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Dear Parents and Guardians,

END OF TERM TWO 2007 NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

We are thankful to the Almighty God for having guided us throughout Term 2. We are hopeful that all our learners took advantage of what the teachers taught them during the term. We urge them all to keep to their books because they will come back soon to face final and end of year examinations.

TERM DATES

Our School will close for the August vacation on Thursday 2 August and open for Term Three on Monday 3 September.

COLLECTION OF END OF TERM SCHOOL REPORT FORMS FOR NON-EXAMINATION CLASSES

School report forms for all non-examination classes will be ready for collection on Friday 3 August from 07 30 to 13 00 hours and between 14 00 and 16 30 hours.

COLLECTION OF REPORT FORMS FOR GRADE SEVEN PUPILS

Parents and guardians will collect School report forms for Grade Seven pupils on Friday 10 August, between 14 00 and 16 30 hours. This will be the closing day for the class as well. They will only rest for two weeks and report for Term Three on Monday 27 August.

COLLECTION OF SCHOOL REPORT FORMS FOR GRADE NINE AND TWELVE PUPILS

Class and Subject Teachers will hand out School report forms for Grade 9 and 12 on Monday 20 August. This is the day the two classes will open for Term 3. They will attend special lessons meant to prepare them for their final examinations.

TERM THREE 2007 SCHOOL FEES

We wish to remind all the parents or guardians who have not yet paid their children's school fees for the third term that fees are due and payable by Friday 3 August. The procedure of payment of school fees is prescribed on the fees invoice.

JOB SHADOW PROGRAMME

We are delighted to inform you that the first group of our Grade 11 pupils will have job shadow experience from the 7 to 10 August. Job shadowing allows pupils to explore those careers and or opportunities that may interest them. By "shadowing" someone in their job or career of interest for one to three days, they get a first-hand, insider's look into what that person's job involves. The shadowed person can show them just what are the benefits, and challenges, of their position. Job shadowing is done by seeing how the shadowed person interacts with their co-workers,

participating in the activities they face each day, and seeing what it takes to "be that person". Pupils will gain valuable insight into whether the job or career is something they might want to pursue themselves.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TUCKSHOP

This will be located at the Western side of the Sibweni Road Campus, and will be open in time for Term Three. The new facility will be larger and more spacious in order to handle our school capacity and will have covered seating areas. Being on the other side of the playing field will also help to better cater for functions and events.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MEDIA CENTRE

Probably the most ambitious project ever undertaken by our institution, the Media Centre will become the hub of the school. This is not only because of its central location in between the existing class blocks, but also because of its impressive size and structure.

The building will have three flows and will contain:

- two libraries (for primary and secondary including librarians offices and reference room)
- two computer labs (with server rooms and offices)
- two language laboratories
- two language labs
- new staff room and prep rooms
- several auxiliary offices
- thirteen classrooms

Below is a graphical illustration of how the structure will look when completed. Construction of the Media Centre will begin during the school vacation and will naturally continue into next term. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience that will be caused by construction personnel and machinery during next term. We will of course endeavour to minimise the hassles that some parents may face when collecting or dropping their children.



USE OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY DURING THE SCHOOL VACATION

The school library will be open to all members of the school community, especially those pupils in examination classes. The Librarians will work from 08 30 to 12 30 hours each working day.

We urge all parents and guardians to encourage children to take advantage of the time and avenue offered to them. Parents when borrowing should accompany children in Reception Class to Grade 5 and returning books to the school library, respectively.

SPECIAL LESSONS FOR GRADE TWELVE CLASSES

Grade Twelve pupils are encouraged to keep to the school after closure. They will work with the school and ask for help from teachers throughout the vacation. This is to enable them attend classes specially designed to prepare them for their final national examinations. They will also sit with selected teachers who will try to help them overcome weakness in their difficult learning areas.

EXTRA LESSONS FOR NON-EXAMINATION CLASSES

Extra lessons for selected pupils in all non-examination classes will commence on Monday 20 August and will end on Friday 31 August. We are appealing to parents and guardians of the selected pupils to support the school by bringing them to school each day.

