



*Earth teach me stillness - as the grass is still in the evening light
Earth teach me suffering - as old stones suffer with memory
Earth teach me humility - as blossoms are humble with beginning
Earth teach me caring - as the mother who cares for her young
Earth teach me courage- as a tree which stands all alone.
Earth teach me limitation - as the ant which crawls on the ground
Earth teach me freedom - as the eagle which soars in the sky
Earth teach me resignation - as the leaves which die in the fall
Earth teach me regeneration - as the seed which rises in the spring
Earth teach me to forget myself - as the melted snow forgets its life
Earth teach me to remember kindness - as dry fields weep with rain.*

- Ute prayer

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

The new term began as you know with much confusion due to the breach in the railway track between Bombay and Abu Road. School started as usual on the first of July but complete attendance was attained only a week or so later.

Things came back to normal only around the middle of July. However after that promising start the monsoon clouds have gone missing and we have had no rain since then.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT;

Come July and its football fever season. The inter class football tournament this year has more excitement than usual because of it being a World Cup year. Mr Bernard Pereira gave the seniors their annual football coaching camp in the first two weeks of July and the tournament then started on the 17th. At the opening ceremony Mr Bernard presented the school with two trophies in memory of his son Keegan. One is to be awarded annually to the boy who scores the maximum goals in the tournament and the other to the best player of the tournament. Plenty of action packed games have taken place in the league stage already. Study has taken a back seat for awhile. !! The finals of the games are scheduled for the 15th of August. The July monthly tests were cancelled to make space for all the activities during the month. These include the Annual Dance Competition and the Inter House Quiz Competitions.

ANNUAL DANCE COMP; The solo section of the competition was won this year by a day scholar – Abhishek Saigal- . while the group section was won by a group of class ten boarders calling themselves “The Original Pranksters” . The same group also won the singing competition - so there is plenty of talent among them.

INTER HOUSE QUIZZING: The junior classes [Classes 4,5 and 6] had a very fun quiz conducted for them by Br David. The senior and middle quizzes are slated for the first week. of August.

INTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES: The school cricket team took part in a competition organized by H G School in Abu Road. We got knocked out in the first game itself...but the exposure was good for the team. Another Inter School Volleyball and Cricket Tournament is scheduled for the end of august and we hope to do better. Unfortunately the class ten catholic boys will miss out on this tournament as they will be out at “Glenview “ on retreat at the end of august.

PARENT’S WEEK REMINDER.

Parents are reminded that only boarders of class 9 are required to stay back in school after sports day on 30th Sept. Boarders of other classes are to leave school and return either on the evening of 5th October or 9th October. Exceptions will be made for boarders whose parents are in the gulf or in distant places like Calcutta or Shillong. Parents who have special difficulty in taking their children out of school on the dates mentioned above are requested to get in touch with me at the earliest.

COMPUTER UPDATE: The long awaited computers and Television sets have finally been installed in classes 8A and 8B. Br David mainly uses the set up in the teaching of subjects like Physics, Biology and Geography. The rest of the staff were given a demonstration on its working a few days ago. Parents whose boys are in class 8 can get first hand feed back on how effective the system isand whether it should be extended to the other classes or not.

PHONE CALLS: The paging system has helped to make the phone call system a little more efficient. However parents are once again requested to keep the length of the call down to 5 minutes. One distraught parent [who had not been able to contact his son for quite awhile – in spite of the paging system] suggested that parents call their sons once in two weeks. It’s a suggestion.....

RAISING OF THE DAM: The level of the dam adjacent to the school is being raised. The non overflow section will be raised by 12 feet and the overflow section will be raised by 6 feet. The implications for the school will be that when the dam is full the water level will be a lot closer to the school. The servants quarters at the back of the school in particular will be very close to the water’s edge. The concerned government departments have given an assurance that they will install a fence to prevent anyone from accidentally getting too close to the water. It is hoped that they will fulfil their obligations to our satisfaction.

For the time being however the water level in the dam is at a very low level and nothing will change that unless we get a few good showers of rain. So keep that intention in your prayers for us and your children.

Every good wish,
Br Anish