

**CIRCULAR NO. 5**  
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# **NEWS AT SAHETI**

## **GREETINGS**

Welcome back to the new term and we draw your attention to the fact that this term has been an adjusted term in terms of our calendar in view of the FIFA World Cup. Parents are encouraged to consult our website to download the calendar dates as advertised last year.

With the winter chill upon us we encourage our families to take additional precautionary measures to ensure that they remain healthy throughout the winter.

We look forward to an exciting term.

## **STAFFING**

- Mrs Chyrsoula Economou has now been appointed in Mr Padyachee's position as the Natural Science and Technology Educator Grades 4-7.
- Ms Dezy Kanakakis emigrated to Australia at the end of the first term and has been replaced by Mrs Anthea Daniel.

- Mrs Lynette Johnston is the locum teacher for Mrs Debbie Kolatsis who is away on long leave for term 2.

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Please be aware that parents are to consult the policy on Leave of Absence on our website. Permission to leave for vacation will not be granted.

## **2010 PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR MATRICULANTS, GRADUATES AND POST GRADUATES OF GREEK DESCENT**

SAHETI School, on behalf of the Board, organizes a prize-giving ceremony annually to honour the academic achievements of young people of Greek descent who matriculated or graduated in the previous year.

We would like to hear of matriculants, graduates and post graduates who completed their studies in

2009, irrespective of what school or university in Gauteng they attended, in order to include them in this special event. This will take place on **Sunday 23 May 2010** at 14h30 for 15h00 in the George Bizos Hall. Please contact the Marketing Department on 011 454 0195 or e-mail [abotha@saheti.co.za](mailto:abotha@saheti.co.za) / [pr@saheti.co.za](mailto:pr@saheti.co.za)

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

### Solid Start to Winter Sport

#### Rugby

SAHETI scored a narrow but solid victory in their first league fixture against Marian College.

**Marc Psillos** scored a valuable try for SAHETI which saw the Open team edge out Marian College by 14 -13.

The U16 team drew their fixture 12-12 with **Georgos Couvaras** scoring both tries.

#### Netball

SAHETI girls put their best foot forward and outshone St. Catherine's in their first netball fixture.

SAHETI U14	15	St Catherine's	0
SAHETI U15	8	St Catherine's	10
SAHETI U17	21	St Catherine's	2
SAHETI Opens	35	St Catherine's	8

## PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT

The following learners took part in the South African National Karate Championships and obtained the following medals:

**Sabrina Valarakis** – Gold for Kata and Kumite

**Angelique Parris** – Gold for Kata

**George Salamousas** – Silver for Kumite

**Alexandra Parris** – Bronze for Kata and Kumite

**Rafaella Koutakis** – Bronze for Kata

**Andrew v.d. Berg** – Bronze for Kumite

**Kimon Statheros** – Bronze for Kata and Kumite

**Gregory Salamousas** – Bronze for Kumite

#### Soccer and Netball Results:

Soccer vs. St. Benedicts:

Played 8, lost 5, won 3 matches

Soccer vs. Hurlyvale Primary School:

Played 9, lost 0, won 7, drew 2 matches

Netball vs. Auckland Park Primary School:

Played 10, lost 6, won 2, drew 2 matches

Netball vs. De La Salle :

Played 10, lost 8, won 2 matches

No mini-soccer or netball matches were played.

All soccer and netball matches will take place as per the schedule distributed.

**CONGRATULATIONS! To LUCIA XYPTERAS (Grade 6 pupil) who was invited to dance at the State Theatre in a PACT production of Swan Lake! We are very proud of you Lucia!**

## CULTURAL NEWS

*The High School will be staging a world premiere of Les Morrison's play, **Prize of Peace** - an exciting play that is set the eve before Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk received their joint Nobel Peace Prize.*

*Watch this space for more information.*

**PERFORMANCE DATES: 1,2,3, June 2010.**

**GALA EVENING: 2 June 2010.**

- Our first lunch time concert will take place in the Bylos Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 11h45-12h10. All welcome!
- Congratulations to **Kendall Born** (Saxophone) and **Perry Balambanos** (Bouzouki) who both progressed to compete in the semi-final round of the National Eisteddfod Academy. We are very proud of you!

**MUSIC & MEZEDES** Evening will take place in the Bizos Hall on Thursday 20 May at 19h00. Come and hear the best of SAHETI Musicians with musical offerings from St John's, Holy Rosary and St. Alban's Barbershop Boys Vocal Group. Tickets R50 at the door for audience (R30 for non-performing children). This includes a light finger supper. There will be a paying bar for adults only.

## OUTREACH

We are just days away from the much awaited Soccer World cup. In order to get in on the action we are supporting Princess Alice Adoption Home by selling SA soccer bands. These bands are R15.00 each and can be obtained from the Pre-

primary, Primary and High school Outreach teachers.

