Inshallah.

The PTA believes in open communication and therefore encourages parents to comment via the PTA email address: pta@apax.co.za. For those parents who do not have access to the web, we will set up a suggestion box in the secretary's office; please feel free to use this box to communicate with the PTA.

**Parents please remember that you are the PTA. The elected members merely represent you.**

Finally, the PTA would like to thank each one of our parents, our sponsors and all those who took the time and effort in making our sports day a most memorable one. Between the rain, sunshine, rain and sunshine we certainly made the best of the situation.

Jazakallah

APAX PTA



### INVITATION

We would like to invite all Parents, Family and Friends to our open day:

**Date:** Saturday, 4 June 2011

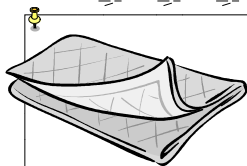
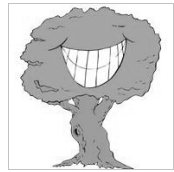
**Time:** 10h00 to 16h00

**Venue:** Auckland Park Academy of Excellence, 74 Richmond Avenue, Auckland Park. See you there!!!!!!

This is a great opportunity for you to have a better understanding of our school.

By Muallima Amina Dollie

Ms Ahmed, the grade 6 math teacher, asked the class to work out this problem: "A wealthy man dies and leaves 5 million dollars. One-fifth goes to his wife, one-fifth to his son and one-sixth to his butler. How much does each one get? Abdul picked up his hand and said frankly, "A lawyer!"



### APAX CARES!!!! Co-Ordinator Mrs M Asmal

Today thousands of people continue to put up with the extreme cold without shelter or any form of warmth. Although warm blankets are an essential commodity it is difficult for the poor to afford a blanket, let alone electricity and wood for heat. Can we at APAX make a difference? YES we can!! We aim to distribute blankets to an orphanage the Jamiha Fatihul Ummah in Maraisburg and Darul Uloom-Bosmont. You can **help bring warmth to them by donating cash or bringing a new blanket** to our school on or before 3rd June 2011. The cost of one blanket will be R60.00. We urge you all to encourage your children, family neighbours etc to donate generously.

*Allah (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) gives this dunya to those whom He loves and doesn't love, but gives the akhira only to those whom He loves.*

### Did You Know:

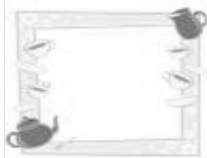
The tongue is one of the fleshy organs of the body which has no bone, but is capable of causing the greatest harm. Words are uttered in seconds, but they leave an everlasting impression!!



**MID-YEAR EXAMINATION-EARLY DISMISSAL**

Our mid-year examination for the intermediate phase will commence on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Attendance is compulsory until the very last day of school. **ALL learners will be dismissed at 14h00 from 6 June to the 23rd June.** Thursday sports at Esperanza will be suspended during this period. **Foundation phase** learners will continue with sports at the school from 13h00 to 14h00 on a Thursday. Reports will be issued on the **24<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and learners will dismiss at 11h00.**

**WELCOME** to APAX Muallima Rashida Cajee. Muallima Rashida will be teaching Islamiat subjects to grade one and two classes. We also bid a fond farewell to Muallima Leyla Seedat who assisted us during the first term. We wish her well.



**END OF TERM LADIES BREAKFAST**

Our educators have planned a breakfast for all our sisters on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June between 08h00 and 10h00.** Those who want to partake of this scrumptious breakfast need to RSVP by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2011. The cost of the breakfast is R60 per adult and R15 per child. We have invited an occupational therapist to address our guests. The income generated from this day will go towards our jungle gym area. Further details to follow.

**VERY IMPORTANT: PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW**

A parent teacher meeting will be held on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2011** between 10h00 and 12h00. Parents will have an opportunity to meet with their children's educators to discuss their progress.

**Your attendance is vital.**

**2012 APPLICATIONS**

Parents who have other children whom they wish to enroll at APAX for the 2012 academic year are urged to fill in the relevant application forms as soon as possible if they have not done so already. The APAX office has received a large number of grade one applications for 2012 and we would like to accommodate the siblings of our learners first.



