

SRI LANKAN SCHOOL - MUSCAT

PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNIQUE 4 – (2012/2013)

CHILDREN'S AND TEACHERS' DAY

I wish to offer thoughts of love in abundance to my children and teachers on this day dedicated to you. You are the strength of the school. You are also the spirit of the school. Let Sri Lankan School - Muscat be full of smiling faces on this day and on all days throughout this year of glory.

NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I am pleased to inform the parents that Mr Crisant Jayawardane has joined the school as the Deputy Principal. Mr. Jayawardane is an experienced educationist with wide experience in some of the leading schools in Sri Lanka - as a teacher of Chemistry, Vice Principal of Trinity College, Kandy and Wesley College, Colombo.

I am confident Mr Jayawardane with his experience and knowledge will be an asset to the Sri Lankan School - Muscat.

SAFETY ISSUES

Parents are aware of the safety concerns regarding children, especially at school opening and closing times. The following action has been taken to minimise the dangers:

- The Board of Directors has relentlessly pursued the installation of speed barriers near the school and we believe that very soon it will be done by the Municipality authorities.
- We are taking steps to make changes to the layout in front of the school such that drivers of vehicles will find it easier to maneuver vehicles and minimise danger of reversing while children are around.
- The entrance to the school will be shifted to a more convenient point once the new building is opened.
- The Duty Teacher of the day and the duty Prefects have been assigned duty at the school gate in the morning to ensure that children, who come in to the school, do not go out of the gate.
- The children of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be received by a duty teacher and a group of Junior Leaders and taken to their prospective classes.

I request the assistance of the parents in the following:

- Please provide transport for your child to reach school before 7.30 a.m.
- Ensure that the child is safely sent inside the school gate and not allow them to cross the road by themselves.
- Do not park or even stop in front of the school gate for any reason. Any parent who does that is creating problems for the others.

The school is maintaining records of all students who come late and we will have to take drastic action against habitual late comers. This will embarrass the child and the only way to prevent it is to ensure that you arrange transport to avoid that.

Please note that 'traffic on the road' cannot be accepted as an excuse. It is a phenomenon that we have to live with and hence the parents should ensure that the child leaves home early to avoid traffic. As much as I understand your difficulties in doing that, I request the parents also to understand that a host of children entering the school gate after the bell is unacceptable.

AWARDS DAY

The lists of students who have scored highest marks are displayed on the school notice boards on the ground floor. The students have been advised to study it and inform the Deputy Principal (DP) if there is any error in the lists. Parents too are welcome to study the lists and bring such errors in writing to the notice of the DP by Monday 8th October. We will ensure that no injustice is meted out to any child.

Please read the school policy document on awarding prizes on the school website.

SCRABBLE

Students of Year 5 and above, who wish to join the Scrabble Club should bring a letter from the parents stating the interest and hand over to the Assistant Principal.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Students of Year 8 and above who wish to join the Photography Club should bring a letter of interest from the parents and hand it over to the Assistant Principal.

Somabandhu Kodikara

Principal

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