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PLOT 10 –QUEEN'S ROAD (ENTEbbe)

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FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I will first take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm welcome you have given me as the new Principal of Pearl of Africa International School. I have already met some of you on the school premises and can't wait to meet all of you soon.

It has been a delightful term with students participating in various club activities and academic sessions. It is always a joy to see the students involved in enrichment activities.

Through this newsletter, I would like you to inform your child/children to kindly submit any items not belonging to them to the Deputy Principal's office. Let us also endeavor to teach our children to embrace diversity and say no to hate dialogues and bullying.

As a school, we are keen to hear and respond to your views.

Have a lovely half-term break.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Rashmi Tripathi

TERM II HALF TERM BREAK 12th – 16th FEBRUARY 2024

The students will take a well-deserved break from Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024 and therefore there will be no classes on these days though some work will be assigned to occupy them during this time. **The school will resume on Monday 19th February 2024 at 7:30 am.** All the students have taken their mid-term examinations and the results will be available for viewing and discussions on the way forward on the parent walk-in days as scheduled below:

Day	Classes	Time
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3	2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Wednesday 21 st February 2024	Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6	2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Thursday 22 nd February 2024	Year 7 to Year 11	2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

The discussions will be on the performance of the learner during the last half term and set clear objectives for the next part of the term. The meetings will be on a first –come – first serve basis with the homeroom teachers. In case, you want to interact with other teachers another arrangement can be made.

GENERAL ACADEMICS

The learners have attended all classes as scheduled and extra English classes were designed to cater for ESL students. The students have received regular homework and projects to enrich their engagement in various subjects. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to check the work and inform the school of any challenges that the child may face through the student diary or make an appointment to speak to the concerned teacher through our various communication channels.

CANDIDATE CLASSES

The candidate classes have taken their Pre-Mock examinations (Year 6, Year 9, and Year 11) and are expected to continue with personal revision during the break. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to give them a favorable reading environment. The registration process is almost complete and we thank all the parents who responded to clear the examination fees on time. Please be reminded that only those who have cleared examination fees have been registered so far.

The Cambridge Checkpoint examinations (Year 6 & Year 9) will take place in April 2024 and IGCSE examinations (Year 11) will take place from May to June 2024.

PEARL OF AFRICA WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

The school will have performances from all learners on the Pearl of Africa Women's Day Celebrations that will take place on Thursday 7th March 2024 under the theme *'Count Her In. Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.*

Students will showcase poetry, songs, dances, and cultural fashion from different cultures around the world. The program will require the support of parents both morally and costumes for their children.

The detailed program will be communicated at a later time, however, the preparations already started and the learners are fully engaged in the activity.

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS

All our learners are expected to wear full school uniform every day. The teacher on duty will ensure that whoever reports for school is fully dressed up in the school uniform. For those without uniforms, purchase from the accounts section. We shall endeavor to have all the learners receive their uniforms as soon as possible.

Primary Uniform: Primary students should wear the uniform according to the classroom timetable. School uniform on regular days and PE uniform on school days with PE activities.

Secondary Uniform: Secondary students should report to school in full uniform every day. The uniform should be worn as designed. PE uniform will be worn ONLY during the activity and after the student changes back to class uniform.

Hair Styles: **Boys:** Well-kempt hair **Girls:** Well-kempt hair /Braids of a single color
(Black or Brown)

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT

All school fee payments are expected before the end of the second week of the term. The payments are made through the bank or accounts section. Please contact the school for the account details in case of doubt.

Club Fees:

The students who are taking Painting Club (Years 1 to 3), Basketball (Years 4 to 6), and Football (Years 1 to Year 11) need to clear the club fees as soon as possible to enable the smooth running of the activities. This payment can be made through the accounts department.

TERM II IMPORTANT DATES

8th January 2024	School opens /orientation for all students (Assembly after a break)
Wednesday 24th January 2024	Parents Meeting with Principal
Thursday 25th January 2024	Year 6, Year 9 & Year 11 parents meeting
Friday 26th January 2024	Liberation Day (Public holiday)
5th Feb -7th Feb 2024	Midterm II Examinations
12th - 16th Feb 2024	Half term break.
16th – Feb 2024	Janan Lumu’s Day (Public holiday)
20th - 22nd Feb 2024	Parents walk in.
7th March 2024	Women’s Day Celebrations
4th -6th March 2024	End of term II exams.
Thursday 21st March 2024	Picking report cards (End of Term II)

Regards,

Administration.