GRADE NINE GREEN AND RED AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROJECTS

All pupils in Grade Nine Green and Red will be required to continue working on their Junior Secondary School Leaving Examinations Agricultural Science Projects throughout the holiday. The projects are part of their final examinations.

MATHEMATICS WEEK

During the second term, the Mathematics department held the Mathematics Week from 9 to 13 July. During the week, pupils solved challenging Mathematical problems, brainteasers and puzzles. They also did Mathematical projects and researched on the work of great Mathematicians such as Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. They also looked at the application of Mathematics to modern technology. The objective of the Mathematics Week is to eliminate the phobia and stimulate Mathematical reasoning.

GRADE TWELVE TRIP TO NAM-PORT (WALVIS BAY) IN NAMIBIA

A class of 50 Grade 12 pupils and their teachers will leave for Namibia on Saturday 4 August. They will return on Sunday 12 August.

GRADE SEVEN TRIP TO THE VICTORIA FALLS REGION AND NAMIBIA

Our Grade 7 pupils and six teachers will travel to the Victoria Falls Region and Katima Mulilo District in Namibia on Friday 17 August and will return on Wednesday 22 August.

GRADE SIX TRIP TO KAFUE NATIONAL PARK

A team of sixty Grade 6 pupils and six teachers will travel to the Kafue National Park in two groups with the first one departing Lusaka on Sunday 12 August and returning on Friday 17 August. The second group will depart Lusaka on Sunday 19 August and return on Friday 24 August. We are glad to announce that both parties will be going to Treetops Educational Camp, which has been serving Zambia's children for several decades now.

MEETINGS WITH PARENTS OF THE TRAVELLING PUPILS

The School Administration Team will meet parents of all the travelling pupils on Wednesday 1 August at 17 30 hours in selected classrooms, as follows: Grade Six Blue classroom - Parents and guardians of Grade 6 children, Grade Seven Blue classroom - Parents and guardians for Grade 7 pupils and Grade Six Yellow Classroom – Parents and guardians of Grade 12 pupils

SPORTING NEWS

This has been a busy Sporting Term. The sporting activities included the Annual Inter-house Athletics Competitions, Independent Schools Associations of Zambia, (ISAZ) Annual Ten-Step Award Festival, Hockey and the Interschool Athletics Festival.

TEN-STEP AWARD FESTIVAL

The festival was on 19 May at Lusaka International Community School (LICS). Only nine schools participated in the Decathlon. Our school team took part in ten activities lined up as follows: 50 Meters Sprint, Standing Ball throw, 50 Meters Skipping, High Jump, Object Picking, Seated ball throw, Standing Three, Spring Jumps, 60 Meters Shuttle run and 15 Meters Hopping and Long Jump.

THE SCHOOL ANNUAL ATHLETICS DAY

The final function, which comprised track events for the Secondary Section, took place on Friday 1 June. The day was preceded by field events and primary school track events. The field events took place after the final races for the Primary Section. The overall results for the final day were; **Patrice Lumumba 565, Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe 536, Tom Mboya 489 and Samora Machel 448**

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA (ISAZ) SENIOR HOCKEY FESTIVAL

The Hockey Festival hosted by Baobab College on Saturday 19 May was a wonderful experience for our teams. Our Under-19 Boys and Girls represented the school. Each team played three matches. They enjoyed their games and will definitely improve with time.

ISAZ JUNIOR HOCKEY FESTIVAL

A non-competitive festival held at Musikili Primary School in Mazabuka on Saturday 2 June was another great day for our young players. The main idea was to expose the players to the game of Hockey and its rules.

ISAZ SENIOR ATHLETICS

Baobab College hosted the Secondary Schools Athletics competitions on Saturday 9 June. Ten schools participated. The competition was stiff, though our children managed to excel in most of the events. Thirteen of our participants were in the Gold, Silver and Bronze categories. All of them won performance certificates for their effort.

