



## LEARNING WELL, ENJOYING LIFE, EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

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Dear Parent,

The School Consultative Group is now in its second year of operation. We have seen the size of the group grow, diminish and grow again. This reflects the changing role of the SCG, from a more day to day operations one last year, to a more strategic one this year. This has happened only because we have created the position of a Class Mums' Representative. It is her role to listen to parents' day to day issues and meet weekly with the School Principal to resolve them. We have a great volunteer this year who will continue this great process next year, many thanks to you Jill Chomowicz.

The goals of the group continued with three main focus areas for the year: Communication, Setting up the right groups to help the school and Strategic Direction.

The communication channels between the school, parents and back again continue to grow. From the school's perspective, they have listened to the needs of the parents and improved on many areas including:

- Better school reports
- More information about the progress the students make
- Weekly letter to all parents (after pilot for Year 1 last year) with learning activities for that week
- A user friendly website, with access to more of the key documents on line as well as the school curriculum standards.

From a parent's perspective, we continue to have great communication to other parents through the class mums keeping us informed, the role of the Class Mums Rep and all the volunteers who are happy to make time for one committee or another.

The SCG has also been instrumental in helping set up some new processes to make sure things run more efficiently, these include:

- A Social Committee, which has made a great start in organising fun BBQs and other events for families.
- A Welcome Group which now informs a number of interested helpers of newly arrived families
- Inclusion of Rayyan Campus representatives on the SCG, with regular updates on the progress of the school and the new school buildings.
- Improvements in the SCG election process
- Set up a committee to review the service of the Tri-Logistics bus service
- Set up a testing committee for the new school uniforms
- The Head of School's report for the SCG which updates the group on what is being worked on at the moment.

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And lastly there have been those changes that have helped the school grow more strategically. The impact of these will take longer for all of us to see, but are important in ensuring the right foundations are laid for a stronger future for the school. Those areas the SCG has worked on this year include:

- The continuing updates on the opening of the Rayyan Campus
- The School Improvement Plan and ensuring its contents are aligned with the School Review that was conducted last year
- Assessment reviews
- Improvements to the website
- The 3 year strategic roadmap for the school.

The SCG continues to improve on the way in which it works. We currently have 4 teacher reps including the Head of School, the Gharaffa and Rayyan Campus Principals and one teacher representative. There are 4 parent representatives, three from Gharaffa and one from Rayyan.

As the term for each member is 2 years, there will be 3 positions available for election in November of 2010 (two for parents and one position for a teacher). If you are interested in helping the school on a strategic level, please do get in touch with one of the members to find out more, and put yourself forward when it comes around to election time.

As the SCG, we hope to continue to improve, but if you have any suggestions as to how we could improve, please do let us know. You can get in touch with any of the parent representatives, Jeannette Verspui (ja.verspui@online.nl), Renu Ballantine, Jill Chomowicz and Deon Ellis. We would also like to thank all the teacher representatives for volunteering their time, raising teacher issues and working to resolve many of the issues. They are Jan Leeman, Geoff Hazell and Pauline Markey.

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