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Dear Parents

As we turn the page on the 2018 academic year, we can look back with intense pride at everything we achieved.

2018 has certainly, once again, been a very busy, exciting and wonderful year. In addition, to our regular and very full school calendar, we were also evaluated by Umalusi, the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training, this year. Umalusi oversees the quality of education and training provided in the country. Last year, Japari was evaluated by IQAA, the Independent Quality Assurance Agency.

Both IQAA and Umalusi conducted in-depth evaluations of Japari School, its organisation, management and structure. Parents will be pleased to know that both organisations expressed their satisfaction with all the areas of the school they looked at and were extremely complimentary in their findings and report back to us.

Japari values external evaluations as it ensures that Japari School maintains and improves the standards and quality of education it offers its pupils.

Our final year-end award and prize-giving functions is a fitting end to our school year. These are such important events as it is where we recognise and praise our children's achievements, whether these have been academic, sporting or other school related fields.

At the end of the year, some staff inevitably move on with their careers and follow their hearts into new ventures. It is my sad task to inform you that Mrs Maryna Engel, Head of Department, Foundation Phase, will be leaving Japari at the end of the year. Maryna has been at Japari for 12½ years and during her time with us, has initiated a number of wonderful events such as Grandparents Day, Cup-Cake-Along and Mad Scientist Day. These events have been so popular that they have become annual events and we will definitely hold these events again next year!

We wish Maryna everything of the best as she takes on this new challenge.

We also wish Miss Gaby Shapiro, our wonderful Intern Psychologist for 2018, all the best as she embarks on her future career.

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team. The whole is always greater than the sum of its parts and this has been the story of our school this year.

I salute our superb Japari Team, for their hard work, time and commitment to Japari School, and wish all members of the Japari Family a well-deserved and happy holiday!

School commences for the 2019 academic year on Wednesday 16 January.

Regards

Steve Rees
Headmaster