ISAZ JUNIOR ATHLETICS

At the Independent Schools Association of Zambia (ISAZ) Junior Athletics Competition, we featured Under-9, Under-11, and Under-13 Boys and Girls from the Primary Section of the school. Our representatives did very well in short races and but fared poorly in field events and long distance races.

OLYMPIC DAY RUN

On 23 June, the National Olympic Committee of Zambia invited our school to participate in the 10 Kilometre Olympic Day Run. Fourteen pupils turned up to participate in the event. The members of staff also participated to give support to the pupils.

The event was flagged off at 11 35 hours by the Deputy Minister of Sport Youth and Child Development, Ms Angela Cifire, at National Sports Development Centre. The Committee gave certificates to all our representatives.

FIRST QUANTUM MINERALS LIMITED SCHOOLS SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On 13 July, Rhodes Park School took part in the First Quantum Minerals Schools Seven-A-Side Tournament hosted by Ndola Wanderers Club.

The Tournament attracted 16 schools. Rhodes Park School played three matches and won free points owing to the fact that Mukuba forfeited one of the games. Our team won one match and lost three.

CHESS

The Chess Club has well over one hundred members. There are three groups, namely; Primary, Junior Secondary and High School categories.

The focus for the term was to train our members and come up with formidable teams, which will represent the school in the sport of chess. This has been done. The response has been superb. Next term the intention is to participate in chess tournaments, which will be organised by the Russian Centre and Just Chess Academy.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL CLUBS

SCRIPTURE UNION

We praise God for the blessings of the term. Membership went up during the term owing to the fact that programmes put in place were very involving and exciting. Some of the fantastic activities included going for conferences, inviting guest speakers, panel discussions and use of the Christian materials bought from the Scripture Union Headquarters. We shall wrap up the term by going for the August camp at David Kaunda Secondary School during the August vacation.

JUNIOR ENGINEERS TECHNICIANS AND SCIENTISTS (JETS)

The club has continued to be active at both school and provincial levels. Recently the club took part in the Provincial JETS Fair, which was at Kabulonga Boys High School on 29 June, under the theme "Youth rise to the challenge in creating wealth". Our school did fairly well as the school was first overall in the Primary Category and second overall in the Junior Secondary School Category. Five of our pupils will represent the Province at the National JETS Fair to be from 6 to 11 August. The pupils and categories where our pupils emerged first position are:

- i) Lombe Mumba (7 Blue) -Primary Science Olympiads
- ii) Chisaka Pamu (7 Blue) -Primary Mathematics Olympiads
- iii) Anna Chibwana and Seda Kunda (9 Green and Yellow) -Junior Secondary School Quiz and
- iv) Chisha Sinyangwe (12 Green) – High School Mathematics Olympiads

The club also took part in the National and Technology Council organised Quiz, which was running on Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation Television, where the club was ranked fourth out of sixteen.

PRIMARY LIBRARY

Attendance was excellent during the term. The members looked at the arrangement of non-fiction books, encyclopaedias and location of information. They need this for homework or any other research works.

The members are able to choose books for silent reading for understanding and enjoyment. They are to read quietly and shelve the books in their correct places. During this time, one member at a time is given chance to read to the School Librarian. Members also played academic games during Library Club meetings. Shelving of books and tidying up the library was an activity carried out during the last ten minutes of each meeting.

Each member plays an active role in decorating the library with educational displays for the benefit of the entire Primary Section. The members are currently working on sticking date due labels in the library books.

CHILD RIGHTS

The club had two important activities in its sensitization programme. During the course of the term, the club members invited SOS Village School Club members and had a round table discussion on "CORRUPTION"

They discussed its forms, effects, how it violets children's rights such as lack of medicines in hospitals, school places, social facilities and other ills it brings into society. The club sensitised the Rhodes Park School Community on Child Abuse and its effects. The club used a sketch to convey the message to pupils and teachers.

ANTI-AIDS

The club had a successful term. Most of the 45 members of the club attended all club meetings. Activities included Peer Education, Debating and Open Discussions. Our members went to classes in the secondary section to educate fellow pupils on matters pertaining to the dangers and prevention of HIV/AIDS. They also discussed stigmatization in our society. The club had a resource person, Mrs Edina Phiri who came to make a presentation on the importance of herbal cure for HIV/AIDS patients. She explained how the Moringa Plant helps people with HIV/AIDS.