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- ★ **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR** ★
- ★ **STARS OF THE MONTH** ★
- ★ **MARCH** ★
- ★ **Grade 1** ★
- ★ ZAHRA TAYOB ★
- ★ "Perseverance" ★
- ★ **Grade 2** ★
- ★ TALHA ESSOP ★
- ★ "Amazing Progress" ★
- ★ **Grade 3** ★
- ★ MUAZ AMOD ★
- ★ "Good Work Ethics" ★
- ★ **Grade 4** ★
- ★ ALIAH ESSOP ★
- ★ "Great Enthusiasm" ★
- ★ **Grade 5** ★
- ★ SHAAISTA KHAN ★
- ★ "Great Enthusiasm" ★
- ★ **Grade 6** ★
- ★ MOHAMMED ZAIN LAHER ★
- ★ "Perseverance" ★
- ★ **APRIL** ★
- ★ **Grade 1** ★
- ★ AISHA PARUK ★
- ★ "Reading" ★
- ★ **Grade 2** ★
- ★ AMEERA BADAT ★
- ★ "Incredible Story Writing" ★
- ★ **Grade 3** ★
- ★ FAATIMAH AAREF ★
- ★ "Most improved handwriting" ★
- ★ **Grade 4** ★
- ★ MUHAMMAD EBRAHIM ★
- ★ "Excellent work ethics" ★
- ★ **Grade 5** ★
- ★ AYESHA GUTTA ★
- ★ "Enthusiasm" ★
- ★ **Grade 6** ★
- ★ EESA SADER ★
- ★ "Creativity and Consistency" ★
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### OUR BRAAI!!!

On the 25 March a delicious aroma engulfed Richmond Ave. A braai was organised to end off a grueling, yet successful first term. Mohamed Loonat and his team prepared a scrumptious seven course dinner befitting the occasion. Parents and teachers socialised freely without the usual scholastic worries and cares. The food-filled evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Qari Zardads melodious voice echoed through Apex walls and an inspirational talk about Education from an Islamic Perspective was given by Abdul Rahmaan Laily. The evening was concluded with tea and decadent Cappaccino muffins. We would like to express our profound gratitude to our sponsors: Dursots Foods, Sparkles, Mr Paruk of BP Church Street and Mr Ameer for arranging parking at the S.A.B.C. parkade and **each and every-one** that assisted us in making our function so very successful!!!!!!..

Co-Ordinator Ms Areefah Vally



**SPORTS DAY**-On Saturday 7th May, we held our first annual Sports Day at Laerskool Esperanza. Even the rains couldn't dampen the spirits of the **LIONS** and the **LEOPARDS**. Banners were unrolled and marches were conducted. The two teams battled it out head to head but it was the Lions who roared to victory. Parents, grandparents and educators cheered passionately for their respective teams. Cameras flashed, the sun peeked, lightning flashed, thunder roared but **NOTHING** could stop Apex learners from showing off their potential, like the strong threads of the tug of war rope, Saturday showed us how the intertwining of parents, learners, teachers and The Almighty can lead to such successes. The highlight of the day for many were the learners of the Ihsan Special Needs Madressa who showed us what true perseverance is all about. Tears welled in every one present at the courage displayed by these learners. We once again would like to express our sincere appreciation to ALL our sponsors and PTA members, we could not have done it without your help, and each and every body that assisted us in every which way that

### ITV- MUSLIMS GOT TALENT

Monday- 16 May 2011- our learners experienced a fun filled day with ITV filming on our premises. They fared remarkably well as novices, we certainly have some talented learners! Keep an eye open for the ITV broadcast times, you may just see your child on ITV!

Our sincere thanks to Broadway sweets for donating sweet packs to our learners.

### LATE COMING

There are still many learners arriving late at school each morning. Detention classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons between 14h45 and 15h45. Parents of chronic late-comers will be given written notification of the detention to be served and subsequently demerits will also be issued.



### SUMMARY-IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

**6 June:** Imtihan conducted by Jamiat ul Ulamma



**6 to 15 June** Intermediate phase exams begin ALL learners grades 1-6 will dismiss at 14h00 during the examination period 16 June Public Holiday

**17 June GDE School holiday**

**LAST DAY:24 June** school will dismiss at 11h00 for mid-year break. Reports will be issued

**24 June** -Ladies Breakfast morning from 08h00 to 10h00.

### UNIFORMS

Blazers for boys and girls are now available at R380.00 each, Winter jerseys - R80.00 and beanies - R50.00. **PLEASE NOTE: BOYS WILL BE ALLOWED TO WEAR WHITE SHIRTS AS PART OF THEIR WINTER UNIFORM & this may be purchased at any store.**

