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END OF TERM ONE NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thankful to the Almighty God for having guided us throughout Term One. We hope all our pupils benefited from the teachers during the term.

It is now time for them to take a short break away from their books. It is, however, advisable that they find quiet time for individual study on each day of the school vacation.

ORBITUARY

The term has not been wholly good. We lost one of our dear pupils on Wednesday 28 March 2007. Chongo Sampa was a member of Grade Five Yellow. We regret her passing on and wish her family Godly strength and guidance. May her soul rest in God's eternal peace

TERM DATES

Our school will close for the April vacation at 12 45 hours for the Primary Section and 13 10 hours for the Secondary Section on Thursday 5 April 2007, and will open for Term Two on Monday 7 May.

OPENING DAY FOR GRADE TEN PUPILS

Grade Ten pupils will open for Term Two on Monday 23 April 2007. This is because the class opened six weeks late for Term One.

COLLECTION OF SCHOOL REPORT FORMS FOR NON-EXAMINATION CLASSES

School Report Forms for all Non-Examination classes will be collected on Tuesday 10 April 2007 from 07 30 to 13 00 hours in the morning and from 14 00 to 16 00 hours in the afternoon.

COLLECTION OF SCHOOL REPORT FORMS FOR EXAMINATION CLASSES

School Report Forms for Grade Seven, Nine and Twelve will be collected on Friday 27 April 2007 from 07 30 to 13 00 hours in the morning and from 14 00 hours to 16 30 hours in the afternoon.

TERM TWO 2007 SCHOOL FEES

School fees for Term Two 2007 are due and payable by Thursday 5 April 2007. However, bearing in mind difficulties that parents and guardians face from time to time, pupils will be allowed to start in the new term after clearing at least 60% of the tuition fees for the term. The balance must then be paid within the first month of the term.

SPECIAL LESSONS FOR EXAMINATION CLASSES

All Pupils in Grade Seven, Nine and Twelve will open for Term Two on Monday 23 April 2007. This is to enable them attend very special lessons designed to prepare them for their final examinations towards the close of the year 2007.

HOLIDAY EXTRA LESSONS FOR NON-EXAMINATION CLASSES

Selective extra lessons for all non-examination classes will commence on Monday 23 April 2007 and end on Friday 4 May 2007. Names of pupils in this category will be communicated to their respective parents. We shall be very appreciative if all the selected learners attend these important classes.

2007 GRADE NINE FIELD TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA

The Grade Nine pupils who will travel to South Africa will depart Lusaka on Sunday 8 April 2007 and will return on Monday, 16 April 2007. We wish all the travelling pupils and their teachers Godly guidance and rich blessings throughout their trip. Parents and guardians of the travelling pupils will be met on Tuesday 3 April 2007, at 17 30 hours.

GRADE SIX, SEVEN AND TWELVE EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

These classes will travel out to various destinations during the August vacation. Participation in the trips will require that each child be paid for. We would like to urge all our dear parents and guardians in the three classes to start paying for the children in instalments. The School Accounts Office is yet to establish the cost of taking part in the trips, after which the PTA Secretary will write to all parents or guardians with children in the same classes about the total cost.

HOLIDAY PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

All the pupils in the school will be given projects and assignments to complete during the school vacation. These train them to tackle tasks away from school and help the learners in acquiring skills in individual study which is a pre-requisite to adulthood and lifelong learning.

The projects and assignments will be collected and assessed by the teachers at the beginning of Term Two.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We wish to inform you that the School Library will remain open from 08 00 hours to 12 30 hours on each working day of the school vacation. All our learners are encouraged to use the facility during the allocated time.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROJECTS FOR GRADE NINE (9) GREEN AND RED PUPILS

We wish to inform you that Grade Nine pupils in the above mentioned classes will be required to start preparing their plots for final examination projects. This will be done whilst the soil is still soft enough for tilling. They will be given days by the Subject Teacher, on which they will be coming to school to work. We would like to appeal to all parents or guardians with children in the two classes to ensure that they bring their children to school to work on their plots during the school vacation.

