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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this recap of our third term's activities finds you well. Your continued support is highly appreciated.

2015 CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS OUTSTANDING LEARNERS AWARDS: In the 2015 CIE Global Assessments, our candidates were highly acclaimed for their exceptional academic achievements in the 2015 Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards bulletin. They led in four subjects countrywide as follows:

- Top in IGCSE Environmental Management in Kenya - John Kahumbu
- Top in IGCSE Accounting in Kenya - Nikita Lotiya
- Top in GCE Advanced Subsidiary Computing in Kenya - Mubariz Ahmed
- Top in GCE Advanced Level Literature in Kenya - Joanna Kahumbu

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS APRIL 2016 CHECK-POINT RESULTS: Our Year 8 [Form 2] students sat for their CIE Checkpoint Tests in April. The top three achievers were as follows:-

STUDENT'S NAME	ENGLISH RAW / CPOINT 100 / 06	MATH RAW / CPOINT 100 / 06	SCIENCE RAW / CPOINT 100 / 06	TOTAL RAW / CPOINT 100 / 18	PERCENTAGE RAW / CPOINT MEAN SCORE	RAW / CPOINT MEAN GRADE	RANK / 34
SHREY PATEL SANJAY	75 / 4.8	83 / 6.0	86 / 5.9	244 / 16.7	81.3 / 92.7	A / A*	1 ST
KENDRA MORAA MATHAYA	79 / 5.2	74 / 5.4	83 / 5.6	236 / 16.2	78.7 / 90	B / A*	2 ND
AMBAR CHAKRABORTY	67 / 4.1	88 / 6.0	85 / 5.8	240 / 15.9	80.0 / 88.3	A / A	3 RD

JUNE 2016 YEAR 6 KEY STAGE 2 INTERNAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TESTS RESULTS: The Year 6 pupils sat for these assessments in June. The top three achievers were as follows:-

STUDENT'S NAME	ENG /100	MAT /100	SCIE /100	TOTAL /300	PERCENTAGE MEAN SCORE	KS2 MEAN GRADE	RANK/ 34
ARPIT SRIVASTAVA	89	85	83	257	85.67	A	1 ST
ISAAC M. NJUGUNA	86	75	93	254	84.67	A	2 ND
PREM R. PATEL	83	78	90	251	83.67	A	3 RD

2016 CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS: This year's CIE examinations were held between 03rd May and 10th June. Results will be issued on 11th August at 10:00 am. Online results will be available as from 8:00 am, on the same day, using a personal username and password now available at my office.

2016 SEPTEMBER ADMISSION TO GCE A'S LEVEL: Students seeking admission to our Lower Sixth Form should undertake the due application process and confirm the admission by 19th August 2016. One must attain a minimum of a C grade in English and in each of the 3 or 4 subjects opted for, in order to qualify for A' Level admission.

IGCSE SUBJECT CHOICE BY INCOMING YEAR 9 STUDENTS: The 2016/2017 Yr. 9 students have now made their subject choices ahead of the start of their IGCSE O' Level course in September 2016. This followed consultations involving their parents, teachers and the Office. I urge them to diligently pursue their studies as they embark on their preferred subjects. This will impact significantly on their academic future and careers.

SEPTEMBER 2016 YEAR 1 INTAKE AND YEAR 6 PROMOTION: The September 2016 Year 1 intake interviews were conducted on 24th June. The pupils who qualified will be joining us on 30th August. In the meantime, the outgoing Year 6 class will be joining the Senior Wing on the same date.

We congratulate both groups upon their progression and take this opportunity to welcome them to Melvin Jones and the Senior Wing respectively.

PARENTS-TEACHERS CONSULTATION DAY: This term's session was held on 11th June. We thank parents for their overwhelming attendance and time taken off their busy schedules to address their children's wellbeing. Let us keep it positive with regard to our children's education by ensuring that we all positively take part in such forums.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL AND EXAMINATION FEES BY YR.11, YR.12 AND YR.13 CLASSES: Those parents whose children will sit the CIE assessments in May/June 2017 shall pay school fees for the next academic year in two installments, as per our routine. The schedule for payment is given below and should be adhered to. Registration for the CIE examinations will only be done for those candidates who shall have cleared their fees as indicated, besides paying in full the examination charges to be released by CIE in due course.

CLASS	1 ST TERM; SEPT. 2016	2 ND TERM; JAN. 2017	3 RD TERM; MAY 2017	EXAM FEE TO BE PAID BY MID-JANUARY 2017
FORM 5 / YR.11	KES. 53, 550	KES. 53, 550	NIL	CAMBRIDGE TO NOTIFY IN DUE COURSE
LOWER 6 / YR.12	KES. 75, 600	KES. 75, 600	NIL	CAMBRIDGE TO NOTIFY IN DUE COURSE
UPPER 6 / YR.13	KES. 75, 600	KES. 75, 600	NIL	CAMBRIDGE TO NOTIFY IN DUE COURSE

SCHOOL MAGAZINE: The 2015/2016 edition of "THE MELVIN TIMES" is out. This is our fourth professionally produced edition. A copy has been issued to you, free of charge, courtesy of our Management. Ensure to go through it and see how our teachers continue to partner with the learners so as to expand the latter's educational experiences through such script.

