

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

I am writing this from São Paulo, Brazil, where PACA, the Pan American Christian School, is hosting me for a week long series of speaking events. I've had the privilege of speaking to various groups of students, from kindergarten to the seniors. I've also had the opportunity to share with teachers and parents. I'm sharing with them both the wonderful ways that God used QCS right after the earthquake, and how QCS reached out to many people by hosting medical teams, distributing food and water to orphanages, and directing aid to where it could be used most effectively.



And PACA played an important part in this. Not only did they send school supplies such as notebooks and pens, they also sent a sizeable donation that helped tremendously in the relief effort. One teacher told me that every day her student kept bringing money in, filling the jars they had set out to collect money. PACA also has prayed for us, and I know for sure that we were, and are, sustained by the prayers of many godly people.

As if this wasn't enough, PACA sent a group of four teachers earlier in the year who helped us with our professional development, interacted with our students, led chapel, and encouraged us greatly. The Superintendent of PACA, Robin Rugg, conducted a pre-accreditation visit to QCS just three weeks ago.

I am thrilled and awed to be part of an international network of Christian schools that encourage each other and encourage each other to reach even greater heights in both academics and service. PACA has demonstrated Christian love and concern for QCS at a time we really needed encouragement, and it is a joy to share with them now.

I'm looking forward to returning to QCS and sharing about my trip. And if you get a chance to contact someone from PACA, make sure you give them a big thank you for their generosity, their prayers, and for helping to play a part in strengthening QCS

Two things were on my mind as I am preparing to write for the newsletter. The first was raised by reading **Why We Send Our Children to QCS** on the application file of the parents who desire to send their children here. The second was the anticipation as the year closes - **What are the academic gains the students made?** The Stanford tests will also give evidence of that. Therefore, I thought it was worth reprinting a part of the profile of the QCS Graduate.

## So why is QCS here?

The description of the profile of the graduate of QCS describes it best. In our journey of learning to be life long learners and life long worshippers, we desire to see growth in the following areas:



## In spiritual growth

- continue to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- know, understand, and apply God's Word in daily life with discernment, developing a Christian worldview.
- know that our world belongs to God and every area of life is under God's dominion and each must bring honor and glory to God
- conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner in the school and within the community
- understand they are God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for them to do.

## In intellectual growth

- has a knowledge and a passion for God and His Word
- showing competence in the academics:
  - recognize the value of the academic study of the Scriptures
  - skilled in reading, writing, speaking, listening and thinking,
  - proficient in mathematics and science
  - appreciate literature and the arts and how they express and shape their beliefs and values
  - appreciate languages and cultures of other people encouraging biblical hospitality
  - utilizes resources including technology to find, analyze and evaluate information
  - have the skill to question, solve problems and make wise decisions
  - communicate clearly, and think critically and creatively
- see learning as a lifelong process
- practice responsible stewardship of God's creation
- know their strengths and weaknesses and recognize their responsibility to develop their gifts fully and use them for the benefit of others.
- earn both independently and cooperatively
- accept individual responsibility for their academic progress
- have a developing Christian view of life and reality

## School Calendar

- Wed/May 11<sup>th</sup> - Grade 8 Day  
Thurs/May 12<sup>th</sup> - Grade 11 Day  
Wed/May 18<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day – no school  
Thurs/May 19 - Senior Drama class in ES chapel  
Fri/May 20<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 play  
M-W/May 23-25- High school exams  
- noon dismissal for all  
May 24<sup>th</sup> - K graduation & grade 6 Step-up  
- last day for grades pre-k to 6  
May 25<sup>th</sup> - Grade 8 graduation  
T-F/May 26-27 - Staff work days  
Sat/May 28<sup>th</sup> - Commencement Exercises at 4 P.M.
- Tues Aug 16<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> school day in the new school year  
- noon dismissal

## Educational Tip of the Week Expand Your Child's Learning Skills

After asking a question, give your child time to think. People inherently hate to wait, but children need time to organize their thoughts and retrieve the right words.

It takes longer for children to formulate answers to academic questions than social questions because academic questions require precise vocabulary and specific detail.

Give your child time to think, and never answer for him. If your child cannot answer by the time you silently count to ten slowly, rephrase the question, or give some additional information and ask a new question.

## Today's Smile — discipline

This week a small child was sent to the office because he lied to his teacher. The teacher had sent him to the office the previous day with a note about classroom behaviour but he never did see me. After returning to the class that day, he told the teacher that I had sent him back to class. Not true.

Impressing upon this small student the importance of telling the truth at all times to teachers, to parents, to God, I asked him what DeKoter was going to do to him the next time he lied.

I do not know where he found this answer, but it was certainly not the drastic action I would take. His reply was after considerable thought and time:

*Staple my mouth shut!*



You rub and rub your eyes, but they won't stop itching. When you look in the mirror, they are red and puffy. What's going on? Do you have a strange sickness? No — you have a common problem called conjunctivitis. It's better known as pinkeye.

## What Is Conjunctivitis?

Conjunctivitis is the most common eye problem kids can have. It can cause redness, itching, inflammation or swelling, and a clear or white, yellow, or greenish goopy liquid to collect in the eyes.

It's called pinkeye because the white part of the eye and inside the eyelids become red or pink when you have it. Pinkeye may start in one eye, but many people get conjunctivitis in both eyes at the same time. Conjunctivitis usually doesn't hurt, but itching can be annoying. Sometimes it feels like you have an eyelash or a speck of sand in your eye and can't get it out.

Adults, especially parents and teachers who spend a lot of time with kids, can get conjunctivitis too. Conjunctivitis lasts a short time, usually about a week or less, and then goes away by itself or after treatment.

If you have conjunctivitis caused by bacteria, the doctor will probably prescribe antibiotic eye drops or ointment for you.



## Sycamore Corner

Students are using the Pass-a-Note to communicate with the teachers, especially when it concerns grades. They even use it to send an essay at times to their teacher. 'Sir, please mark and post this late paper so my parents will not see the zero on my grade book.'

Parents, are you looking at your student grades on a regular basis? Are they doing all their assignments? Are you staying in touch? Have you passed a note to a teacher lately?

## REMINDER TO PARENTS

This is the last month of the school year and the due date for school fees is **May 10**. Don't forget to pay any outstanding balance before or on that date in order to avoid the 5% late charge that will be added after that time. **Note also** that report cards and transcripts will not be issued if there are any unpaid dues.