

14 November 2020



Our prayer for this week;
Dear Lord, we who are divided,
unloving, unfair at times,
inclined to misunderstanding, intolerant,
make us instead;
united, loving, open to learning,
understanding, forgiving; tolerant.
May your Spirit be present in us as yours is in all people. Amen.

I write this week's newsletter before the end of the week and before the Inter House gala. I have no doubt that Kaleya and Magoye are going to provide us with an extremely closely contested showcase. Credit needs to be given to our swimming coaches who have again worked tirelessly, to prepare our children for this year's gala as well as the 2 Interschool events that we have been able to add to our Term 3 calendar.

A handful of our Team swimmers took part last week at the first ISAZ Interschools event since March, held at AIS. AIS, Martin House, Rhodes Park and Musikili were the 4 competing schools. Each and every child embraced the chance to swim as a team and I am proud to say that they displayed a great deal of GRIT. Our U11 boys, U11 and U13 girls finished in 1st place, while our U13 Boys finished in 2nd place, ensuring that Musikili placed as overall winners.

We are now half way through our Final Term and having barely had enough time to plug in and re-charge, we are preparing for our final events of the Academic year. When looking forward, the distinct realisation sets in that we are approaching the end of the final Term at breakneck speed; there is no doubt that we are travelling at a serious rate of knots!



As with any journey there is an end, a destination. Ours, this term, is bittersweet in that that we will be bidding farewell to a number of our staff who have served Musikili with unequivocal commitment, passion and loyalty and we will miss them with all our hearts. In the same breath, however, we will be welcoming a new, fresh, dynamic and exciting team into the fold. As you would have gleaned from the correspondence that we recently sent out, our processes have been arduous and stringent in order that, above all, we appointed the 'right fit'. The folk coming in are just that – teachers who display both the professional as well as the pastoral qualities that are so dear to us at Musikili. Teachers who will embrace our ethos of family and love. Doers, initiators and pioneers in their own right. I am excited, to say the least!

Catching up on some reading over Half-Term, I came across an article around advice teachers generally offer each other. These go out to our new staff;

- “Teach and learn with passion, it’s the best skill to model to both your students and your colleagues”
- “Ensure that you create a solid support network and work on the relationships that you have with your students”
- “Things get hard (too often), your students will make you cry (go with it), the job is hard and worth every tear, wrinkle and sleepless night it brings you”
- “Slow down, take it all in, enjoy and make a difference”
- Although already in our last stretch, we hope that what is left of the Term is awesome for you in every possible way!



The Importance of Community Service

-Alized Nkhoma

Community service is a significant part of charity and social service. The necessity of community service can be realised only when there is a feeling of gratitude towards the society and sympathy for the underprivileged. In our modern society, community service is the best way to instil a sense of responsibility in young people because it teaches them to be disciplined and work for change. A more just society can only be achieved when people of all ages and backgrounds have compassion and understanding of the hardships that the majority of people in our country face. Community service can make a real difference to the lives of the people in need when we go beyond the more convenient methods of reaching out to those in need such as collecting donations, acts which do little more than simply announce one's support for a particular cause and unfortunately, it does often stop there. That is why our children need to learn that community service is much more than giving donations.

Through our Outreach Programme, I saw how the Grade 7 children learned moral values like honesty, humbleness, gratitude and respect. These values cannot be learned in the classroom. Visiting Malaikha, Nachipooma and Ngoma schools and engaging with the learners at these schools provided our children with an opportunity that they were improving someone's life and making the community better. Reaching out to the less privileged gave the children a good feeling of having done something for others. Having conversations on improving the environment, promoting literacy, and playing netball and soccer side by side with children from the above-named schools was a significant step from disassociation toward unification.



It was through such interactions that our children learn to be non-judgemental. I hope the school will continue to develop strong and engaged relationships with members of the surrounding schools. Community service helps the children to practise what they learn in Religious Education lessons about Christianity as service activities help share the message of God's love in a practical way. I have seen the direct impact of community service through Ms Muleya's work which has modelled a life of service and love not only to the Musikili community but also to people in the nearby villages. I have witnessed firsthand how paying attention to people and listening to them can transform a community. Ms Muleya saw a need in the community and filled it by providing the much-needed health care to the surrounding community and I have been blown away by how well she has worked with the community. The infant mortality rate which was so high in this area when I started teaching at Musikili has declined greatly due to the Maternal Child Health Service Ms Muleya's provides voluntarily.



What I have learned over the years is that being part of a community that cares for others is so important. So, as I move through life, I think I will always be involved in community service and advocacy work as they are vital. I salute Ms Muleya for exemplifying how giving back to society through community service can be so rewarding. Not only has she benefitted from this voluntary work by developing her skills in nursing, but helping others has also given her immense satisfaction and joy. Gordon Hinckle was certainly spot on with his assertion that "One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served."



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

MONDAY 16TH 08:30
GRADE 7 TRIBUTE ASSEMBLY

TUE 17TH - THUR 19TH
GR 6 & 7 FORMAL ASSESSMENTS

THURSDAY 19TH 09:00
MOMS & TOTS GET TOGETHER

SATURDAY 21ST
LEAVERS DINNER

FRIDAY 27TH 10:00
EARLY YEARS HIGH TEA

SATURDAY 28TH
FISHING COMPETITION

MONDAY 30TH 09:00
PUBLIC SPEAKING
CAMPUS DASH 16:00

TUE 1 DEC
IH GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

WED 2ND DEC 16:00
ACROBATICS SHOW & CHRISTMAS PARTY

THUR 3 DEC
CAROLS & NATIVITY PLAY

PRIZEGIVING **FRI 4 DEC**





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