



# LIONS CLUB OF NAKURU SCHOOLS

## MELVIN JONES LIONS ACADEMY

TERM 1 2017/2018 NEWSLETTER: 8TH DECEMBER, 2017



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this finds you well. We have had a good start to the 2017/2018 Academic Year. I thank you for supporting our First Term events. We have achieved a good measure of success already, as recapitulated herein, albeit against the inevitable challenges of everyday life. As our cherished young scholar comes home for the December break, it is our wish that you enjoy your stay together. Your support at home is critical to your child's successful experience in school. Strive to impress upon your child the importance of positive values, attitudes and morals. The documents brought home for your perusal include this Newsletter [with key dates for next term] and this term's academics report form. Years 8, 11, 12 and 13 have in addition been issued with their individual Statement of Entry, 2018 fees payment advice notes and the examinations time-table; all in regard to the April/May/June 2018 Cambridge International Examinations.

**MAY/JUNE 2017 CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION RESULTS:** *We posted yet another excellent performance as usual. I salute the teachers and the candidates for their incessant diligence and resilience. The provisions, planning and wise counsel by our sponsors [Lions Club of Nakuru], and your positive involvement as a parent, are among the reasons we have continued to excel in scholastics.*

*We look forward to the publication of the 2017 Outstanding Cambridge International Examinations Awards Kenya bulletin. This will be around mid-2018. We are quite optimistic that some of our top achievers will feature as this has now become the norm for us every year.*

*Below are our top three achievers at each level:*

GCE ADVANCED LEVEL: YEAR 13 (UPPER SIXTH FORM) – BASED ON THE STANDARD THREE BEST SUBJECTS								
NAME/SUBJECT	BIO	CHE	ECO	GEOG	MATHS	ACC	PHY	RANK/22
JOHN KAHUMBU	A*	-	-	A*	-	-	A	1ST
NIKITA LOTIYA	-	-	A	-	A*	A*	-	2ND
SHREYAL N. SHAH	-	A	-	-	A	-	A*	3RD

GCE ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY: YEAR 12 (LOWER SIXTH FORM) – BASED ON THE THREE BEST SUBJECTS									
NAME/SBUJECT	ACC	BUS	ECON	GEO	CHEM	MAT	PHY	COMP	RANK/14
MANRAJ S. DHILLON	A	-	-	-	A	A	A	-	1ST
SAMRAJ S. SUAN	A	B	-	-	-	-	-	B	2ND
HARSH D. PATEL	-	A	C	C	-	-	-	-	3RD

IGCSE O' LEVEL: YEAR 11 (FIFTH FORM) – BASED ON THE STANDARD SEVEN BEST SUBJECTS														
NAME/SUBJECT	ACC	BIO	CHE	ADD MAT	COMP	ECO	ENV	ENG	FRN	GEO	MA T	PHY	LIT	POS/34
AMARA KANDIMALLLA	A	A*	A*	-	A*	A*	-	A	A*	A	A*	A*	-	1ST
RITU KARANIA	A*	A*	A*	-	A*	-	-	A*	A*	A	A	-	A	2ND
RAJ K. PATEL	A*	A*	A*	A	A*	-	-	A	-	A	A*	A*	-	3RD

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**THE PRINCIPAL'S RALLYING CALL FOR 2017/2018 : 'MAXIMIZING OUR POTENTIAL, WE MUST'**



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**PREPARATION FOR THE FORTHCOMING CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS:** Our attention is now focused on ensuring the readiness of our current candidates for the May/June 2018 Cambridge International Checkpoint, IGCSE and GCE Advanced Level examinations. I call upon the parents to these students to take a personal interest in ensuring that their children remain focused, besides devoting a major part of their time to purposeful study, revision and practice.

