

# **Hello**Netzah Family,

Welcome to our end of 2024 Newsletter.

#### **Important Dates**

**18 January 2025**Parent Teacher Workshop

**20 January 2025** Term 1 begins

**21 February & 28 March** Fun Fridays

**05 – 07 March** Midterm Break

**04 April** School Tour

**11 April 2025** Term 1 ends



#### DECEMBER

### **NEWSLETTER**

## **Excellence: A core value that shapes our community**

At Netzah International School, we believe that excellence is more than just a core value, but a way of life that influences every aspect of our educational journey. Excellence drives our students, teaching and non-teaching staff to continually strive for the highest standards in academics, personal growth and community involvement. To us, excellence is about that fostering mindset challenges individuals to push beyond their limits, go above the call of duty, embrace their full potential and always seek improvement. It is perfection but about not about commitment to do one's best and learn from each experience. Whether it's classroom, on the sports field or in the extracurricular activities, our community encourages students to set high standards and work diligently to achieve them.





Our commitment to excellence also extends beyond academic achievement. We instill in the students the importance of integrity, kindness and perseverance. Excellence in character is just as essential as excellence in knowledge. We celebrate every success whether big or small and recognize the effort hard work that leads those and to accomplishments.



Teachers play a crucial role in modeling excellence. They inspire, motivate challenge students to think critically, solve problems and develop a lifelong love for learning. By setting high expectations and providing the support and resources needed to meet them, they create an environment where students can thrive. As we continue to up hold excellence as one of our core values, we encourage every member of our school community students, teachers and parents to join us in this pursuit. Together, we can create an environment where excellence is not only expected but also embraced, making Netzah International School a place where everyone can reach their highest potential.

#### Heartwarming, magical moments a the end of year Production

This year's end of year music, dance and drama production was nothing short of magical! On 30 November, the entire school community came together to celebrate the holiday season through a spectacular performance filled with joy, laughter and festive cheer. Students, teachers and staff worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to bring this event to life and their hard work truly paid off.

From the opening scene to the final curtain call, the audience was captivated by the talented students who brought each character to life with enthusiasm and energy. The end of year production was full of entertainment, and it also brought the school together as a family to cheer, laugh, eat together and reflect on the events of 2024. Parents, friends and local community members filled Suubi hall, supporting the students and sharing in the joy of the holiday season. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, truly reflecting the spirit of Christmas. As we wrap up the year, we wish all of our students, families and staff a joyful Christmas, and a wonderful new year ahead. We look forward to more magical moments in 2025!









#### **Kindergarten Graduates**

We had the immense pleasure of celebrating the graduation of our top kindergarten class of 2024. The milestone event was filled with joy, pride and a sense of accomplishment as our young students took their first big step on the academic journey. The ceremony began with the cheerful procession of students, each beaming with excitement as they danced their way to the stage in front of their proud families. Dressed in adorable caps and gowns, ready to receive their certificates, they took their place as the newest members of the grade school community.

The graduation program included a highlighting special song their growth and learning over the past year, friendship, discovery and their dreams for the future. Their enthusiasm and confidence were truly inspiring, showing just how they had blossomed much throughout the kindergarten days. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the teachers, staff and families who supported these bright graduates. We look forward to seeing all that they will achieve as they continue their educational journey in the years to come.

#### A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

This term's fun Friday was a delightful celebration of many cultures that make up our school community. Students and staff members came together for an exciting and educational day full of vibrant activities and rich traditions. The event, which focused on the theme of cultural diversity, provided everyone with a wonderful opportunity to learn about and appreciate the unique backgrounds that make our community special.



The day kicked off with a colorful assembly where students dressed in traditional attire proudly heritage. From showcased their wardrobe umshanana to gomesi and kanzus the assembly was a visual feast that set the tone for the day. Teachers also participated, joining in the spirit of the celebration by sharing cultural facts and stories with the students. Fun Friday cultural day was a fantastic reminder of the importance of embracing and celebrating diversity. It was a day of fun, connection and reflection, where everyone had the opportunity to see the world through a new lens.

#### **Encourage exploration and** reduce screentime

In today's digital age, young children are often exposed to smartphones and tablets at an early age, leading to concerns about their impact on development. For kindergarteners, screen time interfere with essential development can milestones such as physical coordination, social interaction and creative thinking.

One effective solution gaining traction against screen time, is outdoor learning. Spending time exploring nature and engaging in hands-on activities offers a wealth of benefits for young children, helping to reduce reliance on screens while fostering essential skills. Incorporating more outdoor learning into the daily routine of kindergarteners not only reduces screen time but also offers a holistic approach to development and we help children grow into well-rounded individuals. As we continue to navigate the digital age, encouraging outdoor exploration is a simple yet powerful way to support our youngest learners and foster a healthy balance in their lives. Let's take the steps today to get our children outside exploring, learning and thriving in the world beyond the screen.

#### **BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH**

The Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) curriculum enables students to memorize and learn scripture. It is about building a strong foundation of faith that will guide students throughout their lives. In learning center students engage with the Bible in ways that are both fun and meaningful.



The goal of learning scripture at ACE is to help students develop a strong, personal faith that will last a lifetime. The verses and lessons they learn today will continue to guide them as they grow into young adults.



Whether they are facing challenges or making important decisions, students can always turn to the Bible for wisdom and encouragement. By building a habit of scripture reading and memorization, ACE students are not only learning about God, but they are also growing closer to him and preparing to make a positive impact on the world around them. As we continue to teach and learn God's word, we hope every student will be encouraged to keep God's word in their hearts, and apply it in all that they do.



#### Welcome, Welcome!

We are excited to introduce and welcome the newest members of the Netzah family! Each staff addition brings unique experiences and passion for helping our community grow in knowledge and character. Please join us in welcoming Tr. Pauline Nassali (Learning Support Teacher) and Mr. Alex Malikis (Accountant).



We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2025!





















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