2007 GRADE TWELVE RESULTS

We are delighted to inform you that all our 2007 Grade Twelve Pupils passed their Grade Twelve Examination with at least a General Certificate of Education (GCE). The breakdown of the grades scored is shown on the table below.

YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER	SCHOOL CERTIFICATES	GCE	FAILURES
2005	100	97	03	00
2006	102	98	04	00

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MATTERS

2007/2008 PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Rhodes Park School Parent-Teacher Association Executive Committee for the year 2007/2008 comprises the following parents and teachers:

NAME	PROVINCE	PHONE NUMBERS	POSITION
Mr O Siazilo	Parent	097-777123	Chairman
Mrs M Muhanga	Parent	224739	Vice Chairman
Mr C Mwale	Parent	097-804495	Treasurer
Mr C Daka	Parent	097-777123	Vice Treasurer
Mrs L Saili	Parent	096-922425	Committee member
Mr M Mwanza	Parent	096-454848	Committee member
Mrs L L Luywa	Teacher	293297	Committee member
Mr E Lwando	Teacher	293297	Committee member
Mrs S M Zimba	Teacher	291634	Deputy Secretary
Mr. H M Kwalombota	Teacher	293301/095-763156	Secretary

SUPPORT

We are thankful to the individual members of the 2006/2007 Parent-Teacher Association Executive Committee for their positive contributions to Parent-Teacher Association functions. We are hopeful that the new committee will work extra hard to go beyond limits previously attained.

We also wish to express our gratitude to all the parents and guardians who attended the 2007 Parent-Teacher Association Annual General Meeting. We know that those who did not attend were committed in various ways but, we hope they too will find time to attend similar important family meetings in future.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

We wish to pay tribute to all those parents and guardians who have supported our children in raising funds for the 2007 Spellathon. The function was a great success. We look forward to receiving more support from all our parents and guardians throughout the year.

We urge those parents and guardians who were too busy to join the team this term to do so during Term Two and Three. The Executive Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association is busy planning events for Term Two and Three. School calendars for the coming two terms will show when the remaining events will take place.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL CLUBS

PRIMARY SECTION

SCHOOL SCRIPTURE UNION

The term started on a good note. We held meetings every Wednesday. In all these meetings our aim was to equip the pupils for spiritual growth. As we progressed through the term, we were able to see children sharing the word of God with fellow pupils. They even invited other pupils to our meetings.

We also managed to buy books for the pupils to be reading during meetings. We look forward to an exciting Term Two

FINE ARTS

The club in this section has had a challenging and exciting theatre experience during this term. The members participated in this year's ISAZ Primary Arts Festival hosted by Baobab College on 17 March, 2007.

In addition, the pupils participated actively during the World Day Celebration of Theatre for Children and Young People organized by ASSITEJ Zambia. With such a successful term, we are looking forward to more challenges next term.

MATHEMATICS

This term was fruitful for the club. The club was involved in different activities which included the Four Operations of Mathematics, games, quizzes and mental mathematics. Club members were helped to master mathematics tables. Members saw the importance of having a Mathematics club and so they encouraged their friends to join. The club boasts of membership of 52. We hope to create more activities for our members next term.

AEROBICS

Aerobics club has twenty (20) members. The club started on a very good note this term. The members had a chance of visiting City Health and Fitness Centre. The focus for the term was on building muscles and the following are some of the presentations done; egg roll, push ups, frog jumps and press ups. The members were also taught how their diets should be.

LIBRARY

The Primary Library Club has twenty seven members. This term, the Library Club members embarked on the following activities:

-Shelving of library books in the fiction, non-fiction and reference sections; reading (older members helping younger members) as well as silent reading; analyzing the English grammar, punctuation, spelling and comprehension using books, CDs and audio tapes. Members also made art and crafts for Valentine's Day.

NEEDLEWORK

The needlework club was successful through out the term. We had an average of twenty regular members who attended the club meetings. We covered all the topics on stitches and started working on skirts. We hope to finish next term. Generally most of the pupils responded very well and participated fully in all the activities. All the members have been requested to buy their own materials for making skirts next term.

