

Suva Grammar School

ANNOUNCEMENTS : 06/08/2019

Annual Theme: BREAKING INTO NEW GROUNDS

Term 3 Theme : Moving UP to the Next Level

1. Introduction

I would like to thank all students and parents for your support and efforts in making Term 2 a productive term.

While we could have all done better with our efforts, commitment and behavior, I am pleased that we have managed to reach the end of the term without any major problem.

I would like to thank our old scholars for their support in assisting the school with sports trainings and in various school programmes.

Term 3 Calendar of Activities – Important Dates (tentative dates for school programmes)

Week 1	School starts for ALL	August 26 th
	Parents Day	August 30 th
Week 5	Annual Exam Begins for Year 13	September 23 rd
Week 6	Annual Exam Begins for Year 10	September 30 th
Week 7	Annual Exam Begins for Year 12	October 07 th
Week 8	External Exam Begins for Year 13	October 14 th
Week 09	External Exam Begins for Year 10	October 21 st
	E Exam – Year 11	October 22 nd
Week 10	External Exam Begins for Year 10	October 29 th
Week 11	E Exam – Year 09	November 04 th
Week 13	Prize Giving and Graduation	November 20 th

2. School Fun Day

Parents are informed that the school will have fun games and activities on Thursday 08th August. Kindly ensure that students are ready with the right gear. Students are also allowed to bring gadgets to school that are to be used responsibly and with care. However, the School will not be responsible for any loss and damages.

3. Clearing Desks

All students are advised to take all their books home to allow billeting and repairs.

4. Attendance and Late Arrival – Term 3

All students and parents are reminded that Term 3 is a very critical term with only a few teaching/remedial weeks. As such, students are to ensure that learning time is not lost to tardy and absenteeism. Systems will be in place to call/remind parents daily of any absenteeism/major tardy.

5. School Discipline

While the school did not meet the expected behavior and mannerism from students, it is anticipated that students will focus on academic goals in Term 3 and there will be zero insubordination.

6. Holiday Programmes

6.1. Holiday Assignments

Students are reminded to find solutions for all Term End papers during the break and revise topics from Term 1 and 2 to find revision/remedial programmes easier in term 3.

Do visit Ministry of Education website for past year Exam papers if not already given by Subject Teachers

6.2. Reading Targets

Students are also advised to read story books and newspapers during the holidays.

The school is reminding all students to take care in every activity that they are involved in during the holidays to avoid mishaps.

7. Getting Ready for Term 3

7.1. Compulsory Materials

Parents are informed that many students do not do well in Maths and English as they do not own the essential tools. All parents are encouraged to see that child/ward owns a Calculator and Dictionary.

Parents are also to see that students return with necessary stationery and resources for term 3

7.2. Banned Substances

All parents are informed the school does not allow the following materials to school; Permanent markers, correction fluid (twink), sharp objects like knife and razor blades. Usually, these materials are used to damage school property and can be used as inhalants.

General Reminders

Policies / Initiatives - MOEHA

1. Electronic Devices/Mobile Phones

All parents/guardians are informed that students are not to carry mobile phones to school. Any child that has to carry a mobile phone will need to bring a letter from home stating the reason and the phone will have to be left in the Principal's Office. Any phones smuggled in will be confiscated by prefects and teachers as on many occasions, these gadgets are misused. Parents will always be informed through newsletters / consent forms if there are valid reasons to bring these gadgets to school for research and learning purpose.

2. Behaviour Management Policy

All parents have been given a copy of the school rules during enrolment. A copy of the amended rules and Behaviour Management Policy is available on the school website (<http://suvagrammar.com>). This will indicate specific actions that will be taken for offences.

3. Visitors/Vehicles

All parents are advised to drop their child/ward to school before 8.00 am. Our classes begin at 8.20 am. The school now has a day time security at the gate and we are trying to minimize disturbance to teaching and learning as best as we can. As such, I am humbly pleading if students are dropped at the bus shelter or the main gate should your vehicle arrive to school after 8.00 am.

4. Issues and Complaints

All parents / guardians are to report to the Main Office for any issues, complaints and when dropping something for your child/ward. This is for safety reasons and to avoid disturbances as every officer has specific tasks to perform that are disturbed when visitors come in spontaneously. There is also an Issues and Complaints Register that is used to record all cases of concern. This is also used as evidence that a case was lodged when undealt cases have to be taken to higher authorities.

5. Transport Assistance

Kindly contact the school on any queries through the Main Office/Year Teachers.

6. Release of students from School

No students will be released without their parents from school. No student will be allowed early leaves during examination periods.

GENERAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

1. Late Arrival

All parents are reminded that your child has to be in school at 8.00am. Our classes begin at 8.20 am and many students are still seen coming late. **Parents will be asked to relocate their child/ward if they accumulate excessive tardy.**

2. Dissemination of Information

All parents are advised that the following will methods will be used to disseminate information to parents/stakeholders:

- a. Newsletters
- b. SMS Platform – details attached
- c. Face Book page – <https://www.facebook.com/suvagrammar2018>
- d. Webs Site – <http://suvagrammar.com>
- e. School Assemblies / Year Time
- f. School Level Notice Boards

3. Students not setting and working towards their Academic Goals

A major concern for many students is not setting academic goals. Many students give the last preference to academic work and hence, struggled to find the balance between extra-curricular and school work and ended up getting marks short of scholarship or an entry into the next level/right programme.

Some students do not have career goals and parents/guardians are only looking for a place in secondary school and not looking beyond that to ensure that their children are motivated and guided to work through with selected subjects and decide on their career.

Parents/guardians are requested to check books, files and identify ways to help their child learn skills and pass assessments to move to the next level rather than being content that the child is in a school only. Many students are purposeless and deviate into disturbing behavior.

Lately, we have seen a number of senior students not coming ready for exams and some not sitting for required subjects. It is sad to see resources wasted on such students. While the teachers are doing their level best, I am beseeching parents to guide their children before it is too late.

4. Consent Forms

All parents are advised to sign consent forms for any extra-curricular activity, sports activity, etc. Please be advised that you will be advised of every activity that will require such consent and this will also include the date, duration, etc for the extra classes, trainings, camps and other planned activity after approval has been sought from MoE.

Parents are reminded not to allow students to attend any excursion, classes, and training without proper consent forms. No consent forms will be valid without the Principal's stamp and signature.

Thank you

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Principal