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Dear Parents, Boys and Girls and Friends of Musikili,

“Believe you can do it. Go out there and do it, because that is the only way you going to get it!”
~Harry Main~

It is wonderful to have the opportunity to communicate with you, however, in terms of school life we are certainly experiencing uncharted waters.

I need to commend all our children from 000 through to Grade 7, who have made an incredible effort to adapt to our new learning platform. It would be amiss not to applaud all our parents, who no doubt are playing a significant role behind the scenes.

I take a great deal of pride from the manner in which our Musikili staff have adapted to home-based learning, while having to familiarise themselves with our online teaching platform, Seesaw.

The staff have embraced our unfortunate circumstances, forced upon us by the world Covid-19 pandemic, by jumping at the opportunity to learn new skills, while providing quality, relevant and age appropriate lessons.

The collaboration and willingness to support one another has been refreshing and because of this, we have been able to make the necessary strides. I have no doubt that our children will ‘survive’ this period of time and will return to school as even more academically rounded students.

It is important for us all to remain cognisant of the fact, that our children are currently developing key ‘life skills’, that will inevitably benefit their future learning. Although this time does not provide our boys and girls with the ‘normal’ Musikili experience, they are enjoying the Musikili Online Teaching and Learning (MOTL) experience.

As professionals and learners, we have been forced to adapt, ‘to sink or swim’ and it is during such situations that we are granted the opportunity to establish the strength of our foundations.

Musikili is comprised of far more than bricks and mortar, with our underlying strength coming from the values instilled in all those who walk through our gates.

I truly appreciate how the Musikili community has reacted to our current academic challenges and we look forward to working hand in hand with our community, as we strive to provide teaching and learning, as well as maintain what makes Musikili, Musikili.



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Family time has taken on a new meaning, as parents have needed to become actively involved in their child's education. Through this time, we are privileged to get a first-hand experience of how our child learns. We get an in depth look at what causes anxiety, where concentration is lost, what sparks an interest? With these findings, so too do the countless school reports start to bear even more meaning to us. I must also take this time to thank my Board for their continuous support, as they have had to make some extremely challenging decisions in the face of the unknown. Not all decisions will appease everyone, however, I am confident that our Board make the tough decisions, always keeping Musikili's best interests at heart. We await with much anticipation the address by our president on Tuesday as we trust that more clarification will be provided with regards to education within Zambia.

As parents, never has it been more important to read all correspondence from the school and to ask questions when unsure. As always, my 'door' is open and please don't hesitate to give me a call should you have any issues to discuss. While we continue with our home-based learning, indefinitely until further clarification is provided by the GRZ, I encourage our boys and girls to strive for balance in their daily lives, to settle down to work early, set goals, experience success and to enjoy the experience.

I wish our school community all the best over the coming week, (having slightly manipulated the original version), the words of prose below as penned by an unknown author:

Take time to think – this is a source of wisdom
Take time to play – it is the secret of perpetual youth
Take time to read – it is the foundation of wisdom
Take time to be friendly – it is the road to happiness
Take time to dream – it is hitching your wagon to a star
Take time to love and be loved – it is a gift from God
Take time to look around – enjoy God's creation
Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul.

All the best
Rich

