



EXECUTIVE HEAD'S END OF TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to all parents who attended our Vuleka 2024 AGM at St Martin's on the 3rd March. We welcomed the opportunity to be able to describe the challenges Vuleka is facing and the significant steps it has taken to achieve sustainability.

Numbers have improved slightly since the beginning of the year. However, we need a further 70 pupils to avoid a deficit in the budget. We hope that parents will use their influence with others to recommend Vuleka as a school of choice.

Congratulations, to the raffle winners which were drawn that morning.

The children have worked really well this term and have made good progress. During the year we will again be measuring reading ability to ensure that Vuleka Children are able to read fluently and with real understanding, unlike the majority of children in our country. All Grade 0 and 1 teachers were trained in the new Time2read program. This was provided free of charge by the originators of the program. We expect this to lead to an even greater improvement in reading ability.

The installation of solar energy at St Mark's has been delayed. This project has been planned for some time owing to the frequent and lengthy power outages which the school experiences. Unfortunately, during the term, the school became a target for burglars and was robbed no fewer than 5 times in a short period. Two local security companies, All Secure, and On Armor, have been extremely generous in offering free services and discounts and we have commenced installation of cameras and other measures to prevent further burglaries. These occur at night over the weekends. Our children's security is a critical priority, and we will do everything to keep them and our property safe. We are especially grateful too Reverend Shona and the Parish for their cooperation and assistance in this regard.

We have already begun fund-raising so that next term, we can invest in our schools with some fresh paint and additional maintenance. Any assistance will be welcome!

I wish all our pupils and families a wonderful school holiday and we can't wait to welcome you all back for the next term, when our staff will be working towards better and greater achievements for you all.

As ever

Greg Royce

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