



End TERM ONE

April 22, 2017.

## NEWS LETTER.

Gems Field Private School, together with its management staff and its Board of Directors, is pleased to announce the end of a very successful term in this 2017 school year. We extend our gratitude to you, the parents and guardians of our talented students, for your excellent cooperation and enthusiasm in helping us to reach this objective, and we look forward to next term's equally exciting implementation. We have prepared a newsletter to keep you informed of next term's news and events.

**Closing date for term 1:** The closing date for term 1 was originally set at April 26 according to the government MOE school calendar; however, as this date was pushed back to April 21, we also adhered to this change so as not to inconvenience our student families.

**Opening day for term 2:** The first day of term 2 is set on May 30, with hostel students admitted on the preceding Sunday May 28. Should this day be altered by MOE, we will do our best to let you know well in advance.

**Holiday Projects:** Please help introduce, research and explore with the children, the following very important topics based on our term calendar over the holidays: please make time to take them to a library and help them to work on a project based on these crucial points.

- 8<sup>th</sup> June, World ocean day.
- 16<sup>th</sup> June, day of the African child and,
- 17<sup>th</sup> June, combating desertification and drought.

**Stationery supplies for term 2:** In order to ensure your child's learning is as effective as possible, we are asking you to please be sure to accompany your child's return to school with all the stationery items noted on the attached stationery list, should the child's existing stationeries are used up (please just talk to them about what they still have available).

**Parent's meeting and book viewing:** Our term 2 parent's meeting and book viewing is held on Friday, June 30, the meeting begins right after classes at 12:30 pm and ends at 1:30 pm. Following the meeting, the book viewing session is held from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. This date is chosen to coincide with "go home" weekend where hostel students are simultaneously picked up for their home weekend, allowing for convenient attendance to the event. Parents or parent representatives are urged to please do their best to attend this day's events as they are extremely important in keeping you fully engaged in your child's schooling.

**Computer classes:** Beginning term 2, Gems Field is offering computer classes for students in grades 2, 3, and 4 at the request of the parent. The classes are geared to prepare the student for technology classes in future grades, as well as provide optimal learning for their future global preparedness. These are special classes held at non-standard class hours and an additional fee of N\$150.00 per month is required up to the end of the 2017 school year. Students enrolling in this program must bring a functioning laptop computer to class. *(Now please bear in mind that this is optional seeing that we have had request from parents, it is not compulsory)*

**Specialized instrumental music lessons:** Gems Field would like to remind you of special instrumental music lessons being available as an extra curricular addition to our educational programs, including piano/electric keyboard and guitar.

The fee for this service is N\$300.00 monthly, and lessons are held as individual tutoring sessions.

**Birthdays May holidays:** We would like to wholeheartedly extended our heartfelt birthday wishes in advance to our May friends and colleagues, Mr. J. Naumann (3rd), B. Hamukoto (24<sup>th</sup>), R. Shikundu (29) enjoy your birthday and we wish you very many happy and prosperous years to come!

**Bringing the world to our door step and walking into the future:** Now this term has been quite a great ride with our learners, a welcome challenge for our teachers too. Which brought us to think that we should give you an outline of our “Term 2 Schedule”, marking important days for the term. (Attached)

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST, A VERY IMPORTANT PARENT REMINDER:** Help keep up your child’s education through the holiday season... Parents and guardians are urged to please keep up their child’s newly learned skills throughout the holiday season through regular review sessions such as reading out loud, mathematics exercises borrowed from their exercise books, and other academic skills covered in term 1. Even review for an hour every two days will help immensely in keeping up your child’s study habits and prepare them for a continuation of new learning for term 2. Please ensure that exercise books do not get torn or otherwise damaged as they would have to be replaced at your cost in such cases.

We wish you all a very good holiday month!!!