Pupils are allowed to wear these to school until end of term.

The cold is slowly setting in. Let's think of those less fortunate and assist by donating warm clothes, non-perishable food items and blankets. These can be handed in to the Outreach teachers and will then be donated to some of the charities that we support.

## FROM THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- The SAHETI Careers Day was held last Tuesday 20 April. Our key note address was given by Mark Peters, a Senior Lecturer in Marketing & Strategy. He is the Director: Corporate Learning at Wits Business School, and is currently a Doctoral Student at Wits University.
- Mark spoke to our learners about the 9 strategies for a Successful Tertiary Experience.
  1. 97% of the 6 billion people on this earth asked their brain to do what it did yesterday and last week. But the 3% see the year ahead as an opportunity for new and exciting adventures of discovery, risk taking, achievement significance. In which group are you?
  2. In a Longitudinal Study at Yale University in 1953 only 3% had a career plan. In 1973 the study concluded that this 3% had accumulated more assets and generated more wealth than the other 97% remaining students. Moral of that story – HAVE A PLAN and do not confuse motion with progress.
  3. College is a marathon not a sprint – it is not what you do once that counts but consistent, considered actions.
  4. When it doesn't go as well as planned, it is more valuable to look where you are going than to look back and see where you have been. Your college experience/career is your business. You

must protect your career from harm and position yourself to benefit from changes in the operating environment.

5. Listen and connect and give 100% of your presence; Read as much as you can. Make valuable use of your down time.
  6. Build your brain power – invest in your intellectual capital: sharpen the saw. Assess your interests, values and skills through self help resources, on line resources and the library. Look for ways to develop new skills.
  7. Seek out a mentor within Varsity and outside who can add value to your situation.
  8. Learn to speak in public.
  9. Know your Achilles heel – know thyself.
- We trust you enjoyed the event and made maximum use of our diverse speakers who represented a cross section of careers as well as the Liaison officers from the various colleges and universities.

Regards,

**Michelle Wootton-Price**

## MY SCHOOL CARD

Please remember to use your school card as this earns valuable funds for SAHETI, which go towards our school magazine. The latest statement received from "My School Card" reflects that SAHETI parents' usage of My School Card (for April), has earned us **R16 205,48**

**MRS A KRYSTALLIDIS**  
**EXECUTIVE HEAD**

# SAHETI SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

## TERM 1 (60 +2 days)

**Start:** 12 Jan (Staff back 10 Jan)

**Close:** 8 April ( 12 noon)

**Half Term:** Th 24 Feb (14h15)

Return to School Tue 1 March

**Public Holidays:**

Mon 21 March (Human Rights)

Fri 22 April (Good Friday)

**Sun** 24 April (Easter Sunday)

Mon 25 April (Family Day)

Wed 27 April (Freedom Day)

## TERM 2 (67 days)

**Start:** Tue 3 May

**Close:** Fri 5 August(12 noon)

**Half Term:** Wed 15 June (13h30[Prim School]/14h00[High Sch])

Return to School: Mon 20 June

**Public Holidays:**

Sun 1 May (Workers' Day)

Mon 2 May (Public Holiday)

Thurs 16 June (Youth Day)

Tuesday 9 August (Woman's Day)

## TERM 3 (60 days)

**Start:** Tuesday 6 September (staff back Mon 5 Sept)

**Close:** Friday 2 December(12 noon)

**Half Term:** 12h00 Fri 30 September(14h15)

Return Mon 10 October

**Public Hol:** Sat 24 Sept (Heritage Day)

Fri 16 Dec (Day of Reconciliation)

Sun 25 Dec (Christmas Day)

Mon 26 Dec (Day of Goodwill)

**189 days**

## TERM 1 2012

**START DATE: WED 11 JAN 2012(STAFF BACK Mon 9 Jan)**

## WORTHY OF OUR FREEDOM

There are many kinds of courage. There is that of the battlefield, there is that of rescue missions, there is that of an astronaut going into space. There is the courage of persecuted Christians who, rather than denying Christ, were torn apart by beasts, burnt alive, tortured. And there is another kind of courage – quiet but firm – a courage which reveals itself in times of crisis, in the ability to say **yes or no**, a courage which belongs to the art of living – because there are times when it takes courage to live.

It was just before April 1994 and this country was on a verge of disaster, literally on the brink of civil war and threatened with being overwhelmed by a bloodbath. We had witnessed the stunning release of Nelson Mandela and other leaders in 1990 and the miraculous move towards democratic elections. But between 1990 and 1994 we had been on a roller-coaster ride, exhilarated at one moment, in depths of despair the next.

