



30 November 2018

Dear Parents,

Hamjambo! As we approach the end of the first term, I would like to share with you Junior School information, and also inform you about whole school events taking place before the December break.

Zawadi Bazaar – Saturday 1st December

We welcome you to the Academy's annual *Zawadi* Bazaar, which will take place tomorrow Saturday 01 December. The venue is the Senior School. The bazaar is a festive open market with food, gift stalls, and centers for games and fun activities for children. Bring your family and friends along. We request that the Junior students are accompanied at all times, as it will be a busy place and is also open to the public.

Arts Week Production – Friday 7 October

We cordially invite you to attend the Junior School Arts week production *Kalulu*, on Friday 07 December. The play will begin at 6.45pm and we kindly request that parents are seated before this time. The event will be held outdoors next to the *Jungle Gym*. There will be art displays at the Junior School which you are welcome to view, before the start of the play, or at the end.

Friday 07 December will be a full school day. The students should go home at 2.40pm and return to school no later than **6.00pm** (dressed in their costume if they have it with them at home). For students who live a distance from school, you may want to arrange with a parent of their friend who lives closer to school, for them to go home together. For the students who cannot go home and return by 6.00pm, they may remain in school, and we request that you provide your child with adequate snacks and drinks for the day. If your child will remain at school, please inform their class teacher, in the diary.

Parents Association Information and Events

1. Shoe Box Appeal

We are calling upon our community to donate gift items, which will be distributed to the families of our support staff at the Academy. The donations may be dropped off at the Junior School office.

2. Christmas Card Competition

This competition is open to both Junior and Senior School students. The cards may be of any size, with the name and class written at the back. Only one card per child is allowed



to be entered, and is to be handed to the Homeroom teacher or the Junior School office by Friday 07 December. We encourage the use of recycled card or paper. Prizes will be awarded for the best cards and a special prize awarded for the House with the most entries.

3. **Christmas Dinner combined with tree lighting and Christmas Carols by our school choir** – Monday 10 December. This will be a paid event and are hoping for parents, staff and students to come together to socialize and have a great time. We will announce the card competition winners and draw the raffle that will start selling at the Zawadi Bazaar. The Parents Association will communicate more information on this.

Inter-School Athletics (from Ms. Fridah)

The Junior School hosted the annual Inter-School Athletics meet on Saturday 17 November, which saw a good turnout of participants and parents from nine schools around Mombasa. The under 8 team did well in all their events, managing to scoop 6 first positions, 1 second position and 3 third positions. In this category, our team was in second position out of nine teams. The under 10 team shone in most of their events, managing to come first in 5 events and second in 6 events. They emerged in first place overall out of nine teams. Our under 12 team also came first overall, which ultimately pushed our aggregate points higher, earning our school the envied overall first position. The students had a great sporting morning; we congratulate all the participants for not only their personal achievements, but also and for representing the school. Parents, thank you for your support in our sports events.

Our Parent/Teacher Partnership Literacy Development

Here are some ways you can support your child's writing development, at home:

- *Provide a quiet study area for your child*
- *Praise their efforts and respond to the message rather than just the spelling or grammar*
- *Display their writing and show that you enjoy and value it.*
- *Look for opportunities for purposeful writing activities at home: write each other notes; phone messages; holiday plans; shopping lists.*
- *Start a family diary to record special days with photos*
- *Encourage your child to write to express their feelings*
- *Help them understand that writing is for different purposes and audiences: to learn, inform, persuade, compare and express feelings.*

*'If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and keep on learning' Carol Dweck.
Author: "Mindset – The New Psychology of Success*



Dates for your diary

DECEMBER 2018			
Saturday	01	Zawadi Bazaar	11.00am – 5.00pm
Friday	07	Arts Week Production	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday	10	Christmas Dinner	TBC
Tuesday	11	School Closes	2.40pm
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Thursday	3	School reopens	7.30am
Monday	14	Enrichment Programme begins for Term 2	

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful holiday with your family and friends. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know everyone and working with your children during this first semester, and I look forward to our continued partnership for the remainder of the academic year. Asante Sana.

Best regards,

Annia Dear
Principal, Junior School