ANTI-AIDS

The club in the Primary section has twenty members who are involved in a lot of activities like games, songs, drama and role plays. There were no trips which were undertaken this term. We hope to undertake some next term.

HANDWRITING

The club started with a lot of new members. There are thirty members as at now. About twelve members graduated as their handwriting greatly improved. The club mainly deals with children who have problems in their presentation of work and cursive writing. We are encouraging all those with such difficulties to come and join us.

CHONGOLOLO

The club has twenty members from Grades One and Two. This term the members had the privilege of visiting the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) offices. Next term we will visit Kalimba Reptile Park since most of our topics will be based on reptiles.

ART

We had a successful term in as far as artwork was concerned. We started on a good note with a few members. With time membership increased to twenty-five. We had several interesting activities in which members displayed their talents some of which include imaginative drawing, still life drawing, shading and painting.

SECONDARY SECTION

SCRIPTURE UNION

Meetings for Scripture Union were held every Wednesday afternoon. Some of the activities the pupils were engaged in included prayer, bible study and watching Christian and inspirational films. Members were taught the value of prayer and how to use it as a way of communicating with our God, expressing life issues we face from day to day. Bible study helped shape the pupils in moral behaviour and character. Each study looked at various problems that children go through and helped them with the skill of handling choices and limits.

The Executive Committee Members of the Scripture Union Club also attended workshops organised by Scripture Union Headquarters. The interaction helped shape the leadership skills of the pupils. As such, they were able to portray these abilities when it came to leading the other members of the club. The club also invited a guest speaker who is also a former pupil of the school to come and give inspired talks on the reality of Christianity. His talk was valuable to many of the members who gave their lives to God.

We are also pleased to inform our dear parents and guardians that there will be a Scripture Union camp meeting from 6 to 13 April, 2007, in Chikankata, Southern Province.

FINE ARTS

The club has enjoyed an opportunity to develop theatrical ties with other ISAZ schools during the performance of the International School of Lusaka's production of "GEL". Our members had a lot to share with one another in terms of children's theatre.

The club is currently working on the school play which will be staged to the school community and the public on a date to be announced next term. Members are doing their best for their expected audience. On the other hand, preparations for the ASSITEJ Zambia's Arts Festival scheduled to take place next term are under way. We hope to do the best next term.

DEBATE

The club was very active this term. A number of activities took place which included the intra-club, inter-class and inter-school debate. This generated so much interest especially that the members interacted with ZAMUN and Current Affairs Clubs.

A more positive response was seen in the junior secondary school pupils whose active participation made the club attain its current status. In fact the Bright Future Zambia involved our school debate club in inter-schools debate.

MATHEMATICS

The club was faced with the challenge of working with pupils who have been having problems with handling mathematical problems. The club identified numerous problems that the members have been facing during their normal classroom learning. The patrons guided the pupils during all club meetings. As a result more members were able to lead others in problem solving during open discussions.

ZAMBIA MODEL UNITED NATIONS (ZAMUN)

The club commenced its activities in January, 2007. Attendance has been excellent and the members worked hand in hand with the members of the Debate club. Some Grade 12 pupils who were previously active members in the club were co-opted into the club to help prepare the new members for the complex activities of the club. Twelve pupils who are gifted public speakers have been chosen to represent the school at the ZAMUN sessions. They are now officially the ZAMUN delegates for Japan and South Africa. The club sessions began in March 2007 and shall continue through the school holidays. It is expected that Rhodes Park School shall this year send delegates to the ZAMUN conference in November and to the THIMUN conference at The Hague (Netherlands) in December, 2007.

WILDLIFE

The club has an average number of thirty six active members from both the Primary and Secondary Sections. Members are engaged in various activities, like watching video shows on wild animals, drawing and painting wild animals, cross-word puzzles and educational field trips. An educational trip to Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) was undertaken on Wednesday 28 February, 2007. Members were shown items such as assorted guns, animal skins and vehicles confiscated from poachers. We sincerely thank ZAWA for donating to the club some educative pamphlets on Zambia National Parks and regulations.

