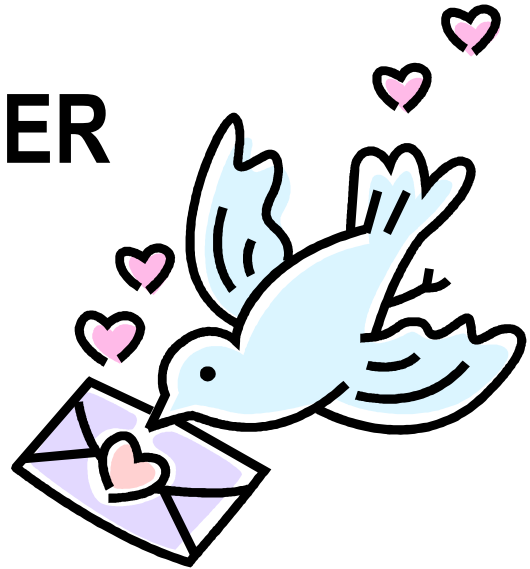




PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



16th November 2007

Dear Parents/ Guardians

For your Information

Book swap

To encourage reading, we are initiating a book swap.

The system is a simple one – if a student has finished with a book they own, they can take it to the library. It will be placed on the swap shelves and they will be given one token per book. Each token allows them to take any other book brought in. Only books – paper back or hardback. Only students' books – not parents. This will continue all year round. If a student who brings in a book cannot find any other which interests them, they can try later when other books come in.

Books to Buy

I can recommend Aristoc as a good supplier of fiction and non-fiction for students of all ages. They have quite a wide range and can get others within a few weeks. Don't forget that our Library Books Are Free To Borrow.

Congratulations KG and Primary For A Great Health Week Last Week.

The most varied and enthusiastic health week I have witnessed in any school due to the efforts of Mr. Peterson, Ms. Jackie Thompson and their colleagues.

CHOGM Card Games On Sale

We have introduced CHOGM Card games in school. They are topical, fun, widen vocabulary and general knowledge and most important of all involve students talking to one another. The classes have them for wet play time pastimes etc. They make useful small presents. They will be on sale from the accountant's office/Bursar's office at 10,000/=per pack. The real cost is 8,000/= the other 2,000 will go to the student council funds.

Calendar

Please find next term's calendar attached. This is an effort to allow teachers and parents to plan ahead. Some dates do not have specific time details –they will be sent to you nearer the time. Please be aware that occasionally, due to circumstances not realized at the time of planning or due to unforeseen circumstances out of our control, it is necessary to make one or two alterations –it was ever so. If this becomes necessary we will try to give you as much notice as possible. For instance we have changed our previously advertised inter- house gala to swimming lesson times as it was felt that a whole day event disrupted the curriculum and involved many children waiting around all day just to swim one or two races

Yearly Calendar

It is obvious from comments and phone calls we receive that some parents have lost the annual calendar we sent out at the beginning of the year. Please find another attached copy of the annual calendar. Any changes made appearing on the term calendar are those which are to be followed.

Football results

We could have fielded three girls' teams to match the boys' age groups but unfortunately the opposition could not.

As it was both ISU teams were short of girls so some of our girls played for them –and KISU still won! Play was characterized by good sportmanship, enthusiasm and determination from boys and girls on both sides. So far our girls' teams remain unbeaten! Great effort girls.

Results

The 16 and under Girls' team won 4-1

The 16 and under boys' lost 6-1

The 14 and under boys' team lost 6-1

The 12 and under girls' team won 2-0

The 12 and under boys' team drew 1-1

CHOGM Closures

Return Tuesday 27th November School is closed for CHOGM all next week. A 'Skelton' administration staff will be in school during this period. **School will remain closed on Monday 26th November. For Teachers and teaching Assistants this will be an in-service training day.**

Secondary School Reports

For those of you who have received the interim reports you will notice that there are many items other than attainment grades. The attainment grades are normally placed by teachers after testing or assessing the homework/class works or a combination of both. The other grades basically indicate commitment, organization, attitude and social aspects. One can discover for instance that a possible reason for a low attainment grade is poor organization: alternatively one could learn that it may be due to lack of commitment. The Interim report gives a broader picture.

Use Of School Hall

Last weekend somebody used the hall for some kind of party and left it in a mess. The hall was not booked. If anyone wishes to use the hall it must be booked through the club.

Trained Teachers Needed For Supply /Substitute Teaching List

If any of our parents are trained teachers willing to take temporary work in circumstances such as when a teacher is on sick leave please let the office know – also if you know of a friend who is a trained teacher please inform the office - thanks.

Teachers Tutoring

I have been asked by teachers to inform you that our teachers and teachers' assistants have a contractual obligation not to tutor our or other students outside of school. There are several reasons for this not the least of which is that my colleagues are committed to focusing on all students in their charge and their work is already very demanding of their energies. Only in exceptional circumstances for a temporary period may they assist one of our own students outside school. To date no colleague is or should be engaged in such work. Therefore if you have asked a colleague and they have refused, please accept that it is because even if they wished to tutor they have a contractual obligation which precludes them from doing so.

Clubs

The last clubs for this term will be held the first week back. The last week of term there will be no clubs.

Library Books Should Be Returned Before The Holiday

Please send all library books back to school asap for the holiday stock take.

Can We Borrow Your Coat Stand?

Year 5 and 6 needs to borrow a coat stand for their production after CHOGM. Please send to the office if you can lend one for the production and we will see that it goes to the teachers involved.

Enjoy some family time.

See you after CHOGM



Graham Pheby
Principal