We thank the Lions Club of Nakuru for their tremendous support in this venture.

FAREWELL PARTY: In keeping with the Melvin tradition, we held this year's Leaver's Party on 17th June. Those in attendance partook of entertainment, a sumptuous dinner, wise counsel and appreciation of the Leavers. The Leavers narrated some of their memorable moments in Melvin with great nostalgia. We wish all the Leavers the best of luck and success in their future endeavours.

DEBATE: The Senior School Inter-class Debate Competition was won by Year 9. This continues to expose our students to topical issues while boosting their confidence in the art of public speaking and self-expression.

INTERHOUSE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE: On 30th May, we held the annual Inter-house Academic Quiz contest. This was spearheaded by the Mathematics & Sciences, IT, Games and Humanities departments. Congo House won.

LEO CLUB ACTIVITIES: The Leo Club members recently elected new office bearers for the 2016/17 Lionistic year.

BARACK OBAMA LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME: Our participating members have continued to engage as they prepare for their visit to the U.S.A, soon after school closes. 29 of them will be involved.

CHANGE OF GUARD: The incoming and the outgoing prefects were recently treated to an official handing over party. The Principal and his Senior Administrative Staff Team attended the function to offer wise counsel and gratitude to the student leaders. Each outgoing prefect received a written commendation from the Principal.

VACCINATION AGAINST MEASLES AND RUBELLA: In support of the government's nationwide vaccination campaign against measles and rubella, we undertook a whole-school exercise for those eligible on 18th May. I acknowledge the tremendous understanding extended by the parents towards its success.

THE FINE ART EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WITH ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL – TURI: On 12th May 2016, our Art & Design teacher [Mr. Ngunyi] visited St. Andrews Turi on a fact finding mission in matters of Art and Design. We had a return visit by two Art and Design teachers from Turi. More exchange ventures are scheduled as we move this subject to CIE examination levels and standards.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING DAY AND YEAR SIX GRADUATION CEREMONY: On 15th July, we held this as the last yet very significant, of our annual functions. H.E. Kinuthia Mbugua, the Governor of Nakuru County, was the presiding Chief Guest, while Lion Aiyappa, President Lions Club of Nakuru, attended as our Guest of Honour. Lion Anil Walia, Chairman Lions Club of Nakuru Schools Management Board was also in attendance, along with the other Lions. We thank the parents for their overwhelming presence.

JUNIOR SCHOOL READING PROGRAMME: This term saw the addition of great literacy value to our reading programme. We have teamed up with the Kenya National Library Services and are able to access over 2400 readers annually for our children to use internally. Further, the Aga Khan foundation, in conjunction with the Lions Club, have extended to us the Reading-For-Children Programme by donating to us new books, complete with the lock-in shelves. We need to support these initiatives for the sake of our children's high literacy levels.

SPORTS ROUND – UP: The school, as usual, was involved in a number of sporting activities, as outlined below.

- The girls' soccer and basketball open teams played against Eastmore Secondary school.
- The under 14 boys' and girls' soccer and netball teams respectively, played against Shah School.
- The Open boys' and girls' soccer and netball teams respectively, played against Shah School.
- We took part in a swimming gala and ball games at Gilgil Hill schools for students of under 13 years
- We were involved in a cricket tournament comprising of schools from Nakuru County.
- The annual memorial soccer tournament, involving both the boys and girls took place. Form 5 and Form 4 emerged winners in the boys and girls categories respectively.
- Interclass and inter-House matches were played in soccer, netball and basketball. Both the Senior and Junior Wings took part.

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• **ADDENDUM:**

- I wish to reiterate that children be picked up by 5:30 pm at the very latest, as our responsibility for their direct care ends at 5:00 pm. Whenever there is a delay, the learners need to be advised against panicking and leaving without the parent's knowledge. They should instead pass word to our gate keeper, who will then liaise with the caretaker, to inform me for follow-up. The risks that may loom for them and the great anxiety created whenever they opt to act on their own is not worth it.
- Parents are informed of the on-going national talent hunt. This is open to our learners aged 6 – 18 years sponsored by Turtle Productions & Entertainment Limited, through the Lions Club. We wish our participating pupils and students the best of luck as they express themselves through talent. This is going to be an annual event with winners enjoying prizes and performance contracts. Our auditions have been rescheduled for early September so as to allow for more participation by some of our own students who will be away at the time of the initially advertised date.
- Parents whose children are non-Kenyans and yet don't have Pupil's Passes, or have them expired, are advised to secure the same ahead of the new term.

On behalf of the Management, staff, students and pupils of this progressive Academy, I wish you an enjoyable and fruitful stay with your child over the long vacation. I remain hopeful to seeing you all on 30th August 2016 for the commencement of the 2016/2017 Year.
