

31st May 2021

Dear Parents,

## **TERM 2**

As normal, the first term of 2021 past in a heart-beat. We are still all adapting to the on-going effects, requirements and restrictions of Covid-19 regulations with the constant hope of some light at the end of the tunnel and a return to reasonable normality. However, we must continue to be stringent with our endeavours all of which are designed to keep our children, families and staff safe, fit and healthy.

### **New Team Members**

We have had some staff changes over the course of the holiday. Some of these changes were planned and some were not. This is the all part and parcel of life at any school and especially so with our continuing desire to improve the delivery of education to all at Alexanders.

#### Key Stage One & Key Stage Two

We said goodbye to Ms Hannel van der Westhuizen who was our Year 0 / Reception teacher and who has been a valuable part of our team since January 2016.

Hannel has left us for a a position overseas and wish her much love and luck with this exciting new chapter in her life. We have been extremely lucky that our own Ms Lucinda Rajzman showed a keen interest in the full-time position and assumed the role from the start of the second term. We have no doubts that Ms Luci will do an absolutely fantastic job under the direction of Mrs Emily James - Head of Key Stage One.

Ms Luci will continue to help deliver some of the other subjects she previously delivered - such as Art in Key State One and Key Stage Two.

#### Ms Annuscha Sagner

Ms Annuscha has joined us to assist Ms Luci and the Key Stage One team. Ms Annuscha has a Diploma in Education from Boland College, Stellenbosch and has previous experience of Key Stage One teaching.

#### Mrs Anel Maritz

A graduate teacher with a Bachelor of Education, with a specific focus on science and health education, Mrs Maritz has joined us to support both Upper Key Stage Two and Key Stage Three with science and geography in order to provide the time to Ms Elle and Mr Taonga to focus on IGCSE and AS Level sciences.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

#### Parent-Teacher Interviews

We would like to trial hosting the parent-teacher interviews at the end of the first half of each term rather than on or around the same time that the academic reports are written. In this way, every parent will have the opportunity to receive feedback - verbally or written - every 7 to 9 weeks rather than only once per term. Therefore, our next round of parent-teacher interviews will take place on:

- \* Wednesday 23rd June - Key Stage One & Key Stage Two;
- \* Thursday 24th June - Key Stage Three, Key Stage Four & Key Stage Five.

Appointment letters will be sent out shortly.



Of course, meeting with the teachers is not compulsory. You only need to pop in to see your child's teachers if you have any queries or concerns or feel the need for more feedback about your child's progress.

Please note that all the above dates are subject to last minute changes due to Covid-19.

Kindly be reminded that all the above dates are available on our website: [www.alexanders-school.com](http://www.alexanders-school.com)

#### Community Outreach & Charity Committee / Interact Club

Alexanders Rotary Interact Club - service club for youngsters who wish to connect with other young people and have fun while serving their communities and learning about the world - is still looking for volunteers. Please speak with Ms Roxanne should your child have an interest to join or if you, as a parent would like support the club.

#### Homework Club & Afternoon Clubs

Registration of places in homework club and the afternoon clubs has been disappointing this year.

Many of our afternoon clubs have only 2 or 3 children enrolled and, thus, it is time for us to reconsider the viability of some of the clubs which are currently on offer. In particular, Key Stage Two Science Club, Key Stage Two Field Hockey and Netball have very little take-up despite hockey and netball being requested by a number of parents last year. I encourage you to take a look at the Afternoon Clubs Registration Form and consider enrolling your child for one or more of the above clubs. Field hockey has changed from Monday to Wednesday afternoon to accommodate more members. If you have feed-back on the clubs or would like to suggest a club, then get in touch with the office and let us know.

#### Monthly Tuition Fees

Month-by-month we receive the monthly tuition fees later on average than the month before and, unfortunately, many parents are in arrears on their accounts.

Invoices are emailed out on around the 24th, 25th or 26th of each month for the next month.

Statements are emailed out on around the 31st of each month.

**Payment is due by the latest on the 3rd day of the month (eg 3rd of June for June's fees).**

It is with regret that Alexanders must now consider enforcing a late-payment fee as provided for in the APS Fee Policy to encourage prompt and full payment.

#### Uniform Orders

We have a number of parents who are still outstanding items from previous orders but we also have a number of parents who have not yet paid for uniform that they received. Uniform orders will be added to your next monthly invoice (so an order placed in May will be charged to your June invoice) and is payable on the 3rd day of the following month. Should you not be happy with the size of the uniforms that your ordered then we will happily organise an exchange when we received the next batch of uniform however your uniform order remains payable. Alexanders orders and pays for the uniform from our supplier in advance of receiving the goods.

#### Drop-off & Pick-up

We have politely requested on many occasions that children be dropped-off and picked-up on Bramwell Road which is the road that runs between the large, red sliding school gate and the entrance to Lagoon Park.

We have a dedicated person on duty every morning and every lunchtime to ensure your child(ren) can be safely escorted across the road after which your child can either walk through the sliding gate or on the pavement around the corner and in through the small gate on Peter Dixon Street (Year 6 & Year 3 only).

The above procedure is a requirement of Municipality of Walvis Bay's Department of Roads and Buildings.

Team Alexanders and the Senior Leadership Team know that we can continue to count on our parents' support in all the above-mentioned matters. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Louise Oosthuizen

Principal