Thousands of people died in the massacres during the transition. The province of KwaZulu-Natal was boiling with tension as Inkatha and ANC clashed. Some of us suspected that a sinister third force, including elements of the Security Forces, was behind a spate of indiscriminate killings on trains and taxi ranks.

Just before the election, there was an insurrection in one of the so called independent homelands. A neo-Nazi Afrikaner group threatened to sabotage the process. Inkatha was boycotting the election. Attempts were made to destabilise and intimidate potential voters.

Our impending election looked like a disaster waiting to happen. We were all expecting the worst. But in the weeks leading up to the election, the insurrection failed, the neo-Nazis were routed and Inkatha stopped throwing tantrums.

In most parts of the world, elections are just political events. Our elections turned out to be spiritual, even religious experience. Many of us will not quickly forget the images of those long queues snaking their way slowly to the polling booths. People waited a long time. This gave rise to a new status symbol at that time in South Africa. Someone would say, “I stood for two hours before I could vote!” and another would reply “Oh, that’s nothing, I waited for five hours!”

There was chaos in many places, not enough ballot sheets, or ink, or whatever. It was a catastrophe ready to take place. It never did. People came out in droves and they looked utterly vulnerable. It would have taken just two or three people with an AK-47 to sow pandemonium. But it did not happen.

What took place can only be described as a miracle.

People stood in these long lines, people of all races in South Africa that had known separation and apartheid for so long – Black and White, Coloured and Indian, farmer, labourer, educated, unschooled, rich, poor – they stood in these lines and the scales fell from their eyes. South Africans made an earth-shattering discovery – hey, we are all fellow South Africans.

People shared newspapers, picnic lunches, stories – and they discovered that they all seemed to want very similar things – a roof over their heads, a steady job, food on the table, schooling for their children and, yes, skin colour and race were so thoroughly irrelevant.

People entered the booth one person and emerged on the other side a totally different person.

The black person went in burdened with all the anguish of having his or her dignity trampled underfoot and being treated as a non-person – and then voted. And said, “Hey, I’m free, my dignity has been restored, my humanity has been acknowledged. I’m free!”

The white person entered the booth burdened by the weight of guilt, of shame, of disappointment, of being fed so many lies, of believing them – and emerged on the other side a new person – also free, realizing what our black compatriots had been telling us for so long – that freedom was indivisible, that *we* would never be free until *they* were free.

Yes, our first election turned out to be a deeply spiritual event, a religious experience, a transfiguration, a resurrection. We had won a spectacular victory over injustice, oppression and evil. There we were, people previously divided, declaring that human fellowship, togetherness, friendship, laughter, joy, caring, were not possible for us.

Our story is a story of courage and of resurrection. Our problems are not over – poverty, unemployment, crime, corruption, incompetent politicians and the AIDS epidemic continue to hound us. But just because there is more work to be done, doesn’t mean that we must forget the miracles already taken place.

So, on April 27, as we celebrated freedom, let’s take a moment to think on the words from the doxology – the prayer we say on Greek National Day “make us worthy of our freedom” – because with freedom comes duty, with rights come responsibilities.

May we continue to face our future with the courage, and may the Risen Lord continue to be our beacon of light.

***Fr. Petros***

**Programme for Church Services April - May 2010 (cont.)**  
**Πρόγραμμα Απριλίου - Μαΐου 2010 (συνέχεια)**

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| 18. | Sunday of the Myrrhbearers:<br>Κυριακή των Μυροφόρων:                          | Orthros 08:00 – 09:30<br>Divine Liturgy 09:30 – 11:15<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:30<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:30 – 11:15  |
| 23. | Friday- St. George the Great Martyr:<br>Παρασκευή – Αγ. Γεωργίου Τροπαιοφόρου: | Orthros 08:00 – 09:00<br>Divine Liturgy 09:00 – 10:15<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:00<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:00 – 10:15  |
| 25. | Sunday of the Paralytic:<br>Κυριακή του Παραλύτου:                             | Orthros 08:00 – 09:30<br>Divine Liturgy 09:30 – 11:15<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:30<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:30 – 11:15  |
| 2.  | Sunday of the Samaritan Woman:<br>Κυριακή της Σαμαρείτιδος:                    | Orthros 08:00 – 09:30<br>Divine Liturgy 09:30 – 11:15<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:30<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:30 – 11:15  |
| 9.  | Sunday of the Blind Man:<br>Κυριακή του Τυφλού:                                | Orthros 08:00 – 09:30<br>Divine Liturgy 09:30 – 11:15<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:30<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:30 – 11:15  |
| 13. | Thursday – Ascension Day:<br>Πέμπτη – της Αναλήψεως:                           | Orthros 08:00 – 09:00<br>Divine Liturgy 09:00 – 10:30<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:00<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:00 – 10:30  |
| 16. | Sunday of the Holy Fathers:<br>Κυριακή των Αγίων Πατέρων:                      | Orthros 08:00 – 09:30<br>Divine Liturgy 09:30 – 11:15<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:30<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:30 – 11:15  |
| 22. | Saturday of Souls:<br>Ψυχοσάββατο:   | Orthros 08:00 – 09:00<br>Divine Liturgy 09:00 – 10:30<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:00<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:00 – 10:30  |
| 23. | Sunday of Pentecost:<br>Κυριακή της Πεντηκοστής:                               | Orthros 08:00 – 09:30<br>Divine Liturgy 09:30 – 11:15 and<br>Vespers of Kneeling 11:15 – 12:00.<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:30<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:30 – 11:15 και<br>Εσπερινός της Γονυκλισίας 11:15 – 12:00 |
| 30. | Sunday of All Sants:<br>Κυριακή των Αγ. Πάντων:                                | Orthros 08:00 – 09:30<br>Divine Liturgy 09:30 – 11:15<br>Όρθρος 08:00 – 09:30<br>Θεία Λειτουργία 09:30 – 11:15  |

