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The Mombasa Parents Club

### 16th March 2021

Dear Parents,

# RE: END OF YEAR/TERM II 2021 CIRCULAR

We have come to the end of the year for Std. 8 candidates and Grade 4 CBC pioneer class while the rest of the pupils are completing their second term. This is indeed a unique year due to the ravaging Covid-19 pandemic effects. We sincerely thank our Almighty God for this far He has brought us, especially the protection of our children and staff during this period. We are still trusting God even as we wind up the year and our pupils proceed to a seven-week recess period. Gracious God, protect our children, staff and parents such that none of them will fall to the virus that now lives among us.

To the families that may have lost their beloved ones, may God comfort and strengthen you in a special way. Let God reign in every family and watch over us at all times.

### 1. THE 2021 KCPE DATES.

The Kenya National Examinations Council has scheduled this year's KCPE that would have essentially taken place last year in October were it not because of Covid-19 to commence this coming Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. This will be the rehearsal day.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021 will be our DAY ONE and our champions will be doing Mathematics, English language and Composition.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 will be our DAY 2 and the candidates will be taking Science, Kiswahili Lugha and Insha.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 will be our DAY 3 and the last day where the candidates will be subjected to evaluation in Social Studies and Religious Education.

I humbly request all the members to pray for our candidates that God may grant them a high degree of success and fly the flag of our institution higher than it has ever been. With God on their side, they can make all of us proud; and yes, they will.

Despite the many challenges they have faced and a myriad of interruptions until our teachers feel like they have not had the required contact hours with these champions, God is going to grant our candidates more than the desires of their hearts (surpass their expectation)

# 2. END OF TERM EXAMS.

This is ongoing in most classes. This exercise will be completed in the entire school on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. The results will be released later in the report books which will be issued on the stipulated open days. Discuss the performance and general academic progress with your child. Throughout the term, we have exposed the learners to various evaluation tests from across the country and we believe this will enable them to improve in their progress.

Demand good performance from your child and put strategic measures in place as we move on. Let our children cherish hard work for it kills no one but attracts more blessings when they succeed.

### 3. SCHOOL FEES.

On behalf of the Board of Management, may I take this opportunity to thank all the parents that paid and completed their fees- we appreciate you. We also wish to remind those who are yet to clear to do so before the end of this week to enable us to meet our obligations as is expected of us before the long holiday ahead. Our offices will remain open throughout this period to serve all parents and those that owe the school and would wish to clear the balance in the week.

### 4. DISCIPLINE.

Our general observation after pupils reported back to school after staying home for over nine months is that there is a need to clamp on the general mannerism of our lovely children and remind them of the finer tenets of discipline. Let us work together as a team/family to instill the right values in our children at this early age. As an institution, we shall all the time endeavor to have a firm hand on the discipline of the children you have entrusted with us as one of our key pillars of continued success. I am aware that we all subscribe to the fact that the beauty of a person is not vested in intelligence, talent, celebrity, or looks but character. I once again request you humbly to guard our children against abusive social media that has become the main conduit of character assassination. Guide the children for this long holiday they will be with you to choose their friends wisely. Get interested in what they watch, read, hear and who they interact with. Do not allow cellphones/internet to control these youngsters- the price may be very costly for us to pay!

### 5. CLOSING DATE.

The school closes officially for the Easter Holiday on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021. The KG wing and lower primary sections will be ready to be picked by noon. Their teachers have talked to them at the class level. Upper primary except for the candidates will be ready to leave at 4:00 pm after their assembly that should conform to the Covid-19 protocol. The candidates will remain under much focused revision as they prepare for their final exams and go home at normal times until the final day.

## 6. OPEN DAYS.

We have resolved to stagger our open days so that we comply with the MoH protocols. This time round there will be no discussion with respective class teachers or subject teachers. The report books will be picked as follows:

i. KG Wing (Daycare to PP2) - Thursday 8th April 2021 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

- ii. Lower Primary Wing (Grade 1-3) Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
- iii. Upper Primary (Grade 4, Std. 5-7) Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm due to the numbers.

