



**AGGENEYS
INTERNATIONAL
ACADEMY**

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!!!! **Important dates!!!**



Term Dates

Term 3:

18th July – 22 September

10 Academic Weeks

Public Holidays: for term 3:

*Wednesday 9th August:
Women's Day*

**ADMIN UPDATES AND
REQUESTS:**

VERY IMPORTANT

It is vital that all parents ensure they are on one of these communication groups for regular feeds and updates:

- AIA fund-raising and notices group
- BB Whatsapp group

Please follow us on facebook:



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091591255589&mixextid=ZbWKwL>

We normally post events, news, notices and special celebrations to our community.

or visit our website:

<https://www.aia.school.za>

for information about our school, policies, registrations and more.

Dear Parents and Guardians



As we reach the end of another semester, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have embarked upon together. Your unwavering support, partnership, and commitment to your child's education have played a pivotal role in their growth and success throughout this semester.

We, as educators, understand the profound impact that parental involvement has on a child's academic journey. Your active engagement, encouragement, and collaboration have not only nurtured their intellectual development but also shaped their character and resilience.

Together, we have witnessed the determination and resilience of your children. They have faced challenges, embraced new knowledge, and demonstrated remarkable growth both inside and outside the classroom.

This semester, your children have experienced moments of triumph and moments of struggle. They have discovered their strengths, as well as areas for further development. Reflecting upon the accomplishments of your children, I encourage you to celebrate their progress and acknowledge their efforts. Recognize the invaluable life skills they have acquired – the ability to collaborate, communicate effectively, think critically, and solve problems creatively. These skills will serve as a strong foundation for their future success.

While academic achievements are significant, it is equally important to celebrate their personal growth and development as individuals. Foster a love for learning that extends beyond the classroom, nurturing their curiosity and thirst for knowledge.

As we approach the holiday break, I encourage you to embrace this time for rest, rejuvenation, and quality moments with your children. Reflect upon the journey they have undertaken this semester, the hurdles they have overcome, and the strengths they have discovered within themselves. Your continued involvement and partnership in their education will be invaluable as we move forward. Together, let us set new goals, provide guidance, and foster an environment where your children can flourish academically, emotionally, and socially.

Wishing you a restful and rejuvenating break, filled with cherished moments and an opportunity to connect with your children. May the coming semester bring continued growth, joy, and success for all.

With heartfelt gratitude and warm regards.

Mr Bugan

REPORTS AND CONSULTATIONS

I am sure you will be taking time to read and interpret your child's academic report for semester one. I hope that you will exercise caution when you read your child's progress report.

We at the academy is asking you to not judge your child too harshly or blame yourself / their teacher too rashly. Some children – hopefully, parents too – will have seen that there is more work to do to train them up to do well at the end of the year. For now, we have time and a responsibility to train our children on study skills, study planning for tests/exam periods and how to answer exam scripts.

- Some children do well all term round and they are able to show evidence of that learning in the exams.
- Other children do not work in the term and focus on the exams – to their advantage.
- Some learners do very well in the term, and then shock themselves and their teacher because they “fall apart “in the exams. They are anxious and seem to go blank.
- A few learners are overly confident and believe they know what the questions ask of them. And when we review the paper and do corrective work, they see where they slipped up and why they have not done as well as they thought. This we did in class after the exams.

I would like to encourage you to chat with your child and try to understand what their struggle is. I am hoping that when we return to school, you will then chat with your child's teacher during consultations about what you can do at home to support your child, and how we are supporting them at school.

Consultation Day:

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| MONDAY 24 JULY | 14:30 – 17:30 |
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ANOUNCEMENTS

• CONSTRUCTION PLANS

As the town is expanding and we see all the construction happening in town, the Academy and Bright Beginnings have also been earmarked to be included in the plans. Closed discussions were happening since the announcement was made earlier in the year and the plans are now in advanced stage. The construction plans for building a mortar and brick building have been signed off. I know it was a wish of my predecessor, Ms Thomas, to get a “proper” school building. I am still very much in touch with her, and she is overjoyed that her wish is starting to take shape and hopefully into reality soon.

