



MELPARK

Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I am writing this last correspondence to you with a very heavy heart. I will be retired from Melpark Primary School at the end of this year. For 21 years all my attention and focus each day has been on improving and uplifting our school. I rarely missed an opportunity within and outside the school to tap into the generosity of others to help to build the school. I would like to think that I leave the school in a much better condition than I found it.

Over the years, I have had hundreds of children pass through the doors of our institution and many of them have left deep impressions upon me. I know for certain that many, or should I say most of our learners have gone to tertiary institutions and have enjoyed great success in their chosen careers. Most encouraging, is when I meet parents who are ex pupils and who choose to bring their children to our school because of their own experiences at Melpark.

Throughout my leadership of the school I have always placed children first and ensured that our children learn in a safe and loving environment. I wanted our children to have a well-rounded education and ensured they were in the hands of the best teachers and were exposed to sporting and cultural activities. We became well known in the area for our Leadership Seminars and our Heritage Day concerts. Over the years our children shone on the sports field, speech contests and other activities they participated in. My motto was always to leave no child behind, so every child was as important to me as my own children.

At Melpark I was privileged to work with an amazing and talented group of people. I have always enjoyed the greatest support from my staff for every idea that I wanted to implement. We worked strongly as a team to achieve great things and I will miss each one of them. I pray that they will be able to carry the flag and take our school to greater heights under new leadership.

I want to thank you the parents for trusting us with the most important task of educating your child. I never took this responsibility lightly. At every opportunity, I utilised the platform to encourage, motivate and inspire parents to be good role models for their children.



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Over the years I have had the privilege of working with a very committed and supportive Governing Body. Together with the school management team we were able to navigate through the tough times of the last 2 years of the pandemic to keep our staff and children safe and to financially survive these trying times. We managed to retain all staff and still do major improvements to the infrastructure of the school.

I am leaving the school in a condition that I am very proud of. Over the years we have worked tirelessly to make our school comfortable and attractive for our learners. While there is still so much more we could do, we can only do that with your support and contribution. I urge you to continue to support the leadership and the Governing Body of the school through their fundraising drives, attendance at meetings and by placing your child at the top of your agenda every day.

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made in the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

Nelson Mandela

I hope that you will remember me for making a difference in the lives of your children.

I wish you all the very best for the future and pray you have a safe and happy festive season.

With love and best wishes,

Nalini Padayachee
PRINCIPAL