



# RHODES PARK SCHOOL

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## **BEGINNING OF TERM ONE 2007 NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **WELCOME**

We wish to welcome all our children to the 2007 Academic Year. We are thankful to the Almighty God for making it possible for us to reach this wonderful chance of starting afresh.

It will be exciting for us all to input our best efforts so that the year can be concluded with total success in all school undertakings.

### **SCHOOLWORK IN 2007**

We are pleased to note that all our teachers are ready to teach effectively in 2007.

We urge all the learners to take advantage of the prevailing good weather so that more work can be covered before the hot and dry season in Term Three.

### **TERM ONE 2007 SCHOOL FEES**

As you are all aware, Rhodes Park School Policy is that fees for this term were due and payable on the last day of last term. We are thankful to all those parents and guardians whose children's school fees for Term One 2007 have already been paid.

We are however urging those parents or guardians whose children's fees have not yet been paid to ensure that the fees are paid as soon as possible. Kindly note that school places may be lost due to delayed payment of school fees.

### **PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS**

The School Academic Management Team, Subject and Class Teachers will meet all parents and guardians of all Rhodes Park School children from Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 January 2007. We look forward to meetings all of you, so that we can together set pace for this year's academic programmes.

The meetings will be conducted according to the schedule shown on the school calendar attached to this newsletter.

### **ENTRANCE INTERVIEWS**

We are still conducting interviews at Reception Year, Grades One, Two, Three, Four, Seven, and Eight.

Parents, guardians and friends wishing for their children to enrol with Rhodes Park School in these classes can bring their children for entrance interviews at our main campus in Northmead. Appointments can be made by calling the School Secretary, Miss Njavwa Sichula on the numbers appearing on the school letterhead.

### **MRS. S M ZIMBA - SECONDARY SCHOOL DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER**

We wish to welcome back Mrs. S M Zimba, our Secondary School Deputy Head teacher, back for work. Mrs Zimba was out on study leave for two years. We are very pleased to have her back and wish her the best of luck in all her contributions to our institution.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We wish to inform you that we now have most of the required sizes of the school uniform for most garments. We are however waiting for more sizes of the school shirt and the Golf Collar T/shirt, which should arrive from South Africa within the next two weeks.

## **ANALYSIS OF 2006 GRADE SEVEN EXAMINATION RESULTS**

We are thankful to all our 2006 Grade Seven Pupils for their fabulous performance in the Composite Examination. The table below reflects their pass rates.

<b>RANGE OF MARKS</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE RANGE</b>	<b>NO. OF CHILDREN</b>
675 – 900	75 – 100	127
540 – 674	60 – 74	003
450 – 544	50 – 59	00
000 – 449	00 – 49	00
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN</b>		<b>130</b>

## **HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS AND PROJECTS**

All our returning pupils were given holiday assignments at the close of the 2006 academic year. We value all of them because they help learners in their individual study and research programmes. We are expecting all of them to produce good work because they had enough time to do the work. Kindly help them so that they can finish their work before they bring to it school.

## **2007 EXAMINATION CLASSES**

Grade Seven, Nine and Twelve pupils are expected to work extra hard whilst there is time. Serious work begins on Monday 9 January 2007. We are appealing to parents and guardians of children in these classes to help us in preparing the children for their final examinations.

The school programme of testing the classes fortnightly after which test booklets are sent home for perusal and comments by parents and guardians on children's progress continues. The tests will commence in Week Two of Term One 2007. The books are sent home on the last Friday of every fortnight and are expected back at school the following Monday.

## **THE SCHOOL-HOME PROGRAMME**

All pupils in the school will be assessed by their subject teachers during Week One of Term One. The assessments will take place during the learning and teaching processes. All the pupils who will be found to be less prepared for their current classes will be put on a remedial programme until they are ready to work at the average pace established for their classes. Parents and guardians of the learners in this category will be written to, by Friday 12 January 2007, informing them about the programme.

## **AFTERNOON CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Afternoon co-curricular activities for Term One 2007 for Grade One to Twelve will commence on Tuesday 16 January 2007.

Each Rhodes Park School pupil is expected to belong to at least two of these activities. The list showing all co-curricular activities offered by the school will be sent to all parents in due course.

## **TERM ONE 2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The school calendar for Term One 2007 is attached to this newsletter. Kindly study it carefully so that we can together follow and take part in all applying school programmes. It can also be found on our website.

## **THE SCHOOL WEEKLY AFTERNOON TIMETABLE**

The timetable below shows what happens to different classes each afternoon. Kindly study it so that we can all pick children from school at the correct time on each day. When children have free afternoons, they are supposed to be picked at 12 00 hours for Reception, 12 20 hours for Grade One and Two and 12 45 hours for Grade Three to Six. All afternoon activities for Primary Classes end at 15 20 hours where as those for Secondary Classes end at 16 30 hours.

Pupils in Grade Seven to Twelve do not have free afternoons because of the amount of work they have to cover in about 180 days which include examination weeks and special days on which important co-curricular activities take place.

