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HEADMASTER'S END-OF-TERM REPORT

Dear Parents

As Autumn rushes into Winter we approach the end of our first term of 2019. Once again we have had a very busy and exciting term, full of so many wonderful events and celebrations.

The highlight of the first term of the year is for me, the appointment of our Monitors and Mentors. This is such a special occasion enjoyed by family, friends and the whole school community.

It is such an important time for our Grade Sevens, as they take on the added responsibilities of leadership, the execution of which, help prepare them for the challenges and opportunities they will face in High School and beyond. The 2019 Monitors and Mentors have adapted well to their new roles and are to be commended for their leadership of our younger children.

Our Inter-House Swimming Gala once again brought out the competitiveness of our swimmers and very good results were achieved.

Our Read-Along-Morning was a wonderful opportunity for our parents to spend some quality time with their children, reading their favourite books. We were very lucky with our weather and the delicious refreshments available certainly provided for a very enjoyable morning!!

Unfortunately, we did not hold our Big Walk this term, but we have a member of our school community, who will be walking 5000km for us!!! Jonathan Latouf, Raphael Latouf's Granddad, will leave South Africa on Wednesday 17th April and travel to Latvia, where he begins his incredible Pilgrimage.

We held a special assembly on Thursday where "Big John", as he is fondly known, spoke to the children and told them about his journey and some of the many amazing experiences he has had in the many different countries he has walked through. Our children also had an opportunity to ask "Big John" lots of questions.

The Pilgrims Prayer concerns the staff and pouch of coins that the Pilgrim takes with him. We said this prayer for him and symbolically handed a staff and a pouch of coins to him that will support him during his pilgrimage.

We will keep track of "Big John" via regular updates on Facebook, WhatsApp and our webpage. Miss Brenda Manley, (Art), will be displaying his route and his progress on it, in our Hall. This will be updated regularly which will give us a good visual representation of where he is on this pilgrimage.

We have recently met with our security company and made them aware of our concerns especially in the late afternoon, when there is little traffic. They have assured us they will be organising more regular patrols at this time and including the possible positioning of a standby vehicle outside of school.

Next term, our Winter Term, promises to be as exciting and enjoyable. Parents are reminded to please use their MySchool Cards this holiday.

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 our Japari Family a well-deserved and Happy Holiday!!

Regards

Steve Rees
Headmaster

