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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Happy New Year! I would like to welcome your child(ren) to school at the start of the new school year, especially those joining us for the first time and those reaching the end of their educational journey with the School. It is good since I have been in post, to be able to give this welcome without any Covid-19 restrictions being in place, although we still need to remain vigilant.

Firstly, I would like to express my sadness and offer comfort to the entire school community following the loss of several members of the School community, especially to those who have been directly affected. These tragedies have touched each and every one of us, and I hope you will join me in extending our deepest sympathy to all the grieving families, students and staff. I would urge you to encourage your children if they have been affected to express their feelings and to make use of the counselling service we offer at the School if they so wish. Our primary section will also be organising a multifaith reflection ceremony to start the new school year which I hope will bring some much-needed solace to our school community.

As we emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic last year, we resumed extracurricular activities across the School and we will continue to do so this year. In particular, I am excited for the development of music at the School, and with the purchase of the new school band, we hope to induce students' interest in this field. Moreover, the new swimming pool should be completed towards the middle of the first term, followed by the new multipurpose sports hall which will supplement the development of sport at the School.

This year, we will continue to put further emphasis on the development of literacy and numeracy across the whole curriculum and ensure that these are embedded in all teaching activities. Accordingly, I will once again urge all Parent(s)/Guardian(s) in Kindergarten/Primary to spend at least 15 minutes daily to read with their children.

You should now be set up on **EdAdmin** and have access to the **Edana** application. If you require support in accessing and using the system, please contact our EdAdmin Administrator, Miss Priya Chetty by emailing: <a href="mailto:p.chetty@indsch.edu.sc">p.chetty@indsch.edu.sc</a> and she will be more than happy to help. The EdAdmin team also intends to run training sessions for parent(s)/guardian(s), and you will be informed accordingly. Finally, I attach herewith for your information a copy of our hair styles policy. Please could you ensure that your child's hairstyle is in line with this policy and is always neat and tidy.

I thank you for your usual support and cooperation and very much looking forward to working with all of you during this new academic year. Please do not hesitate to contact the School if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Andy Esparon (Mr.)

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