PEER EDUCATION

This club helps Secondary School pupils make healthy decisions. Peer educators are trained to facilitate innovative prevention educational discussions that address unintended pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), sexual harassment and indeed other sexual health concerns. Club activities focus on building critical skills such as communication with peers and parents, problem-solving and decision-making, negotiation, refusal skills and self-management.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Rhodes Park School Junior Achievement Company was involved in trading activities during the term. The club was buying and selling snacks to pupils. The company raised capital through the sale of shares. One hundred and thirty three (133) shares were sold at ten thousand Kwacha (K10 000.00) each. One million three hundred thirty thousand Kwacha (K1 300 000.00) was raised from the sale. The profit made was nine hundred thousand Kwacha (K900 000.00).

The company members learnt how to source goods at the cheapest possible price through company quotations. In addition, they learnt how to maintain books of accounts through record keeping. They learnt meeting procedures, causes of liquidation, liquidation of companies, how to chair and facilitate meetings.

SENIOR SECONDARY MATHEMATICS

The club has a vast membership of mostly pupils in Grade 12 who have various individualized problems in the subject. The main objective is to help pupils develop positive approach in all concepts in Mathematics. Pupils are encouraged to attempt questions in various topics in the subject and as well as working with other learners in groups. This has helped the members to revise adequately for the final examinations.

JUNIOR SECONDARY MATHEMATICS

Membership is open to Grade 8 and 9 pupils. Most of the activities during the term centred on practicing short methods of working out Mathematical problems and quiz work. They revised for examinations at every meeting. This gave the members confidence to carry out examination problems with ease. Members came with Mathematical problems to share and this happened very well, as it was occupying.

UPPER PRIMARY MATHEMATICS

The members of this club are in Grade five and six pupils. They wish to compete with other schools in Term Three. There are 52 members in the club this term that have been helpful to the Mathematics Club. Activities included the four operation of Mathematics, games, quiz and mental Mathematics. The club also had an inter-Grade quiz.

LOWER PRIMARY MATHEMATICS – MAIN CAMPUS

The Mathematic Club for Lower School consists of twenty-five members. Multiplication was the main activity for the term. They built up times tables used them to solve problems. The members also did written exercises from past question examination papers. They also took part in quiz and interesting games. During Term 3, the club hopes to cover many exercises especially in multiplication and division where most of the pupils have challenges.

JOSEPH MWILWA ROAD JUNIOR MATHEMATICS

The club members worked very well throughout the term. Mathematics Patrons took part in guiding and teaching the members. The members had a variety of activities to facilitate the teaching. Pupils participated fully in games, quizzes,

exercises and songs. Some of the pupils from the club spearheaded the games and activities during the Mathematics Week. This motivated them and is helping them in getting ready for future challenges

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

The club has 121 members from both Secondary and Primary Sections. Pupils learnt skills during the meetings in the following programmes: Word processing, Spreadsheets, Internet research skills and PowerPoint presentations. In addition, each member of the club will present a project as a holiday assignment in the topics they covered this term. The club will take part in the coming Global Teenager Project Virtual Learning Cycle.

NEEDLE WORK

The club consists of twenty-five regular members. This term the club mainly looked at designing and sewing. The members designed their own wonderful patterns, which they made into skirts. The response from the members was overwhelming. They will design dresses in Term Three.

FRENCH

The French Club is one of the most vibrant clubs at Rhodes Park School. The club holds many activities such as poetry recitals, songs, dialogues, conversations, puzzles and other speech exercises. The purpose is to create chances for members to communicate with French-speaking people, as the language is one of the international languages in the world. The club hosted important visitors from various embassies during the Francophone week.

Bonnes vacances!

ZAMBIA MODEL UNITED NATIONS (ZMUN)

Term Two was very challenging but rewarding to the club. The club membership grew to twenty-five fully dedicated and consistent members who are pillars at ZAMUN in Lusaka District. The club members are now able to carry out private research on issues affecting the world. They are also able to write out their own resolutions and articulate topical issues superbly.

