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St. Hugh's Preparatory School

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Dear Parents:

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer and are ready for the new school year. We have been busy preparing at St Hugh's for the students' return. We have repaired the roof over the library and kindergarten block, put a roof on the caretaker's storage/bathroom area, fixed the ceiling in the library, painted the interior and exterior classroom walls as well as completed minor repairs and general maintenance of the School and campus.

We have also made some changes to assist us in realizing the goals of our School Development Plan. We have moved the computers into the library to create a more modern Media Centre. The former computer lab will be used as our Resource Room and the former Resource Unit will become our new Science Lab! We are very excited and eagerly anticipate the curricular enrichment that these changes will bring.

Sadly, however, we said goodbye to some of our teachers over the summer: Mrs. Prendergast-Smith, Mrs. Tavares, Mrs. Barrett and Ms Bent. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and know that they take a small part of St Hugh's Prep with them wherever they go.

On a happier note, we welcome our new members of staff: Miss Pereira (grade 5), Miss D. Heppell (grade 5 Teaching Assistant), Miss Innis (Resource) and Miss Palomino (grade 1).

Our fundraising efforts for this year will be focused on raising funds to equip our Media Centre and Science Lab. The PTA Executive has also identified these as two of their major projects for the year and we thank them for their support.

The teaching focus for this term will continue to be differentiation: meeting the diverse needs of our students, acknowledging their different learning styles and getting each student to work at their optimum level. Additionally, we will continue to focus on student assessment so as to ensure that both Tests/Exams and Alternative Assessment are used for each subject in every grade as well as to establish a uniform grading system from grades one through six. Our teacher in-service workshops focused on these educational aspects and we look forward to putting them into practice.

As usual, I would appreciate your feedback via email, phone calls, meetings if you have the time, and/or at the Coffee Mornings every first Thursday of the month from 7:00 a.m. onwards. I look forward to seeing, and working with, all of you again this year. Let's all work together to make this a positive and successful year for all members of the St Hugh's family. I know I can count on your support!

Yours sincerely,

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Principal