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Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to the 2023 school year! The days have once again flown by and we are at the end of the first week! I ask that you join us as an institution, in making 2023 a year of “**Celebrating God’s Faithfulness!**” We continue to trust in the Lord with all our heart, to lean not on our own understanding, to acknowledge Him in all our ways, and believe that He will direct our path.

I spent most of this week in classrooms, checking the work being done by your children. It was thrilling to see the enthusiasm and eagerness to learn among all children. It is going to be a fun-filled term with lots of learning and new adventures for the children. I ask that you join us in praying for our nation, our city, our school, our children and families as we celebrate God’s faithfulness.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

SCHEDULES

Please see the attached schedules for the term. Afternoon Activities will begin on Monday 16th January 2023. A reminder that this term Athletics and Swimming are **compulsory** for **all** children from Grade 3–7, and for overage Grade 2 pupils i.e. those born in 2015. Children must attend at least two afternoons of sport per week. Extra sports and clubs are optional, but we encourage you to allow your child to receive the most they can from what is on offer. However, homework must still be completed every day.

PUPIL INDEMNITY FORMS AND CONTACT DETAIL FORM

Please find both the above attached. Kindly complete and return to the office as soon as possible.

GRADE 1 – 7 MEET YOUR TEACHER EVENING: MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023

Monday 16 January 2023, will be Parents’ Evening. This is the opportunity for ALL parents to meet their child/children’s teacher(s). The Parents’ Evening will take place in the classrooms. We are planning a graded evening so as to hopefully better accommodate those with siblings in the lower and upper end of the school. The times for this programme are as follows:

Treasure Trove	:	4.30 pm
Grade 1	:	5.15 pm
Grade 2	:	5.15 pm
Grade 3	:	5.15 pm
Grade 4–7	:	6.00 pm

Please be sure to attend this very important meeting with your child/children’s teacher(s). Vital information will be shared with you by your class teachers. Your children and his/her teacher need your support!

CLASS MOMS

At the Parents Evening, please be sure to sign the register on the evening and give your contact details. If you are willing to be a “Class Mom” for the year, please indicate on the register. Our Parents Assembly Committee members will make contact and will set up the class group chat on WhatsApp. Class Moms (possibly Class Dads!) assist both the teacher and other parents, by passing on information, reminders and/or requests to parents on behalf of the teacher, the school or each other.

We trust that despite the very real difficulties, this will be a good term for you and your children.

NAMING OF ITEMS

Please ensure that all your child’s belongings are clearly named, with your child’s full name embroidered in sky blue thread. Please see the attached information sheet for the positioning of the names.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Day pupils are able to receive school teas and lunches, which are delivered to the school, and served to the children at break time and at lunch time. The daily costs are as follows:

- Break snack: \$1,00
- Lunch: \$2,50
- Break and Lunch: \$3.50

Should you wish to take advantage of this service, payment should be made to the cashier. Please note that payments should be done **at least one week** in advance. Lunches / teas may be paid for on a weekly, monthly or termly basis. Children receiving the school teas/lunches should still bring their own bottled water for drinking during the day.

RUGBY TOUR

We are going to have a meeting of ALL parents of children going on the rugby tour on **Thursday 19 January 2023 at 6:00 pm** in the School Hall. A link will be provided for those who do not live in Gweru.

COOKING CLUB (GRADE 6 BOYS AND GIRLS)

As usual there will be a Cooking Club for Grade 6 boys and girls. Unfortunately we have limited space for it, hence it will be offered on a first come first served basis. The cost for this is USD\$20,00. This is used to buy the ingredients. Payments must be done in the front office by the Cashier.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

This is a reminder that all children need to be collected on time.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”
Lamentations 3 vs 22–23*

MCS Mission Statement:
“We are committed to excellence in education as we nurture children to reach their God given potential in Christ.”

MCS Vision:
To raise God fearing pupils who will be the leaders of tomorrow

2023 — “Year of Celebrating God’s Faithfulness”