<p><b>PARENTS-TEACHERS CONSULTATION DAY [04TH NOVEMBER]:</b> We extend our gratitude to the parents who attended for their contribution. We know that a bit of sacrifice is needed to have you joining us on such occasions; yet for our children's wellbeing, such participation is worthy of our precious time. Ensure to attend the one for next term scheduled for 24th February 2018.</p>	<p><b>2017 LIONS PEACE-POSTER CONTEST:</b> This year's event, themed 'The Future of Peace', was held on 14th October and sponsored by the Lions Club of Nakuru as usual. Four school took part. Meera Gudka (Yr. 8) took the 1st position, with Sakshi Patel (Yr. 8) and Neel Patel (Yr. 7) taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively. I appreciate Mr. Ngunyi and Mrs. Sheela for their good coordination of the event.</p>	<p><b>INTER-HOUSE QUIZ CHALLENGE:</b> This was conducted on 10th November. Questions and activities featured prominently in the six categories namely; Mathematics, Science, Computer Science &amp; IT, Social Sciences, Critical thinking and Sports.</p> <p>The Four houses; Congo, Niger, Nile and Volta battled it out in this contest of wits. And true to our expectations, the learners exuded brilliance at its best.</p> <p>Volta and Niger were the winning Houses in the Senior and Junior sections respectively.</p>
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**RED CROSS AT WORK:** The Red Cross club has continued to offer first aid services to the whole school whenever need arises. This ranges from simple procedures such as dressing wounds to attending to fainting cases. Their contribution has often gone beyond First Aid provision to include voluntary provision of manual labour and marshalling during school functions. I had the pleasure of awarding our five most active Red Cross members this term with certificates of 'The Spirit of the School Award' during our closing assembly.

<p><b>DEBATING COMPETITION:</b> Debates continue to inspire our learners to become eloquent and confident communicators. The pupils and students, as per our tradition, engaged in lively debating sessions.</p> <p>The climax of this for the Seniors, was a contest between Year 8s and Year 9s on a motion entitled "DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT YOU MERELY HEAR". The Year 9s proved to be the more convincing side and were crowned as the winners.</p>	<p><b>THE M-LAP INITIATIVE:</b> The Melvin Jones Literacy Action Plan continues to gather momentum. We are fully committed to enhancing our children's literacy to the highest standards possible. Please check this out on pages 14 and 15 of the 2016/2017 School Magazine [The Melvin Times], for more of what is entailed. This term's best book reviewers from the Junior Section were each awarded a story book to keep them entertained and well engaged during the vacation, even as they hone their literacy skills more.</p>
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As for the Junior Wing, some of the motions done in the term included 'All Pupils should be graded on their handwriting', 'Physical Education should be compulsory for all pupils', 'Girls are better than boys in studies' and 'Schools should start at 9'o'clock in the morning'. The overall best speakers were Karmandeep Viridi and Gila Ndongoli from Upper and Lower Junior respectively.

**THE 2017 LITTLE MR. KENYA CONTEST:** In this national competition, participants from all over Kenya engage in a show of wits and style as they outdo each other in matters mental and general outlook. One has to qualify from the County Level. 31 Counties were represented. Contest areas included an eco-project, talent item, professional wear, cultural wear, creative wear and self-expression. I am proud to inform all that Prince Fortune of Year 4 won with a high 91% to become 'Little Mr. Kenya 2017'. He is scheduled to take part in the world stages of the same to be held in Thailand and Greece in the course of 2018. We extend our best wishes to this emerging world beater.

- Quick Usual Reminders:**
- ◆ *Always provide your child with just enough cash for his/her daily needs in school. This will limit exorbitant spending and distraction, besides the pressure on other children and parents. This is a matter of discipline as well.*
  - ◆ *Our direct responsibility for the children ends at 5:00 pm. You are highly advised to ensure prompt picking up of your child always.*
  - ◆ *Advise your child, just like we do, to ensure that all official circulars and notices from school reach you for effective communication.*
  - ◆ *Your support with your child's self-discipline for his/her good and quality development is a matter my office greatly requests your partnership and indulgence as well. We continue to strengthen this at the foundational stages through the Monthly Most Disciplined awards to the outstanding pupils, as issued by myself.*
  - ◆ *All our children have potential in them. It is only that others do not maximize theirs well and therefore need to be reminded that there can never be meaningful output without a good measure of input.*



**WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP:** Twenty one of our students took part in the National Round of this scholastic international competition held in Nairobi. Twelve proceeded for the Global Round held in Athens Greece, accompanied by the Principal and two teachers. Six of them beat off very stiff competition and proved themselves fit for the final International Tournament of Champions scheduled for Yale, USA. These were Amara Kandimalla, Anne Wambui and Ritu Karania in the Seniors Category; and Isaac Mwangi, Arpit Srivastava and Stephanie Muthoni in the Juniors Category. We are extremely grateful to the School Management Board and the parents of the participants for the great financial support towards the teachers and students involved respectively. It is our desire to continue having our children exposed to such objective value addition undertakings at international levels for better self-actualization and meaningful all-round development

**CAREERS GUIDANCE:** Our Advanced Level students were involved in the following activities:-  
 -18<sup>th</sup> September; UNISERV EDUCATION FAIR at Hotel Merica  
 - 25<sup>th</sup> September; AEC FAIR at Hotel Woodlands Sarova  
 - 03<sup>rd</sup> October; UNIABROAD Fair in our Melvin Jones Auditorium  
 - Mon 13<sup>th</sup> November; UNISERV, UK universities and US universities visit and presentation.  
 Our Careers Master and I took part in a workshop at Sentrim resort [Elementaita] on careers and leadership in the context of the modern trends and dynamism of the global and ever expanding higher learning circles. This was organized by Loughborough University of the United Kingdom and coordinated by UNISERV.

**SPORTS REPORT:** We played soccer and basketball matches in the following age groups against Shah School; Open, under 11 and under 9 teams, both boys and girls were involved. Our Junior school further hosted Shah School in badminton at our grounds.

We organized the Inter-house Cross Country competition in which our four Houses competed in the Under 9, Under 11, Under 14 and Open categories. The House results were 1<sup>st</sup> – Nile, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Niger, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Congo and 4<sup>th</sup> – Volta.

Then came the Principal's Inter-class soccer tournament involving both the girls' and boys' teams. The results were as follows;  
 Boys: A' Level class won, while Year 11 were runners-up.  
 Girls: A ' Level were first, while Year 9 were runners-up.

**SPECIAL NEEDS TRAINING:** The Management, in its effort to keep our staff well equipped in all areas of education, sponsored a training programme for staff that ran throughout the term on Special Needs Education and Learners. This covered issues relating to learners who are challenged in cognitive aspects and those who are specially gifted and talented. The key objective being to empower staff with skills and knowledge in dealing with such learners, if any in our schools, and optimally enhancing them to their full potential in a professional and well informed approach. It is hoped that parents will come on board as shall be advised to support this very noble course.

**A' LEVEL BIOLOGY TRIP:** On 16th November 2017 the Years 12 and 13 went for a trip to KALRO Research Laboratories in Njoro to gain further insight into genetic and chemical analytical techniques and machinery. They witnessed gene sequencing as demonstrated by the Karlo scientists; learnt more about soil analysis where various ways to detect mineral elements was displayed including the use of atomic mass and UV spectral photometers; and witnessed how wheat quality is tested for elasticity and tensile strength. To determine its use and a further discussion on cyanide poisoning. A visit to Lord Egerton Castle to learn about its history and the legacy of the man behind it was such a pleasant way of signing off the trip.

**LEO CLUB:** Under their Convener Lion Yashvi Shah, Faculty Advisor Mr. Kariuki Kihumba and Lion Purvi Shah, the Leos participated in free eye, ear, teeth, blood pressure and diabetic check-ups at Laikipia and Kabarak universities. These were sponsored by Lions club of Nakuru.  
 The club has also raised forty thousand shillings towards the Lions Club initiative of 'Adopt-A-Child' and they are looking forward to raising more funds.

**CYCLE WITH THE RHINO FOR CHARITY:** Our learners continue to play their part in the protection and conservation of the environment and wildlife. This term, 24 of our students joined other young Kenyans in the annual Cycle With the Rhino Challenge at the Lake Nakuru National Park. The youngsters, under the patronage of Mr. Mwaniki, managed to raise thirty four thousand shillings towards this charity course .

