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Dear SAHETI Parents,

### **YEAR-END 2011 COMMUNICATION**

1. SAHETI has grown in leaps and bounds over the past few years, and the decision made some years ago to introduce the SAHETI Playschool has resulted in growth of our school overall. The past year has seen SAHETI embarking on a number of exciting building projects. There are currently three building projects underway at the school which commenced earlier this year, as follows:
  - 1.1. The start of what will ultimately become the SAHETI cultural precinct - the construction of the Agora Building. This will house the Lyceum of Greek Women, the archives of the Lyceum as well as SAHETI's archives. It is envisaged that the archives will expand and be the centre of all Hellenic archives representing the history, development, significance and contribution of Hellenism in and to South Africa. Thanks to a kind donor, the majority of the cost of this building has been funded by a substantial donation, and will be completed at the end of this year or early next year;
  - 1.2. The much awaited and needed extension to our primary school which comprises of four new classrooms, and stationery rooms as well as the complete refurbishment of the four existing classrooms directly beneath the new classrooms;
  - 1.3. The complete renovation and refurbishment of the old 1<sup>st</sup> Hellenic Scouts girl guides building (The Delyannis Building) into two brand new pre-primary school classrooms which will enhance the pre-primary school's capacity to house its current rapid expansion.
2. The SAHETI Board has attempted to ensure that the fee increases for each year have been kept in line with market related factors, inflation, and increases in costs of operating the school. As part of its annual budget process, the Board has taken account of the needs of the school and has especially taken cognizance of the impact which fee increases inevitably have on parents. Due to the fact that fee income is used solely for the purpose of funding the operational expenses of the school, careful management of the school's finances over the past years has enabled SAHETI School to manage its increases at competitive levels.
3. Increases in fees over the past four years have been as follows: 2008 - 12% across all grades; 2009 - 9.5% across all grades; 2010 - 9% across all grades; 2011 – 9% across all grades. At a recent ISASA (Independent Schools Association of South Africa) governors' conference it was estimated that

current education inflation for private schools in South Africa is approximately 13%. Despite this, we have managed to curtail the increases in fees for 2012 as follows: the Playschool will have a 12% increase, the Pre-Primary School an 8% increase, and the Primary and High Schools a 6% increase.

4. Also, in order to preserve the school's capability to build and to further improve facilities, the Capital Development Levy contribution (this is the fund which is used to pay for the building process and other needs of a capital nature) will increase by an amount of R50 per child per month. I am pleased to inform you that next year will see substantial expansion of audio-visual equipment across the school. This forms part of the school's strategic plan to develop and stay abreast of developments in technology and the future enhancement of teaching methodologies, all of which are embraced by our teachers.
5. SAHETI has always prided itself on its strong cultural ethos grounded on the Greek culture, and as such has promoted and encouraged freedom of thought and expression, whilst at the same time engendering a philosophy of "Know Thyself", which encapsulates our founders' values. These principles continue to drive SAHETI's beliefs and values which have resulted in SAHETI's graduates being successful candidates at all tertiary education levels as well as being successful entrepreneurs.
6. As we approach the end of another successful year, we are mindful of our Matrics who are currently sitting for their Matric exams and we are confident that they will be as successful as the Matrics of 2010. This year has seen SAHETI achieve many cultural, academic and sporting achievements and as ever, we all strive to achieve even greater accomplishments next year. We are thankful to our parents for their continued support of our school and of our children, which we all have reason to be immensely proud of.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'D Bizos', written in a cursive style.

Professor Damon Bizos  
**CHAIRMAN OF SAHETI BOARD**