ART

The club ran successfully this term with very good attendance from both old and new members. Some of the activities the members did during the term include the following types of pencil shading and their application, controlled drawing, 1 and 2 points perspective drawing and enlargement of picture. Next term, we intend to do more activities in Art especially painting and sculpture.

ANTI-AIDS

The club membership consists mainly of pupils from High School. This term the club had a number of activities lined up and most of them were very successful. Amongst them include: a trip to an Orphanage in Kabwata ran by Mrs. Angela Miyanda where club members with the help of the School Administration donated K300 000 for mealie meal, some other food stuffs, washing soap and some second-hand clothes and shoes. We also had a seventeen year old boy from Chawama living with HIV and AIDS who gave a talk to members. Our pupils were also actively engaged in peer-education with their fellow pupils on issues pertaining HIV/AIDS at the High School.

Next term we hope to continue with our activities and include new ones like inviting resource personnel from various organizations dealing with issues on HIV and AIDS to give us more information.

WRITERS

The Writers Club has been quite busy this term, focusing on article and poem writing. The club members visited other school clubs such as Child Rights and Scripture Union where they learnt a lot of things. The information gathered during those visits will be published in Term Two. Articles on Youth Empowerment were written by the club and displayed on the school notice board.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

The club is made up of thirty members who are mainly Grade 10 pupils. The new members have taken over from the Grade Twelve Pupils who are now busy preparing for their final High School Examinations.

The Executive Committee has been put in place pending full-throttle operations in Term Two. The club members under the auspices of the Marketing Department conducted a Market Research into the various products that the Junior Achievement Company will be dealing in after the school vacation.

Shares have been sold and certificates have been issued even though the members are still waiting for the school community to invest in the company.

COMMUNAL CLUBS

JUNIOR ENGINEERS TECHNICIANS AND SCIENTISTS (JETS)

The club took part in a number of activities this term. The secondary section took part in the 2007 ISAZ Science Fair, which the school hosted on 24 February 2007. The participants obtained a number of second positions in different categories i.e. senior quiz, junior Mathematics and Chemistry. The primary section took part in the ISAZ Primary Science Fair that was hosted by Pinewood School on 9 March, 2007. We obtained first position overall. The club was also selected to take part in the inter-schools quiz organized by the National Science and Technology Council. The quiz is currently running and recordings are being done at Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation.

THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross club has worked on the basic concepts in Red Cross. It also organized First Aid advanced courses for patrons. Members will have a representation at The International Youth Campfire to be hosted by Zambia later this year. Another representation by our club will be at the World Red Cross Day to be held on 8 May, 2007.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

The club members have covered a number of concepts this term. The members have become very familiar with ICT terminologies and are able to browse the internet for research purposes as well as play some on-line educational games. Club members are slowly but steadily improving their typing skills by being encouraged to type using the correct hand placement with the assistance of the Talking Typing Tutor programme that has been installed on all the school computers.

The Senior ICT club members are involved in the Global Teenager Programme and have so far sponsored a lot of questions to the learning circle of colleagues all over the world. They shall soon enter into the web design competition.

LECHWE GIRL GUIDE AND RANGERS

The girls attended the Lusaka Province World Thinking day celebrations at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on 17 March 2007. In addition, they had a night out at the Sibweni Road campus. Our activities this year will all be based on the theme "Girls' Voices, Africa's Voice" The activities for the term focussed on enabling girls to explore their potential.

KARATE REPORT

The club had a successful and educative term characterized by various activities such as 'The Five Codes of Human Conduct': be obedient to your parents, respect elders and teachers, trustworthiness to friends, never take life unjustly and loyalty to your school. These codes of conduct aid in the moral development of members. In addition, members had fruitful interactions as some of them are now able to demonstrate some techniques like stances, blocks, strikes and kicks. Along with their training in fundamental education, members were also skilled in sporting activities such as soccer, rugby just to mention a few. Apart from the above stated achievements, the club managed to find an expert who will help us be affiliated to the Karate Association of Zambia. We thank all parents and guardians who have been very supportive to our members.

CHILD RIGHTS

This club looks at the rights which children have. Members are enlightened on their rights and they are also required to enlighten others.

SCOUTS

This term activities were centred on indoor activities. Scouts learnt the history of scouting which is celebrating its 100 years of existence. The celebrations will take place in many places around the world. Activities in Zambia will be held at Lumbwe Mission in Northern Province which is the birth place of scouting in Zambia.

FRENCH

The French club comprises members from Reception Class to Grade Twelve. Activities such as poems, songs, puzzles, quizzes, dances, were carried out during the term. Each year, the club takes part in the Francophone Week and during this week, the school receives French Speaking visitors from the Diplomatic Service. The aim of the Francophone Week is to help pupils open up to the world of globalisation. This year, our pupils hosted the Senegalese Ambassador to Zambia, Son Excellence Monsieur BA Ousmane. "Le francais, pont au monde exterieur - Bonnes vacances."

GYMNASTICS

This is a newly introduced club in the school. Most of its members are from the Primary Section. It is hoped that, we will have members from the Secondary Section in future. So far, the Club has been running very well due to the fact that most of the members are able to easily understand and learn the activities taught. There is a lot of interest and enthusiasm amongst the members. We have emphasised the important activities like muscle strengthening, exercises, mobility promoting exercises and targeting particular body parts.

SPORTING NEWS

Term one was busy in terms of sports. Inevitably, there were both successes and challenges experienced. Our teams played in league and knock out competitions for both sections of the school. The highlights are outlined below.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our school sent a team of Cross Country runners in the age groups of Under 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 for both girls and boys to Musikili in Mazabuka.

The competition was held on Saturday 3 February, 2007. In the second leg of the Inter-Schools Cross Country competition, our school went to Baobab College on Saturday 10 March, 2007 and participated in the competitions.

PRIMARY SOCCER

In this category we featured the Under 11 and 13 boys and girls. They played against the following Schools; Lake Road, International School of Lusaka, American International School, Nkhwazi and Italian School of Lusaka. The team had 3 away games against Nkhwazi, AIS and Lake Road.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

We played 3 games and out of the 3 games, 2 were away games. We played one at Lake Road and the other one at Ibex Hill School. The age groups featured were Under 13 boys and girls. The Under 13 boys fared very well against Lake Road and won the match. Our girls did not do well.

VOLLEYBALL

Participating pupils did not fare very well in this sport during Term One. Volleyball Enthusiasts are working very hard in training learners so that the future of the game in the school can be enlightened.

BASKETBALL

The team excelled well through out the League matches. Our Basketball Team for Boys neither lost any match nor recorded a draw. The team emerged as champions both in the Midlands and Copperbelt Zones. On 24 March, 2007 our Basketball team brought glory to the school after topping ten other schools during the Sports Festival held at the International School of Lusaka.

SOCCER

The Soccer teams for Under 15 Boys and Under 19 Boys both qualified for the semi- finals. The under 15 Boys played 3 games; they won 2, drew 1 and lost none. The Under-19 Boys played 3 games, won 2, drew 1 and lost none. However, both teams lost in the semi- finals because the league matches were played on knock-out basis. Our Girls' teams did not do very well and did not qualify for the semi- finals.

GETTING READY FOR TERM TWO

Term Two is the most appealing sporting period of the year because of its mild and appropriate temperatures which enable our bodies to work longer hours. It is during this term that most local games are played. Parents and guardians are encouraged to take part in the up-coming athletics and the Parent-teacher Association Seven-A-Side Tournament. Teams for the tournament will be formed early in the term so that members can prepare for the big day.

We look forward to seeing you running and jumping about with our children.

We wish all our pupils and their teachers a blessed school vacation.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

H. M. KWALOMBOTA
HEAD TEACHER