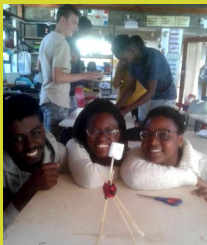


Calendar and important dates for the Third Term

- School opens 10 September 2019
- 14 September 2019 **Market day** at Com-putronics. Evolving Entrepreneurs
- 12 October 2019 **Market day** at Com-putronics. Evolving Entrepreneurs
- **Mid term break** 17 October to 22 October 2019
- **Poetry Picnic** Fundraiser—Date to be confirmed
- 28 and 29 November -**School Performance. S'khothane.** At Eswatini Theatre Club



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Hand in hand we learn

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Our role as parents in an ever changing future.

Parenting is the most important role that we will play in our children's lives and probably the most difficult one especially as we navigate the adolescent years. In this article we would like to share some thoughts from a presentation made by Paul Epstein, a mentor for Lilima Montessori High and who very kindly facilitated the excellent Secondary Montessori Training for our staff. Paul has written extensively on Montessori education and works all over the world as a Montessori consultant. We were proud to host him here in Eswatini in 2016 for our introductory workshop in Secondary Montessori Education.

Paul Epstein writes:

'While we are strangers, we share in common the most incredible job on the planet – parenting. There are some universal truths about parenting and they are:

Our parents were not saints, we aren't either and we all love our children unconditionally.

The world that we live in is ever changing, so how do we parent

our children for a future that we do not know?

In the past the schools we attended prepared us well. When we went to school the future was expected and we learned how our parents learned. We learned what our parents learned to prepare us for a known future.

Today is different. Tomorrow always changes and we are really not all the same. Information grows exponentially and communication is instant 24/7 and 365 days a year.

Things are ever more complex and we live in a global highly technological world.

Our lives are fear based:
 -we rely on fossil based energy which is depleting,
 -the environment is degrading,
 -billions of people are migrating,
 -all over the world there are wars over ideologies
 -and crises economies surge and plunge.

How do we prepare our children for the future?

Paul suggests that the answer is that children need to develop habits of self reliance, they need wisdom, rather than too much information, to be ready to take on the ever changing future that we do not know and cannot predict.'

Maria Montessori said:

'It is necessary that the human personality should be prepared for the unforeseen, not only for the conditions that can be anticipated by prudence and foresight. Nor should it be strictly conditioned by a rigid specialisation, but should develop at the same time, the power of adapting itself quickly and easily.'

So what do our children really need?

Unconditional love and acceptance, appreciation not judgement, approval, not 'prove yourself', understanding, not programming, empowerment not praise and guidance to become self reliant.

(extract from Parenting in an ever-changing Future. Paul Epstein <https://paulepstein.wordpress.com/publications>)

Guest speakers in the second term.

In the second term Lilima hosted two guest speakers: Sindi Ntombini is a writer and successful business woman. She writes children's books and she employs Savannah to illustrate these.

She told us about her work, how to be successful in what you do and never to give up. Most impor-

tantly to pursue something that you enjoy.

Our other visiting speaker was Mysh Dlamini, a talented professional actor and songwriter, poet and musician. He wowed us with his performance poetry which was spectacular and delightful. We were privileged to have such an

eloquent and inspiring performer visit us.



Intercessions : (Savannah, Sphiwo, Delight, and Letitia) Hlane—Nature in Balance



Tree planting and face painting!



At this intercession, aside from team building and witnessing a

large elephant almost taking out our tents, we learned about

climate change and how fragile the environment is. We were in the Savannah area of the low-veld and studied the vegetation and planted indigenous trees.

We learned why the Rhino has a horn and Luthando showed us that Mars (the red planet) looks like a star.

There was no power at night and we did Lilima has Talent in the torchlight.

We said goodbye to Ethan who has moved to the UK and everyone was so sad and cried.

On the beach in Maputo



Outdoor travelling classroom Hlane



Maputo—Order and chaos



On the first day we visited the Mural on the Marginal and

looked at how the artist Naguib compiled images to help Mozambicans who were illiterate, to understand the meaning of independence

and freedom.

Time was spent on the beach swimming and collecting shells and we visited the Fishing Museum, the Museum of Money and the Railway museum.



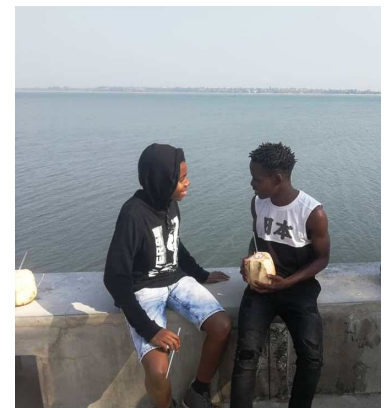
We were inspired by the rich heritage of artistic expression in Mozambique

During the intercession to Mozambique, we visited Nyoxani an inspiring school in Maputo with an emphasis on the Arts. We were generously hosted and kindly guided around their campus. Their students performed for us and we then played collaborative theatre sports with Nqaba and were interviewed by the Grade 4 and 5 students!

We also were treated to a delightful short film made by one of the alumni. It was a great opportunity for Lilima students to experience a different culture, language, and to collaborate and meet new people. We hope that we can return their hospitality soon here in Eswatini.



The Maputo Railway Museum, situated in what has been voted as one of the most beautiful Railway Stations in the world!



Fresh coconut water

Success in life depends in every case on self confidence and the knowledge of one's own capacity and many sided powers of adaptation. The consciousness of knowing how to make oneself useful, fills the soul with noble confidence. The feeling of independence must be bound to the power to be self sufficient.

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