SECTION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
RECEPTION	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
GRADE ONE AND TWO	EXTRA LESSONS	CLUBS	EXTRA LESSONS	FREE	FREE
GRADE THREE TO SIX	LESSONS/5 & 6 EXTRA: 3 & 4	CLUBS	CLUBS	LESSONS/5 & 6 EXTRA: 3 & 4	FREE
GRADE SEVEN	LESSONS	LESSONS	LESSONS & CLUBS	LESSONS	LESSONS
JUNIOR SEC	PREPARATIONS & LESSONS	PREPARATIONS & LESSONS	LESSONS & CLUBS	PREPARATIONS & LESSONS	PREPARATIONS & LESSONS
HIGH SCHOOL	PREPARATIONS & LESSONS	PREPARATIONS & LESSONS	LESSONS & CLUBS	PREPARATIONS & LESSONS	PREPARATIONS & LESSONS

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership is free for most clubs where as some require that pupils be affiliated to mother bodies by making monetary contributions. Class Teachers and Club Patrons will communicate all club requirements to parents and guardians through the school office.

Kindly note that all clubs have profitable excursions and projects that may require financial contributions. We hope all our parents and guardians will help the children choose those clubs that will best help model them into skilful adults.

### GATE PASSES

All pupils who walk to and from school are required to be in possession of Gate Passes. The school prepares the passes after a payment of ten thousand Kwacha (K10 000.00) is made by each one of the children in need. For learners in this category, the Gate Pass symbolises that parents have allowed their child to walk to and from school. The school will not allow pupils who are not in possession of Gate Passes to leave school at home time. Strangers sent to pick pupils from school will also not be tolerated. When new people are being empowered to pick pupils, parents or guardians need to notify the Class Teachers in writing. This will serve us all from getting into unwanted difficulties.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Physical Education is one of the most important subjects offered in all Zambian schools. The subject requires that all pupils be in possession of Physical Education Uniform.

All pupils' Physical Education Uniform will be registered with Class Teachers so that the subject is taught effectively. The School Accounts Office is well stocked with most of sizes required by all our pupils. We expect the other sizes in school in the next three weeks.

### HEAD TEACHER'S MEETINGS WITH PARENTS

The Head teacher will meet all parents and guardians during the first week of Term One 2007. All parents and guardians are humbly invited to these important meetings. These are the meetings that unveil to the parents and guardians what the school has put in place for the children during the academic year. Parents are free to ask all those questions that bother them about their children's academic life at Rhodes Park School.

The meetings are divided into class segments beginning with parents of the youngest children. The schedule of these meetings is shown on the attached calendar. All meetings will be commencing at 17 30 hours.

## **SCHOOL STANDING ORDERS (SCHOOL RULES)**

We are thankful to all our parents and guardians for the support we received in 2006. We would like to remind you all to help us in ensuring that all our pupils follow the school standing orders. They are all required to be responsible, cooperative and respectful.

Kindly read the school standing orders with them each week so that they can understand their school accountabilities. Our school website at [www.rhodesparkschool.net](http://www.rhodesparkschool.net), shows this copy as "school rules" on the table of contents. A click on it will open the full document.

## **UNWANTED ITEMS, OBJECTS AND SUBSTANCES**

We wish to inform you that all sorts of play items, cellular phones and harmful objects or substances are not allowed in the school. Please note that pupils who bring such items to school will have themselves to blame for whatever will happen if found.

We also wish to advise parents and guardians not to claim such items if they are confiscated by the school office.

## **GRADE NINE FIELD TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA**

Grade Nine pupils will travel to South Africa during the April school vacation. Travelling pupils will be required to be in possession of passports. We believe this will not be a problem because the acquisition of passports for these pupils was mentioned in the end of year newsletter in December 2006. The Parent-Teacher Association Executive Committee will soon meet to determine the contributions for the trip. Parents and guardians are free to start paying for the trip even before the final figure is arrived at.

## **PTA-BUS CONTRIBUTION**

Kindly note that the termly contributions towards the repayment to Barclays Bank, of the two leased PTA buses continue.

We are thankful to all those parents and guardians who responded positively to our request in Term Three 2006. We shall continue reminding each other about this obligation because the buses add value to our children's learning and the teachers' teaching.

## **PTA MEMBERSHIP FEE**

Kindly note that the Parent-Teacher Association Family Membership Fee is Fifty Thousand Kwacha (K50 000.00) per term. This has to be paid at the beginning of each term because it is the sum total of this fund which kick-starts all academic excursions for the learners and their teachers.

## **FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES**

The Fine Arts Club started working on a new play in 2006. The members are working extra hard on their new production and it is expected that the final product will be displayed to the public before the Mid-year Examinations.

## **2007 PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Parent-Teacher Association AGM will take place on Saturday 17 February 2007. The venue and all the other information meant for the meeting will be sent to you in due course.

## **PTA FUNDRAISING FUNCTIONS**

We wish to inform you that the schedule for the 2007 PTA fundraising events will be sent to parents and guardians together with 2006 Annual General Meeting Minutes. The Parent-Teacher Association Executive Committee may however initiate the first function before 19 February 2007.

We wish all our pupils, teachers and families a successful academic year.

# **LET THERE BE LIGHT**

**H M KWALOMBOTA  
HEAD TEACHER**