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Lilima Montessori High Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE FIRST TERM

**Parents
Workshop
3 March**

**Market Day
10 March**

**Travelling
Classroom for
Home Page:
26 February
to 1 March**

**Travelling
Classroom for
Innovators
and Heroes
5,6,9,10,11
April**

Welcome to 2018

Welcome to all the new parents and students and everyone who formed the community from the small beginnings in 2017.

The school ended a very successful and eventful third term in 2017, culminating in a brilliant first performance of original drama, dance, poetry and music, at the Theatre Club in December.

Despite the somewhat hesitant dress rehearsal everyone excelled on the night and can be very proud of their achievement. The students raised an amount of E 870 in ticket sales. All the props, sets, masks and costumes were designed and made by the students themselves.

Special thanks to Nqaba the drama teacher who motivated

and fine tuned the performance.

There is no doubt that the third term travelling classroom school Arts trip to Johannesburg inspired everyone and the visit to the Oprah Winfrey School for Girls, to observe their Middle Years Program Arts department was a highlight. Little tips from the Market Theatre and other performances at Wits were also put to use.

The main 2017 news is that the school finally secured ownership of a beautiful 5 hectare piece of land, 6 km from Woodlands township on Mantsholo Road, near Hawane Dam. Building will commence shortly and all being



"Mrs Anansi"

well the school will move into its new premises in the first term of 2019.

Updates on the progress will be posted on the website and through email.

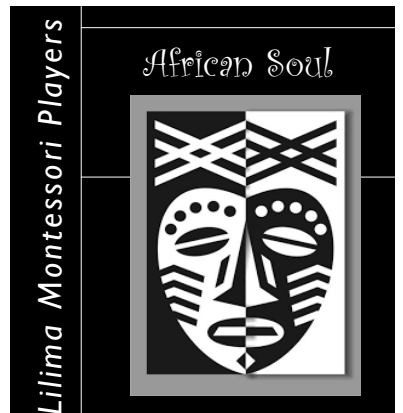
The first term of 2018 started with teamwork orientation and design projects and next week the Theme of "Home Page" will begin in earnest.

This theme falls under the IB Global context – "Orientation in space and time". All the subjects will be incorporated and in this way learning is a process of linking everything in context.

2017 third term performance *Myths and moral tales from Africa*



Pre performance warm up





Testing the packaging design—will it break?

Make up for the performance



Parent MYP workshop

Every Term Lilima Montessori will be hosting activities to facilitate a more full understanding of the IB Middle Years Program and the Montessori approach to learning.

It is recommended that parents make time to attend the workshops as it was clear from the year end survey that many parents do not have a good understanding

of the philosophy and principles of enquiry based learning.

This term's workshop will be held on Saturday the 3rd of March, 2018 at the school premises and an interactive morning of group work and fun will help to clarify the concepts.

There will also be a forum for parents to discuss any issues that they might want

to bring up with the teaching faculty.

This is also an opportunity for parents to meet each other as well as the staff and to build the Lilima Community.

We encourage you all to engage with the school and its activities and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Market days

Each term the students hold market days on a Saturday where they are able to have a stall to carry out their small businesses.

Developing and running small businesses connects the young adolescent to the supreme realities of social life. Learning to think and

engage as an entrepreneur is an essential 21st century skill. By developing and managing a micro-economy, students learn about business plans, initial investments, supply chains, marketing, customer relationships, sales, and banking. Some examples of school businesses include cooking

and selling food, growing and selling farm produce, and manufacturing an array of handmade products which are sold at Market Days.

Please help your child with their market stall and do support the market day this term.

Student crowd funding

As part of the design and development of funding proposals the students launched a Crowd Fund on Indiegogo to raise funds for school equipment.

The crowd fund can be found at

<https://igg.me/at/buildlilima>

As you might notice the goal is still a long way ahead!

Please share this website with as many people as possible so that they may contribute to the development of the school.

Even the little donations will go a long way.

THANK YOU!

First term theme-Home page

The global context of this theme is “orientation in space and time” it involves the study of place. Our place through history asking the questions:

*How did I get here?
What was here before?
Who was here?*

In Individuals and societies the students will look at what it means to be citizens and various types of government.

They will explore the history of farming and hunter gathering societies as well an exploration of the evolution of life in Swaziland and the effect of colonialism.

Science will explore plant life within Swaziland’s eco systems, ecology and environmental issues and geological changes.

In Archaeology the students will look at different levels of society.

English essays on nature writing and texts relevant to the theme will be explored.

Design will involve the technology of making a web page. In Mathematics students will study the graphing of populations and population mapping and in visual Art they will be looking at landscapes as an art form.



“Tell me and I will forget, show me and I will remember, involve me and I will understand”

Weekly schedule and pick up locations

Please note the following pick up locations for the weekly schedule:

MONDAY— Basketball at Mbabane Club, collect at Mbabane Club at 4 pm

TUESDAY—Dance and Drama Mbabane Club—collect 4 pm

WEDNESDAYS—Football
At school collect at school 4 pm

THURSDAYS—Dance and Drama Mbabane Club—collect 4 pm

FRIDAYS—School closes 3.00 pm
Collect from school

Please collect Boarders at 3 pm on Fridays and deliver them after 4 pm on Sundays. There will be no-one on the school premises outside of these hours so we would appreciate it if you could please be prompt and collect your child on time.

Parents are also reminded that the school cannot be held responsible for your children at the Mbabane club beyond 4 pm.

(the last part of this statement is the essence of enquiry based learning)

Intercession-travelling classroom

An essential part of Montessori Education is experiencing real life situations.

Every term the students will embark on two weeks of experiential learning outside of the classroom in various theme related situations.

This term they will visit Malolotja Nature reserve, explore archeological sites and do community

service with various organizations.

We strongly encourage you to enable your child to attend the intercessions as they develop other skills and experiences from the wider world.

Please note that those students who are unable to go on the trips must still attend school as there will be alternative activities planned.



Mural - Johannesburg Arts trip travelling classroom



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“hand in hand we learn”

The vision of the Lilima Montessori School is:

A peaceful world: which is attained through our children, where all forms of life is respected creating an inter-dependant global community.

The board of Lilima Montessori High School has made a commitment to establishing a school which will provide;

a holistic Montessori/IB education which recognizes the physical, emotional, social, entrepreneurial and intellectual capacities of the students awakening the inner potential of the human spirit

suitably qualified, inspired and compassionate teachers who are committed to collaborative learning and growth

the students with a dynamic, prepared environment which meets the specific needs of each adolescent and young adult

all the students with a global perspective encouraging an awareness of their continual social responsibility

Term dates

School opens January 17, 2018

Week one- Orientation

Week two -Home Page

Travelling classroom 1

26 February to 1 March

Mid Term:

School closes 12.00 pm Thursday 1 March

School opens Tuesday 6 March

Week seven- Innovators and Heroes

Travelling classroom 2

5,6,9,10,11 April

School closes end of term: 12 00 pm

Wednesday 11 April



Day 2 of Orientation

Design Project -

“recycled fashion”

