



ASTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

GENERAL PARENTS CIRCULAR NO. 1 OF 2012 – 20 January

Welcome back to all our Parents, Pupils and Educators - both old and new. I am quite sure that you are all ready for what promises to be an exciting and interesting year after the long holidays.

I was doing some research on the internet a few days ago and came across something called the Legacy project. I have included certain aspects from their webpage as I felt that it was pertinent to the beginning of the year in a school's life.

“The beginning of the school year is a fresh start – a time to build on what you’ve already learned, and get past any challenges you faced during the last school year. It is the time to set a positive tone for the school year and to help young people to develop important skills. It is therefore valuable to encourage our children to think about their future, to set goals and to establish a step-by-step plan to follow for the school year ahead.

From the smallest beginnings to the largest human triumphs, we are nothing without our dreams. Dreams and goals shape children’s lives and motivate them to learn. We all play a critical role in helping young people to discover who they are and to encourage them to attain their dreams and goals.

Dreams are important for all ages, they give your life purpose, direction and meaning. They shape your life choices, help you build towards the future and give you a sense of control and hope. They’re an expression of your potential and give voice to your talents. They’re a source of pleasure and help you to develop yourself. Dreams encourage one to see beyond “what is” to “what can be” in our lives.”

Our first **Parent’s Evening** will take place on Tuesday, the 24th of January. It is imperative that all parents make an effort to attend this meeting as it deals with general information, procedures and requirements for your child’s forthcoming year in that specific grade. Where possible, children must be left at home. If you have to bring your child with, they must be with you at all times and are not allowed to run around on the school property. Parking will be available on the school field, entrance in Njala street.

GRADE 1	-	18:00	-	in your child’s teacher’s classroom
GRADE 2	-	18:00	-	in your child’s teacher’s classroom
GRADE 3	-	18:00	-	in your child’s teacher’s classroom
GRADE 4	-	19:00	-	in the School Hall
GRADE 5	-	19:00	-	in the Media Centre
GRADE 6	-	19:00	-	in Mrs Van Dijk’s classroom
GRADE 7	-	19:00	-	in Miss vd Riet’s classroom



School photos will be taken on the 22nd and 23rd of February, please ensure that your child comes to school neatly dressed in summer school uniform, as no photo will be taken if they are in their Phys Ed clothes.

Children are receiving their stationery from staff and many should have already received their **school diary**. Please ensure that you complete the necessary family information in the diary and also acquaint yourself with the information included, ie. General Information Brochure, Code of Conduct etc. This diary **MUST** be at SCHOOL EVERY DAY!

Yours faithfully,

L.J. STEENKAMP
HEADMASTER

Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending.
~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow~