



Sonneti Academy

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

During the election riots, I thank God that I was able to educate the parents on the need to live in peace within this area and not to be scared of bringing their children to school. The police were also on standby in case of an invasion.

To some extent, the school did suffer from these riots as some children were reporting very late at school due to their families being displaced.

It was during this time that I decided to build a Secondary School within this region as some of the students feared to travel to distant schools.

The good news is that we have received a donation that enabled Sonneti Academy to purchase a second plot. We now have 2 acres to construct the secondary school on. We still require donations to purchase building materials etc....

Thanks to Allan and Barbara for your kind donation.

Finally, the students sat a Divisional Mock and District Mock and they did very well.

Staff

During this term there have been no changes to the teaching staff.



School Roll

As of April 2008, there were 636 pupils at Sonneti Academy. It is with regret that of the 636 pupils, 276 had to be expelled due to non-payment of school fees.

We are now down to 360 pupils who are all eager to learn and get a very good education.

Therefore we do not now need to make two classes out of one (due to the 40-1 pupil/teacher ratio).

Term Dates

This current term commenced on 1st September and will end on 21st November.

A reminder for the school fees:

5,450 Ksh for students in KG1-3.

6,050 Ksh for students in Std1-8.

If paying monthly, there will be four payments,

For students in KG1-3 this will be:

1 payment of 1,400 Ksh and then 3 payments of 1,350 Ksh.

For students in Std1-8 this will be:

1 payment of 1,550 Ksh and then 3 payments of 1,500 Ksh.

Payments should be made between the 1st and 15th day of each month, where parents fail to pay the school fees they will be asked to remove their child from the school.

Standard 8

We are happy to report that of the 57 students who sat the internal examinations during March/April, all will be sitting their KCPE exams in November.

We have also one additional pupil who will be sitting this exam.



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Other School News

InterHouse Football competition tables, so far:

Boys		Girls	
1	Yellow	1	Green
2	Blue	2	Red
3	Green	3	Blue
4	Red	4	Yellow

Every other Thursday the students have an inter-house debating competition. This term the debates have included topics such as: “Drug Abuse” and “Children’s Rights”

Porridge *is* here to stay!

Porridge is still given to the students during morning break (from 10.30 until 11.10), and is still included within the school fees.

We have found the bi-weekly rotation of meals successful, so we are keeping this format. We have also introduced some fruit into the children’s diets.

An example of the rotation is as follows:

	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	Mthoki	Rice and Beans
Tuesday	Ugali and Cabbage	Mthoki
Wednesday	Rice and Meat	Rice and Meat
Thursday	Mthoki	Ugali and Cabbage
Friday	Rice and Beans	Mthoki

The School Committee

The School committee still meet with the Headmaster, the Deputy Headmaster and Mr Mangi every month to discuss any concerns or issues that they or their child/children may be having at the school.

The School Committee is comprised of seven parents:

- Francis Mbai (Chairman)
- Bernard Mdune (Deputy Chairman)
- Said Dzombo
- Mama Kobata
- Kennedy Mchogu
- Daniel Musau Baselona
- Samuel Okeyo

And Finally

Remember Mangi M Danson who was Sonneti Academy’s top student last year? He is now a boarding student at Maseno National School (secondary school). He is happy and doing very well. He goes home to his family during school closure.