Kindly come and pick the report book of your child and if there is a need call and speak to the teachers on areas of concern.

We remind you to just pick the report book of your child and leave to avoid crowding. The books will be arranged on tables at the front side of the school according to respective classes/sections and picking will be well coordinated by a team of teachers. Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

### 7. DAYCARE/PLAYGROUP ADMISSIONS.

As you all know, our academic year will begin in July. The registration of the above class for children who would have turned three years is ongoing. Kindly visit the school and you will be given admission forms to fill. Pass this information to your friends and relatives who would like their children to get a slot in this school. The rest of our classes are packed to capacity and therefore **no new admission**. Those joining the daycare class don't need any interviews but the teachers must establish that speech is well developed and that they do understand basic things about themselves.

### 8. HOMEWORK

Adequate homework will be given to your child to occupy them positively to avoid a situation where they are idle. Every subject will organize well-projected assignments by the teachers themselves and not commercial papers or booklets that will be given to the learners as a way of steering the curriculum designs/syllabus in the desired direction for better outcomes. Kindly create some time and supervise the homework given so that it is not done mechanically. We also request that pupils are involved in doing most of the house chores as a way of training them to become responsible and for future eventualities.

### 9. **GRADE 4.**

The academic year for these CBC pioneers ends tomorrow as per the Ministry requirements. They will remain home until July when they graduate to Grade 5. This is such a long period for these young minds who are prone to forgetting everything by the time they are promoted to Grade 5. There is a need to brainstorm and chart the best way forward as an institution on how to occupy these pupils. Share your thoughts and suggestions with the school administration and the class teachers of your children. The period is too long (four months) for us to bury our heads in the sand and assume all will be well. *Tafakari hayo wazazi wapendwa*.

### 10. HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES.

We had planned many holiday activities like soccer, scouting, camps, chess training and competitions e.t.c which now will depend on the Covid-19 situation in the country. You will be advised accordingly in due course.

### 11. OPENING OF THE THIRD TERM.

The next term commences on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 and all pupils are expected to be in school without fail. Kindly find attached a copy of term dates up to 2023 when our academic year reverts to the traditional January, as has been the case in the past.

Once again, we sincerely thank you for your continued support and cooperation but I think we can do better than we have done in the recent past. We must work as a team as we mould our children into responsible citizens.

Lastly, let us all remember our candidates in our prayers as their KCPE approaches. Our God is able and in Him we trust.

May the Almighty God bless you abundantly in all your endeavours. I wish you and our lovely children a blessed Easter holiday.

God bless you and God bless The Nyali School.

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# **TERM DATES**

| YEAR | TERM   | OPENING                    | CLOSING                    | DURATION |
|------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 2021 | Term 2 | 4 <sup>th</sup> January    | 19 <sup>th</sup> March     | 11 weeks |
| 2021 | Term 3 | 10 <sup>th</sup> May       | 16th July                  | 10 weeks |
| 2021 | Term 1 | 26 <sup>th</sup> July      | 1st October                | 10 weeks |
| 2021 | Term 2 | 11th October               | 23 <sup>rd</sup> December  | 11 weeks |
| 2022 | Term 3 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> January    | 4 <sup>th</sup> March      | 9 weeks  |
| 2022 | Term 1 | 25 <sup>th</sup> April     | 1st July                   | 10 weeks |
| 2022 | Term 2 | 11th July                  | 16 <sup>th</sup> September | 10 weeks |
| 2022 | Term 3 | 26 <sup>th</sup> September | 25 <sup>th</sup> November  | 9 weeks  |
| 2023 | Term 1 | 23 <sup>rd</sup> January   | 21st April                 | 13 weeks |
| 2023 | Term 2 | 8 <sup>th</sup> may        | 11 <sup>th</sup> August    | 13 weeks |