

MASERU ENGLISH MEDIUM PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

The old adage “time flies when you are having fun” comes to mind when reviewing the past 6 weeks. Time has certainly flown by in a blur of activity and I for one have enjoyed the experience. Our children have settled into a routine of work and play and thoroughly deserve the upcoming break. (11th to 15th October 2010) I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have made this first half-term enjoyable and productive. My thanks also to the staff who have worked very hard to ensure that everything has run smoothly.

A few points to note:

- We are refurbishing the swimming pool and hope to have it fully operational when the children return on the 18th of October.
- **THE DRIVEWAY** is now fully operational in the mornings. Please ensure that you use it to drop your child/children off. It is the safest means of doing so.
- **STAFFING:** It gives me great pleasure to introduce 2 new members of staff.
- **MR POTLAKI SEUTLOALI:** A very experienced and enthusiastic teacher and athlete, he has joined us to assist Ms Lerato Pheko and to expand the range of sports available to the children. By the way Mr & Mrs Seutloali have just been blessed with a baby girl.
- **MS WENNA PRICE:** An extremely well qualified and experienced teacher, Wenna will be taking over the current 4M class as Mrs Matlanyane is moving on to another post.

SUMMER UNIFORM:

Please note that after half-term the summer uniform code is in force.

PUNCTUALITY:

Please keep up your sterling efforts to ensure that children receive the full benefit of school attendance.

And finally on a very happy note we are pleased to announce the marriage of Ms Elizabeth Thabane now Mrs Maseoe Ts'upa. We wish the Happy couple a long and prosperous life together.

Have a great half-term. School re-opens Monday 18th October.

Mr Sean

A new school year is upon us, and with it new faces, new opportunities and new experiences. First let me say how happy I am to be here in Maseru in such a wonderful school. I have been overwhelmed by the welcome afforded me by Parents, teachers and children, my heartfelt thanks to them all.

We welcome Mr David Hansen our new class 6 teacher and Mrs Hilda Maminimini our new Rising 4s teacher. They are both experienced and enthusiastic professionals who are very welcome additions to our staff. We are also very happy to announce the return of Mr Teboho Khalieli who will teach in Class 5.

Congratulations to Tlotliso Pepenene and Rowan Humphreys who won first and second places respectively in this year's National Mathematics Context which was held in May. We are pleased to note their outstanding achievement.

Our school continues to grow and as a result we have opened a second Rising 4s class to deal with demand.

Please note the following:

- All pupils must wear correct school uniforms whilst in school e.g. black shoes not trainers.
- Meet the teacher evenings
Lower school 8th September 2010 - 5:15p.m
Upper school 9th September 2010 – 5:15pm
- Please make every effort to encourage punctuality. Children should be in school on time and should also be picked up on time.
- A homework diary is being prepared and will be distributed in the course of the next few days. This is a very important means of ensuring regular home-school communication. Please encourage your child to show it to you on a daily basis.
- The driveway is undergoing a major refit and should be ready next week. Thank to all of the parents for their understanding and careful driving.
- Every student from grade 3 – upwards must engage in at least one extra curricular activity per week.

Finally I would like to thank all of you for the great kindness afforded me since I arrived in Maseru. I am looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

Kind Regards

Mr Sean

Science Fair: Just over 100 students participated in the Science Fair. Prize winners were:

Experiment – Ketsitseng Tsolo & Kabelo Khetsi (1st), Tlalane Mahase (2nd)

Research – Patricia West (1st), Shoeshoe Motsoene & Thato Morojele (2nd)

Working Model – Rowan Humphreys (1st), Leboto Moshoeshe (2nd)

Certificates of Honour – Joy Mopedi, Likhabetso Tlhomola, Mosaletseng Masenyetse & Sharon Edgar (Grade 3)

World Cup (Friday, 11th of June): We would like students to come to school in World Cup clothing (e.g. football shirts). We will parade with flags at 1.00 p.m. and perform the World Cup diskid on the playing field. Parents are welcome to attend before taking students home at 2.00 p.m. to watch South Africa v Mexico.

Term dates:

21.06.2010 to 24.06.2010 Art Exhibition

30.06.2010 Grade 6 Graduation

02.07.2010 End of Term Assemblies 9.30 and 10.30 a.m. School closes at 11.00 a.m.

25.08.2010 Term 1 starts for students

P.T.A. Green & White Dinner Dance:

Please return slips indicating interest in attending the PTA MEMPS Green & White Buffet Dinner Dance next September so that we can have an idea of numbers.