• RECEPTION RED

The Academy has seen an above planned number of applications for admission to the school. This has led us to review current infrastructure usage to accommodate applications. As part of this process, we have also reviewed the current tuition structure with regards to our 4 to 5-year-old, and have found:

- That we are offering the same tuition to two different groups, separately only by tuition language (Reception Red and Vlinders)
- One group is based within Bright Beginnings, while the other is based within the Academy.
- The same development program is followed by both groups.

After consultations with all stakeholders the Board has decided to address both issues, we will be moving the Reception Red Group back to Bright Beginnings as of the start of Term 3.

• MONTHLY STATEMENTS

We are an educational institution and should be part the global village of school's that has undertaken to play their part to make the earth a sustainable place to live on. As part of our contribution to reduce our carbon footprint, the Board supports our initiative to **post monthly statements per email** as from term 3 onwards. All parents will have to fill in a new parental personal information form with updated contact details at the start of term 3. This will also be part of our responsibility to ensure our records are correct.

- **UPDATE ON STAFFING**

The nature of a mining town is that people come and go. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Verona Carlson who has served Bright Beginnings for seven years. We would like to thank her for services rendered to the organisation and wish her the best of luck.

Ms Beatrix Bester has joined the aftercare team at Bright Beginnings.

- **PARENT MEETING – SEMESTER 2**

We at the Academy would like to heed the calls for having more contact with you, our parents. We will be having a parent meeting with our respective homeroom teachers on Thursday 20th July 2023. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss general issues as a group. Please take note that this is not a one-on-one consultation meeting to discuss progression of your child.

- **UNIFORM ADDITION**

As part of the strategy to brand ourselves as a private school, I would like to introduce our own AIA winter-warmer-set (knitted gloves, beanie, and scarf) that will be available to purchase next term. The situation currently is that we have all different types of winter headwear and apparel that does not match to our identity. Be on the lookout for a sample image and pricing on our WhatsApp notice board in the next week or two.



- **FUNDRAISING**

On behalf of the staff, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your incredible support and generosity during all our fundraising initiatives. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support, as well as my admiration for your commitment to the success of our school. Your partnership and involvement make our school community stronger and more vibrant, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such incredible parents.

- **SPORTS AND FUN**

While we as a school are in the process of organising our sports and clubs, I want to complement the staff on the initiatives taken to offer some form of team sports. We recently had a Fun Day where our Bright Beginnings learners as well as Key Stage 1 students could compete in racing, mini-rugby, mini-soccer, and some novelty races. Off course the day would not have been successful without some nice, tasty eats made by our kitchen staff. The day was enjoyed by most parents, staff members and our little stars who came out to play. Keep watching this space. We are keen on wanting to make it bigger!

The Academy has also been invited to take part in a sports day hosted by Aggeneys Laerskool on the 22 July 2023. We are grateful for the invitation that will allow us to be part of the day so that our students can compete.

AGGENEYS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Academy is turning 10 this third term. Yes, we have been delivering an invaluable service to the community of Aggeneys for a full decade. We are thankful and grateful for the continued support from Vedanta and Black Mountain who kept our doors of learning open. So many private schools closed their doors during and after the pandemic, but the Academy remains steadfast. We will be having some celebratory events and would like you to be part of them. More information to follow at the start of the new term.

REMINDER



We appeal to parents to ensure that they make the required one ream of paper per family donation and a box of tissues for the next term when we reopen. Those parents who made their term 2 donations, thank you so much.

MOMENTS CAPTURED IN TIME

We had a very busy term 2 in terms of our academic and social activities. From 6 bricks building blocks to the colour fun run to the karaoke evening to some field trips and our Family Fun Day, Africa Day and even some exciting activities that took place in class. We had them all 😊. Have a look at some of the moments below.

