

## **ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL CENTRE**

17 January 2014/15 Rabi-ul-Awwal 1435

Respected Parents

As-Salaamu Alaikum/Greeting

### **PARENT CIRCULAR 1 OF 2014** **START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR**

The new academic year started on a good note with the announcement of the 2013 Grade 12 results that were very encouraging. This continues the trend of the school obtaining 100% in the NSC examination for the last 8 years.

The first day at school was headlined with General Orientation (Code of Conduct for Learners, Disciplinary Procedures, Bullying in school, Smoking Policy, Learner Support Programme) as well as distribution of textbooks and stationery.

I must once again, unequivocally, endorse the view that I accept parents as partners in education and I will be counting on you each step of the way. Let us work together in pursuit of excellence in education. Do not hesitate to contact me on any matter affecting the school, and you do not need to set up an appointment.

### **ENROLMENT**

On the first day of the school, our enrolment stood on 300 with 15 learners on the waiting list. We also note a number of parents who brought their children back to the school, and I have given them an undertaking that the baggage of the past must not stand in the way of placing the child in the centre of everything that we do here.

The Admission Committee has resolved that no new admissions be accepted, and this information will be communicated to the Department of Education through their Annual Snap Survey.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

The Islamic Education Centre is a Section 21 non-profit organization and its operations are dependent on the school fees provided by the parents. The price of textbooks, stationery and maintenance costs has risen significantly in recent months, and even salaries of staff must be in line with the CPIX. It is inevitable that this would impact on the school and the parents, and the school fees have been accordingly adjusted by R100 across the board to meet rising expenditure. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

It would be appreciated if the school fees for the month be paid on or before 28 January 2014.

### **SPORTS ACTIVITY**

The Saturday Sports Programme will continue, effective of Saturday, 18 January 2014, and will provide activities for both boys and girls. The time slot is from 08:00 to 10:00. Please ensure that your child is kitted properly. Some of the boys are keen on using the Astro turf facility, and this is subject to an appreciation of the Code of Conduct for the use of the

Astroturf facility, the correct playing shoes (no studs and non-marking) and the completion of an Indemnity Form.

### **ASTROTURF FACILITY**

The Astroturf Facility is a new addition to the sports programme of the school, and is the only one of its kind in Ladysmith and the uThukela District. It has a synthetic all-weather surface, bounded by walls and covered by net and it allows for non-stop, uninterrupted action soccer. Cost of the construction of the facility runs in excess of R600 000 and primarily the funding have come from the Ameer, Dawood Vawda.

No school fees or contribution of parents were used in the construction phase.

Learners of the school will use the facility during the lunch break, after school and Saturday mornings at no cost to the parent. Learners from other schools can use the facility if they pay the full user fee. If any of the IEC learners wish to have their friends from other schools form part of any team outside school hours or times reserved for IEC learners, the full fee must be paid in advance.

The facility is open to the community at large.

Women and girls are welcome to use the facility on Saturdays, from 13:00 to 16:00, for their exclusive use, whether it is soccer, aerobics, netball or general well-being.

Men can use the facility from Monday to Saturday, from 18:00 to 22:00 and Sundays from 10:00 to 22:00. These times maybe adjusted or reviewed based on the needs of users.

The fee is R300 per session of one hour, and all bookings to be done through the Ameer, Dawood Vawda at 084 786 2000 during the interim phase.

### **VISION 2020**

The school strategic plan embraces our Vision 2020 that articulates the roadmap that the school will pursue in the coming years. It is a framework of action that determines our goals, activities, programmes and sub-programmes.

Critically for the school leadership is how we can enhance teaching and learning, strengthen classroom interaction, assessment procedures and inculcate a monitoring system for quality assurance. This is dependent on a number of sub strategies that includes collaboration, partnership, support, commitment and dedication by the teaching staff.

### **USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION**

It is a current trend in education to strengthen teaching and learning through the use of technology, especially tablets that are pre-loaded with textbooks, tutorials, past year papers, and assessment tasks. The school is exploring this innovation and are in engagement with several service providers. The ideal is for every child in this school to have a tablet.

Wa salaam.

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