



1 June 2009

Dear Primary School Parents

NEW PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

From time to time, National Education policy updates promotion requirements in order to accommodate changing needs and to safeguard standards. The National Policy on Assessment and Qualifications for Schools (both Private and Public) provides the requirements for promotion. These requirements ensure that clear achievable targets of competence can be met. They also ensure that learner performance is standardised within South Africa.

The Independent Examination Board has informed us that the Department of Education has updated and changed the progression and promotion requirements for Grade 1 to Grade 9 with immediate effect. The new promotion requirements are:

Grade 1 to 3

- At least a rating code of 3 in Literacy and Numeracy.

Grade 4 to 6

- At least a rating code of 3 (50% - 69%) in English **And**
- At least a rating code of 3 (50% - 69%) in any two additional learning areas.*
- At least a rating code of 2 (35% - 49%) in Mathematics **And**
- At least a rating code of 2 (35% - 49%) in the remaining learning areas. *

Grade 7

- at least a **rating code of 4** (50 – 59%) in **English AND**
- at least a **rating code of 4** (50 – 59%) in any **two additional learning areas*** **AND**
- a **rating code of 3**(40 – 49%) in **Mathematics AND**
- a **rating code of 3**(40 – 49%) in any **two additional learning areas***.

[*excluding Greek]

We draw your attention that condoned promotions cannot be granted.

SAHETI welcomes the change as it is in line with the academic standards we strive to maintain and continually enhance. We remind parents and pupils that reading is an essential skill at fine-tuning and enhancing academics and that reading for 15-30 minutes per day is a minimum we expect from all our pupils. The SAHETI library hosts a wide range of exciting and age appropriate books which have been specifically purchased to cater for the needs and interests of our pupils. The Library is open every morning before school and every afternoon after school until 16h00 except on a Friday. The Primary School has recently introduced a computer reading programme for Grades 1-7 to assist and enrich the reading programme during certain blocked periods and in afternoon tutorials.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S. Zachariou
Principal: Primary School

Mrs A. Krystallidis
Executive Head: SAHETI