ZAMUN is currently organising its November conference at Mulungushi International Conference Centre. In this regard several fund raising ventures were organised which included a seven-a-side soccer tournament held at the International School of Lusaka (ISL) in which Rhodes Park School ZMUN member participated.

Zambia Model United Nations has been invited to the Johannesburg Model United Nations (JOMUN) Conference. ZAMUN is also working tirelessly to engage the government in its activities so that the benefits of ZAMUN can trickle down to every corner of Zambia.

WRITERS

The club commenced on a good note with three lined up activities as follows; writing the School Magazine, the Year Book and flying stories.

Of the three tasks, only the school magazine is partially complete. The members collected, researched and compiled materials for the magazine. The process of producing the magazine was a very educative venture for the members of the club. They are looking forward to seeing their efforts manifest in the soonest possible time. The other two projects are on going. The club intends to visit publishing houses in Term 3.

The third term will be a very active term in terms of the interviews with some prominent members of society. An appearance in 'Trendsetters' on teenage issues and field trips will be done.

The Writers' Club is one that needs more development as it integrates material from many academic subjects. It has so far helped members to be responsible for what they write and understand society from a wider perspective. It has also drawn interest from non-club members who contribute articles towards the magazine.

FINE ARTS

Club activities have been very exciting this term. Members got involved in modern ways of doing theatre and musical arts among others. This development greatly benefited our members. We had two major activities during the term, which accelerated our zeal to embrace a more focused approach towards dramatic activities namely; the school play

"The Untold Story" which was staged from 8 to 9 June at the Lusaka Playhouse and ASSITEJ Zambia's Provincial Festival held on 14 July at Lusaka High School.

The club is hopeful of success at the Jacaranda Awards in September. Besides the two major events, the club conducted various indoor activities in order to enhance theatre skills among the members. Members are looking forward to another exciting term when they shall embark on new programmes for the club.

WILD LIFE

The Wildlife Club has an average number of twenty active members from Grade four to six. Club members have been meeting every Tuesday from 14 00 hours to 15 20 hours in Grade 3 Yellow classroom. The members were engaged in various activities like wildlife games, film shows on wildlife and educational field trips.

Members participated in the World Environment Day Commemoration on 5 June at Linda Open Community School. They took part in planting trees and presentation of a poem entitled "Lamentation of a tree". MUVI Television Studio filmed the poem, for being the best presentation among the twenty schools that participated in the commemoration.

CHONGOLOLO

Chongololo Club has twenty members. The members had a privilege of receiving magazines and guides from Zambia Wildlife Authority. Some members participated in the commemoration of the World Earth Day. Others had an opportunity of watching inspirational films on Global Warming sponsored by the United States of America.

SCOUT

Club members attended meetings very well during the term. They also had an opportunity of taking part in a weekend camp in Chisamba. In August, Scouts all over the world will celebrate one hundred years of the Scout movement. There are many activities planned by the National Association and our Troop will take part. The Troop Leader is thankful to all parents and guardians of club members for their support.

CUB SCOUTS – JOSEPH MWILWA ROAD CAMPUS

The club currently has 26 active members. The members discussed and participated in life and personal hygiene related skills as well as environmental conservation and cleanliness. Uniforms will be on sale from the School Shop in Term Three. We shall send you more information about the uniform in the beginning of Term Three Newsletter to parents and guardians. The club will undertake more trips in future.

HANDWRITING

The club comprises members from the Primary Section of the school. Members met each week to practice and imitate the different versions of writing. The main aim of the club is to improve the cursive handwriting. Writing competitions took place to encourage members in their work. Winners received prizes for their efforts.

LECHWE AND GIRL GUIDE

Club members were busy with the scheduled Six-point Programme, which involved lessons on Capacity Building, Culture and Heritage, the Environment, Health and Nutrition, Human Rights and Governance and out-door activities. To celebrate the World Girl Guide Day that fell on 17 May, the Lechwe and Girl Guides had a combined weekend camp with fellow guides from Kabwata Basic School. Furthermore, Zambia hosted the Africa Regional Conference for Girl Guides. Our Guides and Lechwe made special presentations at the conference.