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*Βοηθείστε την Ιερά μας Μητρόπολη στο Φιλανθρωπικό, Εκπαιδευτικό και Ιεραποστολικό της έργο, ενισχύοντας οικονομικά και αφιερώνοντας μέρος από τον ελεύθερο χρόνο σας. Γραφτείτε συνδρομητές στο περιοδικό «Αλεξανδρινός Φάρος». Γίνετε χορηγοί των Κηρυγμάτων της Κυριακής.*



## SAHETI SCHOOL

### ALUMNI LIAISON OFFICER

SAHETI School wishes to appoint an Alumni Liaison Officer to enhance communication and links with past SAHETIANS, and establish an active alumni association.

#### **Requirements:**

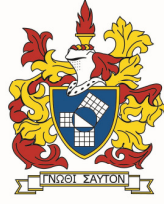
- Dynamic, self-motivated personality with a sound work ethic
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Strong organization skills
- Computer literacy (MS Office, internet and database management)
- Experience in managing social networking media
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of Greek an advantage
- Preferably a SAHETI past pupil / parent

#### **Duties:**

- To initiate creative strategies for closer links with SAHETI alumni
- To keep SAHETI alumni informed of school developments
- To plan and implement events targeted at SAHETI alumni to ensure their continued involvement with the school
- To manage effective follow-up on alumni events
- To develop and maintain the alumni database
- To research alumni achievements and news for publication
- To develop and maintain an alumni page on the SAHETI website
- To manage and update the SAHETI Alumni page on Face book

Interested persons should submit a CV and letter of application, including the names and contact details of two references to [hpanayotakis@saheti.co.za](mailto:hpanayotakis@saheti.co.za) or fax to The Executive Head on 011 453 3177. Closing date for applications is 07 May 2010.

*SAHETI School reserves the right not to make an appointment. Submitting an application does not entitle the applicant to automatically be called for an appointment. Failure to meet the minimum requirements of the advertised post will automatically disqualify applicants from consideration for the post.*



## SAHETI SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

This is how we started last year. Reluctantly, but with faith and hope.

On our way we met other travelers. Our parallel paths were not slow in joining a common pathway. The smiles multiplied and the companions held saddle bags full of kindness and soul.

This year we are going a little further.

- a) We will be collecting organic waste which we consider rubbish, and we will be making our own organic fertilizer for our own vegetable garden.
- b) We will produce recycled paper from discarded paper waste.

In simple words and daily practice, we want to make it clear that love and respect for the environment is not outside of us, but here, in front of us, within us.

We extend our hand and request that the school joins us as a fellow traveler on the path that we have undertaken.

It would be ideal if collection bins could be placed in conspicuous places where we could collect PAPER, GLASS and ALUMINIUM. If a notice board were available to us, we would create our own informative corner about the environment.

The rest is our business. God has some say in events, as a good friend would say. HE will help in making things as they were before.

Something tells us that the steps of children, and especially their voices, may not be heard in the desert, however, they resound what man actually needs. They expect, and hope, that they will receive. We owe them. Moreover, we must not forget that "this world was not inherited from our grandparents but that we borrowed it from our children". Finally, our ambition is that young and old become aware –

To love responsibility,  
To say me, myself  
I have an obligation to save the earth  
If not, it will be my fault.  
(Askitiki p. 32)

We therefore meet every Thursday at 2:30, in an area where there isn't hard work and sweat, but only joy and smiles, hoping to convert our vegetable garden into Champs Elyseés!

You are all welcome!

**THE GREEK DEPARTMENT**

