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HEADMASTER'S WINTER REPORT

Dear Parents

Wow!!! What a fantastic way to end our term!! All those that saw our production, "South African Dream", will, I am sure, certainly agree that our children were wonderful! Congratulations and thank you to everyone who worked so hard to ensure that our concert was a success.

Our incredible staff team ensured that our children knew their words and dance routines, with practice, practice and more practice. Miss Brenda Roberts wrote and produced our concert and Mrs Celia Labuschagne arranged the musical items.

Thank you to the parents who kindly donated costumes and accessories. Mark Millward, a Japari Alumni, assisted our sound team, who worked without complaining at every rehearsal. Miss Brenda Manley and a multitude of children, painted our lovely backdrop. Office and ground staff worked long hours behind the scenes to make the concert a success.

I am incredibly proud of our children. Even a technical sound issue at Tuesday night's performance, did not affect our lead Grade Seven actors who coped with this situation admirably!

Rylee Fagan, who was cast as the American "Joe", was injured on the weekend and Joely Grunthal very bravely took over his role at very short notice and she was excellent.

Amber Van Wyk, our lead singer, sang beautifully as did Maya Mpuku who sang the Pata Pata song.

There were certainly many highlights and our children definitely enjoyed performing their routines, songs and dances. Congratulations to all!!!

Earlier this term we celebrated our 52nd Birthday and Reading Week, which is a wonderful combination of learning and celebration. Our special guest was Stacey Fru, a young 12 year-old award winning author. Stacey spoke very movingly and motivated our children to aim for success.

Dana Labe, a Clinical Social Worker, presented the topic, " Strategies To Help Your Child Calm Down" at the Parent Support Group meeting which was very well attended.

The topic for our next Parent Support Meeting which is scheduled to take place next term, will be announced early next term.

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

Regards

**Steve Rees
Headmaster**

School re-opens on Tuesday 10 September.