



Pailan World School

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Parent Meeting - All Parents Should Attend

Important Meeting

Wednesday, 29th April is the last day of school for this session. The May vacation commences on Thursday, 30th April.

We invite **all parents to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, 29th April**, where we can outline the changes made this year in academic processes and the improvements in the after school activities.

Academic Processes

As promised, I will be having a parent workshop to explain the changes we are implementing in our approach to teaching, straight after the May vacation.

Essentially, we are approaching these issues:

English Language:

Many of our students are struggling to understand the language of the subject they are learning, and to express themselves fluently in writing. This is a major obstacle to improved performance.

Consequently, all of our teachers are devoting time in establishing the vocabulary of their subjects. They are using such devices as a Word Wall, vocabulary list, dictionary work, crossword puzzles, word searches, word dominoes, matching meanings, reassembling text, cloze exercises and word bingo.

You cannot underestimate the value of mastering the lan-

guage. It is the medium of thinking, learning, discussing and writing. The stronger a student's language is, the greater the possibility of success.

Organization:

Students need structure in their learning. Organization structure is affected in two ways - personal organization and learning organization.

Personal: Students must be organized. They should be punctual, have all their materials needed for study, adopt good study habits and have a study plan.

Thinking: Many students are disorganized in their thinking. There are ways we can guide them. One of the important ways is to use graphic organizers. Another is to use the structure of the language in exercises such as compare/contrast, problem solution, cause/effect and listing. There are many more.

Extra-curricular Activities:

There is a lot of organization going into the activities for this term. The list has been expanded to include Art and Craft and keyboard. It is likely that we will add French language as another.

Students will be placed in the activities of their choice on different days of the week. The coaches will have registers of their classes and students are compelled to attend on the days when they are selected. Students are expected to attend a full term with their chosen activities and are not permitted to change their activities until the next round of selections. The coaches are being appraised.

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Important. Return Slip - Please complete this slip and return to your child's teacher immediately.

We, the parents of _____ in Class _____ sate that we will be attending the important parent meeting on Wednesday, 29th April, **commencing with lunch at 12:30 PM**. I understand that following the meeting, I will be free to take my ward home for the commencement of the May vacation.

Signed _____ Date _____

PS: We need your e-mail address if you have one. **My e-mail address is** _____