THE GIRL-GUIDES TRIP TO DENMARK

Rhodes Park School Guides received an invitation to attend the National Jamboree of Girl Guides in Denmark to mark the celebration of one hundred years of Girl Guiding in the world. Twelve Girl Guides and Five Guide Leaders therefore undertook a trip to Denmark on Thursday 26 July and will return on Monday 6 August. We pray to the God Almighty to bless and protect them throughout their trip and stay in Denmark.

THE RED CROSS

The Cadets in the High School Section attended the Branch Council conference at Waddington Centre at provincial level on 30 June. The same members have been selected to attend the National Youth Camp in Siavonga from 12 to 18 August with the theme "Overcoming Youth Challenges through information".

ART-JOSEPH MWILWA ROAD CAMPUS

There are twelve members in the club. There were many activities during the term. Pupils managed to do quite a number of activities such as mosaic, still life drawing and painting.

We plan to take the children to the national museum, Kabwata cultural village and the show grounds next term.

AEROBICS

The term has ended on a good note. The club members have been consistent with meetings. They did not travel this term. They performed dances, sit-ups, press-ups, kangaroo jump, monkey walk and frog jumps. These activities helped the club members have strong hands and legs as well as reduce body aches. The club members were also educated on their diets to help keep health and remain active. They discussed recommended foods, such as fruits, vegetables, meat, milk, cereals and enough water take up.

PTA MATTERS

The Parent-Teacher Association worked well during the term. The fundraising functions planned ran successfully. The Executive Committee successfully held all the monthly meetings for the term. We highlight the function below.

PTA SCHOOLPLAY FUNDRAISING VENTURE

The PTA tasked the Fines Arts Club to prepare a presentation of a school play as a PTA fundraising venture. For this reason, Mr Muleya wrote a play titled "The Untold Story" which was later auditioned and finally cast. The cast included the following hard working boys and girls:

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| (i) | Shula Shula of Grade 12 Blue | - | as antagonist (Bechani) |
| (ii) | Musenge Sakala of 11 Blue | - | as protagonist(Linda) |
| (iii) | Sikopo Lubasi of Grade 11 Blue | - | Linda's friend |
| (iv) | Mumba Chibale of 11 Blue | - | Linda's mother |
| (v) | Tumeyo Chipungu of 10 Green | - | Linda's father |
| (vi) | Sharon Mukuka of 8 Green | - | Linda's aunt |
| (vii) | Mulenga Pepala of 11 Green | - | co-actress with Sharon |
| (viii) | Abigail Mulenga of 11 Red | - | co-actress with Musenge |

The teachers involved were Mr. Harrison Muleya (author), Mr. Kennedy Kalaluka and Ms. Olipa Mumba (*traditional dance choreographer*).

The Lusaka Playhouse was the venue for the play. The Fine Arts Club staged the play on 8 and 9 June. It was well attended with some of our parents forming part of the audience. The actors displayed a skilful and splendid performance of a story that depicts the challenges that a girl-child faces during her school days. Comments from our dear audience afterwards confirmed the success of the play. Despite the problems that go with such preparations, the audience benefited from the theatre skills, which the actors displayed. It was an overwhelming experience for the young actors including the dancers and the poets. We pray that the Almighty God continues blessing their talents.

THE PTA SEVEN-A-SIDE FUNDRAISING TOURNAMNET

The tournament took place on Saturday 7 July. The number of parents who took part in the games was higher than in 2006. It was a cool and windy day though and for this reason, it was wonderful to take part in more than one match. We collected ten thousand Kwacha (K10 00.00) from each participating member. Our end of year financial report will reflect the total collection.

CIVILIAN DAY

The Civilian Day was on Wednesday 25 July. All pupils were encouraged to report to school in office attire. Those who could not afford were allowed to use smart casual. The function was a great success.

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

LET THERE BE LIGHT

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