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HEADMASTER'S SUMMER REPORT

Dear Parents

Our Big Walk, which took place on Saturday 07 April was a fantastic event to bring this term to an end. The day dawned bright and sunny, and we had a very good turnout of children and parents and all those who attended, had a very enjoyable time. Excitement had been growing for weeks before Saturday, and our children rushed back to the "official stampers" after completing each lap to ensure that their efforts were recorded. Some of our children showed me their technological gadgets that measured paces, steps, heart rate and calories used. This was used to persuade mom and dad to buy them various delicious eats and drinks!!!! Well done to all the children and moms and dads who walked and a big thank you to our wonderful PTA who assisted with the braai, and the preparing and selling of food and drinks. Another big thank you to Mrs Mandy Wheeler and to all our great staff team members, who ensured that the day was a huge success!!!

The excitement was not quite over for this term, as we also had our PTA end-of-term Disco on Tuesday 10 April. Our official DJ Romario ensured that all our children could show off their very impressive dance moves!!!! Again the amount of energy our children exhibited, was impressive!!!! We think the Strictly Come Dancing producers should visit us and see what talented dancers we have!!!! We are sure they would be very impressed!!!! Again, our thanks go to Mrs Mandy Wheeler, our sports coaches and the PTA, for all their help and hard work, who ensured that everyone had a really good time.

The implementation of our new administration programme is well under way, with a number of staff receiving training in their respective modules. We should be able to implement this new programme next term. It will take a little getting used to so we envisage implementing one grade at a time, so that any niggles and queries can be adequately sorted before we move on to the next grade. We are confident that this new system will give parents increased information and connectedness to the school. We will be giving out more details nearer the time.

Communication within a school is very important. Parents are reminded of our Communication Policy which is found in the Japari School Structure Document under resources on the d6 Communicator. We have had to deal with a few incidents this term, of parents approaching teachers as the school day begins, requesting to meet and talk with them then. Teachers are unable to talk to parents at this time, as they need to settle their class and begin the teaching day. Teachers are also not able to respond immediately to a parent's telephone message or email, due to their teaching commitment. Teachers will respond to messages within 24 hours.

The recommended communication channels are clearly set out in the School Structure document and parents are requested to please follow these procedures to ensure they can receive the feedback they desire. This document was also emailed to all parents at the beginning of the year.

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The first term has certainly been very busy and exciting. It began with our Parents Cocktail Evening where parents old and new could meet with our staff team. This was followed by the Grade Seven Leadership Camp and the Monitor/Mentor Induction Assembly. Our Monitors and Mentors have accepted their new duties and responsibilities very well and can be proud of their achievements. Our Inter-House Swimming Gala, once again brought out the competitiveness of our swimmers and very good results were achieved. We even had a staff race!!!

Our annual Junior School Cup Cake Sale and Science Fair were enjoyed by all who attended. Likewise, our annual Reading Breakfast was a huge success with many parents taking time out of their busy working schedules to read with their children.

Next Term, our Winter Term, promises to be as exciting and enjoyable. Please refer to our calendar on the d6 Communicator for details.

It remains for me to once again thank our superb Japari Team for all their hard work, time and commitment to Japari School, and to wish all members of the Japari Family a well-deserved and Happy Holiday!!!!

Regards

**Steve Rees
Headmaster**