**DIWALI RANGOLI COMPETITION:** Our students were not left behind during this competition held at the Krishna Temple. This was an open art contest open to Nakuru residents in observance of Diwali and Hindu New Year. Ten of them emerged as winners in different categories.  
 Winners from Group A were Suhani Sharma and Apeksha Srivastava who took the 1st Position and Karmandeep K. Virdi and Vanshika Patel who came 2nd. As for Group B, Twinkle Gudka and Mira Gudka took the 1st Position whereas Arpit Srivastava and Karan Patel, besides Amara Kandimalla and Shreedhi Mukesh came 3rd.

**ART AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:**  
 On 22nd September, under Mr Ngunyi, our Years 10 and 11 fine artists visited the Kona Trust Art Gallery in Nairobi. They were engaged in a workshop by specialists in painting and collage.

Our first group taking Art & Design at examination level are scheduled to sit for their IGCSE assessments during the CIE June series for 2018



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SCHOOL MOTTO:  EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND SERVICE THROUGH DILIGENCE	EVENT/S	DATE/S	SCHOOL FEES PAYABLE PER TERM	
			CLASS	FEES [KSH]
SCHOOL MISSION:  EMPOWERING THE LEARNER WITH HOLISTIC EDUCATION FOR SELF- ACTUALIZATION	School Closes for 1 <sup>st</sup> Term [2017/2018]	08 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 (Friday)		
	Snr Admin Staff Team Session	04 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 (Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm)		
	Staff Meeting [Opener – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term]	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Friday 9:00 - 12:00 am)		
	School Re-opens for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term [2017/18]	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Monday 7:45 am)		
	Mid-Term Examinations	12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Monday-Wed)		
	Inter-House Swimming Gala	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Thursday Morning)		
	Mid-Term Break	16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Friday-Sunday)		
	Parents-Teachers Consultation Day	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Saturday Morning)		
	Annual Elocution Competition	09 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Friday)	YR. 1	15, 500
	CIE Mock Examinations	12 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018 [TWO WEEKS]	YR. 2	16, 500
End Term Examinations	19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018 (Monday-Thursday)	YR. 3	18, 000	
School Closes for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term 2017/2018	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Thursday)	YR. 4	21, 500	
CIE Invigilators' Training	17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Tue—Wed)	YR. 5	22, 500	
Holiday Classes for Candidates	03 <sup>rd</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	YR. 6	23, 500	
CIE Art and Des Broad-based Assign	17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	YR. 7	36, 500	
CIE IGCSE French Speaking Exam	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Friday Morning)	YR. 8	36, 500	
CIE Checkpoint Examinations	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Monday -Friday)	YR. 9	41, 500	
School Re-opens for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2018 [Monday]	YR. 10	41, 500	
CIE IGCSE/GCE EXAMINATIONS	2 <sup>nd</sup> May-15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 [SIX WEEKS]	YR. 11	41, 500	
School Closes /2018 APGD & Yr.6 Grad	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018(Friday)	YR. 12	58, 000	
School Re-opens for Term 1(2018/2019)	03 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018 (Monday)	YR. 13	58, 000	
<b>BANK ACCOUNTS:</b>	*FEES MUST BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT AND THE BANKING SLIP PRESENTED TO THE OFFICE FOR RECEIPTING			
NAME: LIONS CLUB OF NAKURU SCHOOLS				
ORIENTAL BANK LIMITED: 0040000063	**A FEE OF KSH. 4000/= PER TERM, PER CHILD, APPLIES FOR THOSE ON OUR SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME [THIS IS OPTIONAL]			
BANK OF BARODA: 95890100000621				
I&M BANK: 01800623561410	N/B: THE CURRENT CIE CANDIDATE CLASSES [YEARS 11, 12 & 13] WILL HOWEVER PAY THEIR SCHOOL FEES, ALONGSIDE THE CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS FEES, AS PER THE FIGURES CONTAINED IN THE PERSONAL STATEMENT OF ENTRY ISSUED ON 8 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018			
CREDIT BANK LIMITED: 0320100024				
KENYA COMMERCIAL BANK: 1101601272				

On behalf of the School Management Board, staff and students, I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2018. I hope to see the learners back on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 [Monday] for the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Term of 2017/2018.

Mr. Abraham Lubanga, PRINCIPAL

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