

LENDY PARK



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6.)

School Newsletter: Term 2 2023 Number 8

June 30th, 2023



Next Week

Monday 3rd July

⇒ Grade 7 Conservation trip to Goshu Park

Tuesday 4th July- Boys Rugby and netball vs Tynwald

⇒ 1st and Colts A boys rugby at Lendy Park.

⇒ 1st, Fillies A and Grade 3 A netball at Lendy Park.

Wednesday 5th July - Girls hockey vs Tynwald

⇒ 1st, Fillies A and Grade 3A girls hockey at Lendy Park

Friday 7th July - Catsicas Rugby Festival

⇒ 1st and Colts A at Hellenic Primary School

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:17

Why choose an ATS School?

You choose a school to give your child the best education that you can afford. The problem here is defining what is the best education? Is it examination results? Is it the first teams rugby results? The best education depends on the point of view of each parent.

In many people's minds it is top score in examinations such as the ZIMSEC Grade 7 or O-Level Examinations. And this is where problems arise and misunderstanding of schools occurs - especially the ATS schools.

At Lendy Park, an ATS school, we strive to offer a balanced education that addresses the spiritual, physical, emotional, cultural and academic needs and abilities of each and every child. This means that time in every day is allocated for these needs. If our only concern was to achieve top academic results, we could spend the whole day in the classroom working on this aspect and would most likely achieve top marks.

When the Grade 7 results come, it seems that parents are only focused on those results, forgetting that Lendy Park School offers a **balanced education** that strives to meet all the needs of the children to prepare them to enter high school as a well rounded individual. They forget the sporting and cultural development; the spiritual growth and character development that has happened over the years at the school.

After the ZIMSEC results came out last year, I noticed from some historical correspondence, that there were cries for an examination analysis - How many children with 6 points etc. Yet there are no corresponding cries for an analysis of the sporting, cultural and character growth.

In the confidential reports that I have just completed for the Grade 7s, the ATS high schools want to know about the following: academic ability, sporting ability, cultural activities and achievements, behaviour, leadership ability, and finally, the student's and their parents contribution and commitment to the school. Interestingly enough, this is a common theme to many university applications as well. Indeed, companies are no longer interested purely in qualifications.

At Lendy Park we are striving for excellence in **all we do** but... it is important to keep in mind that our overall goal is a well balanced all round individual. We are not focused only on academic achievement.

The question you may like to ask your self is "Why did I choose Lendy Park School?" And then, "Is Lendy Park School the right choice based on my expectations?" Please help us to understand your expectations by completing the feedback form that has been sent out on the school groups or by clicking [here](#). More than that, though, please understand the expectations and Vision of this school, to which we are fully committed. I would be more than happy to discuss and clarify these further, should any parent so desire. We are Nation Building.