

MASERU ENGLISH MEDIUM PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Newsletter 1

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you enjoyed your long holiday with the children. I am pleased with the way that they have settled down at school this term. There are now 352 children on the registers compared with 306 this time last year. They have wasted no time in getting down to work. You will notice that the new wall, railings and gates along the front entrance of the school in Caldwell Road have been completed. The memorial gateway has been relocated and work is under way on a similar wall with railings next to the roundabout. One of our courts has been completely refurbished for tennis, netball and basketball. We have taken delivery of three inter active smart-boards for the ICT Lab and two of our classrooms. We are grateful to The Ministry of Education and Training, Durham Link and Mr. Dlangamandla for their assistance with this project. The former function room and the old ICT Lab have been refurbished as classrooms so it has been quite a busy holiday.

We are very pleased to welcome Ms. Catherine Wambua to the teaching staff. Catherine is taking our third Grade 2 class as part of our planned annual expansion. Mrs. Maudline Amarka has returned from maternity leave. All other members of staff are in place as last term

P.T.A. social gathering for new parents: The P.T.A. will be hosting a gathering for new parents on Tuesday 8th of September at 5.15 p.m. This would be a good opportunity to meet each other socially and to find out about the P.T.A. Members of the M.E.M.P.S. Management Committee have been asked to attend. All parents with children starting at MEMPS this term are welcome even if you have other children in the school. We should like to see as many of you as possible to get the year off to a great start.

Meet the Teacher Evenings: We would like to introduce your children's new class teachers and brief you in classrooms about the year's programme and how you can support your child at school.

Wednesday 16th of September 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. R4 to Grade 3

Thursday 17th of September 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Grade 4 to Grade 6

There will be some refreshments in the Hall afterwards. I am looking forward to meeting you there.

Collection of School Fees: The Management Committee has directed that outstanding school fees should be promptly collected. As you know fees for this term are due now, unless you have previously made an arrangement with the Bursar to pay by three monthly instalments. Thank you to all those parents who have paid their fees, especially those who paid in advance. If you haven't already done so, we would appreciate receiving fees as soon as possible.

School Uniform: Thank you for the attention you have given to the correct wearing of school uniform and P.E. kit. Grades R4, Reception, 1/2/3 may come to school on days when they have P.E. lessons in white, P.E. kit. Grades 4/5/6 should come to school every day in school uniform bringing their white P.E. kit with them to change into during the break before P.E. Children who have no kit when they come to P.E. will be unable to participate. House T-shirts are only worn on days when Inter-House competitions are taking place. All items should be clearly marked so that lost property can be returned. Parents in any doubt about school uniform should request a current school uniform list from the office or consult our website www.maseruprep.co.ls which has photographs of children wearing uniform correctly. The children have been reminded about the correct wearing of uniform. Variation will be noted by teachers and reported to parents for their attention.

Term 1 Dates:

Tuesday 8th of September – P.T.A. Social Gathering for new parents in the Hall at 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday 16th of September – R4s to Class 3 Meet the Teacher 6.00 to 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 17th of September – Classes 4 to 6 Meet the Teacher 6.00 to 7.00 p.m.

Monday 12th to Friday 16th of October – Mid Term break

Tuesday 30th of October – Management Committee A.G.M. 5.30 p.m.

Friday 13th of November – Provisional date for a P.T.A. Dinner Dance

Tuesday 24th of November – P.T.A. A.G.M. 5.30 p.m.

Friday 4th of December – End of Term

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns and keep in regular touch with our website www.maseruprep.co.ls.