Dear Parents, Members of the Staff and Children

It is with much pleasure we write this message to the parents. Since our last communiqué to you the Board with the assistance of the School has taken many steps to improve its academic and infrastructure facilities. The School also attempted to adopt a very transparent and equitable measures to treat every child equally. We are very thankful to the Principal and the staff for showing willingness to adopt such changes in the system in the best interest of all the stakeholders. Though there is much scope to improve we are confident that majority of the parents would welcome the approach of the Board to serve the majority.

1. Inter House Athletic Meet 2012/13 (IHAM)

We are pleased to record that the IHAM 2012/13 was a yet another successful event of the School under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors and under the leadership of the Principal. The School was able to achieve its two folded objectives at this grand event. Our children and the members of staff actively participated in organizing and taking part in events. Meanwhile, a highly enthusiastic parental community supported the School in many ways to bring glory to the School during the ‘Year of Glory’. Together with the kind benevolence of the parents and their support to secure sponsors, the School was able to exceed its financial target in fund raising aspect of the event. The much awaited independency in the selection process and judging the events was also brought to the system with the commitment of the staff. Since the staff carried dauntless courage to take up the responsibility of judging the events in place of parents, the School was able to improve the transparency of the judging process. However, the Board is aware that there are areas for improvement and will continuously work to improve these areas. There were many individuals who rallied around the Board and the School to make this event the success it was. We salute the members of the staff for spending their precious leisure time to carry out the organizing work and judging the events. We also thank all the parents and non-parents who helped the School by providing technical support in organizing the event, neutral judges who came from outside the School system, all the well wishers who generously extended financial support to assist personality development of children, all the parents and non-parents who volunteered to refer the School to the corporates to achieve the fund raising targets and those well wishers who personally donated financial and in kind support. We also wish to congratulate all the winners of the events and thank all the participants who showed the true sportsmanship during their participation and all other students who maintained the discipline to the utmost expectation in front of highly distinguished guests. While the event was well received by the majority of the parents there was constructive criticism the Board received on the organization of the event which were noted for future consideration. Even though some of the criticised action has its own merits yet we are confident the processes can be improved further. The event
was a symbol of the unity of the Sri Lankan School family and was a good team effort. The Board would like to urge all parents to come forward as one family and make the School a better place for our children.

"United we stand, divided we fall"

2. Academic Progress

The Board is aware due to various co-curricular activities taken place during the first and second terms of the academic year 2012/13 the academic programme may have been affected. The School will devote the rest of the second term and the complete third term into the academic programme. We are informed by the Principal that the School had carried out a comprehensive analysis of academic results of the children in various subjects and had developed many strategies to improve the academic results of the School. We are glad to inform you that many teachers volunteered to conduct clinics for students who required personalized attention. The Board kindly requests all the parents to extend their fullest co-operation to reap the maximum benefits from this voluntary service which would uplift the academic standards of the School. The Board is thankful to all the teachers who extensively tire themselves for the benefit of our children.

3. Composition of Board

We are glad to inform you that Mr Palitha Premasiri and Mr Dulip Rajapakshe were appointed to the Board of Directors with effect from 16.02.2013 to fill the vacancies created due to retirement of Mr Mohammed Ali Althaif and Mr Rukniil Wijesuriya. The Board wishes to extend its warm welcome to them whom we believe are determined to serve the School objectively. Meanwhile, Mr Chaminda Munasinghe, Secretary of the Board retired from his position with effect from 05.01.2013 due to becoming a non-parent. The Board in due course would inform the course of action proposed to fill this vacancy.

4. Parents’ Committee Representation

We are glad to note the contribution extended by the Parents’ Committee in organizing many events in the School including IHAM. It was amazing to see the unity among the members and each member came forward to assist the Board and the School. It was a wonderful experience to work with such a cohort. However, due to assumption of more responsibilities by the Chief Representative (Mr Palitha Premasiri) and Mr Dulip Rajapakshe, stepping into the Board of Directors, two vacancies were created for class representatives of year 8 and year 2. We kindly invite all the parents of Year 2 and Year 8, to participate in the meeting with the Chairman of the Board on Wednesday, 27 February 2013 at 8.30 p.m. to elect their respective representatives to PC for rest of the academic year 2012/13.

We wish all the very best to students in meeting the challenges in the forthcoming critical milestones in their life. We would also like to urge them to bring the splendour to their Alma Mater in a glorious manner. We are confident that you would take the challenge in its true spirit and excel beating your own capabilities.

"Yes, you can"

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors,

K K Lalith Kumara

Hon Chairman

25.02.2013