

18th March 2015

Dear parents,

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us". And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's life in your years". Travelling through the corridors of the bygone days of the school, each one of us has a reason to thank the Almighty for his immeasurable bounty in lavishing on us his blessings and graces and protecting us each day.

The school year guided by the Thrust of the year 'Walk in the footsteps of Don Bosco commenced with various activities. A seminar was conducted for all the parents by Fr. Babu Varghese S.D.B. Principal of Don Bosco School Alakananda on Don Bosco's system of Education. Leadership seminar for the captains and prefects enabled them to improve their self confidence and leadership qualities. The literary week enhanced the skills of all our students through various competitions. The Media week broadcasting the importance of prudent and wise use of media helped the students to critically analyze the pros and cons of media.

Another milestone of the year was 'Rhythm' the interschool competition participated by 13 Schools with the theme "Love of God and neighbour" and Christmas Fantasy participated by 14 schools of NCT. The memorable teachers' day celebrated so very innovatively delving into the virtual world "Virtua Lumina". Children's day trip to Choki Dani at Sonapat and annual outing to Agra and Eco Adventure Park Najafgarh were memorable days. The Auxil Expo, Christmas fete and Sports day, Seminar on Cyber Crime, Maths, Science and English Olympiad, and various other competitions held throughout the course of the year are to be treasured and longed for. Our students also participated in State level Judo and karate competitions and won several prizes.

With hearts filled with gratitude to God the Almighty and to each one of you dear parents for your whole hearted cooperation and partnership with HCA to produce optimistic, independent, compassionate, life-long learners and leaders of our society. We now look ahead to the New Scholastic year 2015 – 2016 with renewed enthusiasm and greater commitment.

The following anecdote will be an apt one to present the Thrust of the New Academic session.

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he could throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could.

He thought little about it, until dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone! Excited, the man started breaking and opening the remaining

clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left.

Then it struck him. He had been on the beach for a long time. He had thrown may be 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away.

And so with human beings. We look at someone, may be even ourselves, and we see the eternal clay vessel. It doesn't look gorgeous externally, it isn't always beautiful or sparkling, and so we mark down it. We see that person is less important, than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken time to find the treasure hidden within that person.

There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us the way He sees each one, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

In the coming year the activities and programmes will be enlivened with the theme, **“Be a messenger of love and peace in Don Bosco’s way”**. Each person has a treasure hidden inside him/her. You, dear parents have a greater responsibility in enabling your children to be messengers of love and peace through your own principled/disciplined lives. I thank you immensely for your valuable support and assistance which we experience constantly and unflinching in moulding and sculpting the lives of our children.

The school teaching faculty, non- teaching staff and captains of various capacities were indeed a powerhouse that illumined the ambient with their leadership, net- working, enthusiasm, teeming hard work and unique competence. I sincerely appreciate their contribution teamed with the prefects and the monitors of the classes. May God bless them all.

I am truly proud of all our “Auxilians” who had been a source of joy with their enthusiastic cooperation in all that we had accomplished in the past year. Their support had been stimulating and encouraging that we look to the new academic year with greater expectation and optimism.

Looking forward to work hand in hand to fashion our students into protagonists of social transformation and builders of a new and prosperous India by enabling them to be messengers of love and peace to everyone according to the heart of Don Bosco.

I conclude with the quote of Annie Johnson Flint:

**God has not promised- skies always blue
Flower - strewn pathways all our lives through;
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.**

But God has promised:

**Strength for the day
Rest for the labour
Light for the way
Grace for the trials
Help from above
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love.**

Kindly take note of the following:

- Results for the final exams for classes VI to VIII and XI will be declared on 21st March 2015. Time: 7.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Parents are requested to be punctual. No request for promotion will be entertained by the Principal.
- Leadership Seminar for classes VI to VIII students will be held on 26th March 2015 and for Classes IX to XII will be on 27th March. Attendance compulsory for all the students. Time: 7.30 am to 1.30 p.m. School buses will ply accordingly and the pick up time will be as per normal school timing.
- Seminar for the parents of class VI will be on 30th March and for Classes VII & VIII will be on 31st March 2015. It is compulsory for both the parents to attend. Time: 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. kindly bring the New School Diary (2015 – 2016) along with you.
- New Scholastic year will commence on Wednesday, 1st April 2015 for classes K.G to VIII & XII and on Tuesday 7th April for classes IX & X.
- **School timing for the New Session will be 7.25 a.m to 1.50 p.m for the senior school and 7.25 to 1.30 p.m. for the Junior school**

May God's richest blessings descend abundantly on you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Lucy John
Principal