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Primary (Grade 1 to 5) Hiking cum Picnic Programme

As our school has arranged a Hiking Cum Picnic Programme on **8th December, 2013, Sunday**. We would like to request you to send your child in school track suit. Although there might be minor changes in bus time table we would like to request you to send your child to respective bus stops at usual time.

Local

Panauti	- Dhulikhel	- Rameshwor Dai
Banepa	- Madan Dai	
KU	- Lokdai	

Kathmandu

Bus E and F	-Ram Koirala [9841532812]
Bus I, D, G and J	- Bikram Bhandari [9841264622]
Bus J, A and C	- Rudra Shrestha [9849788497]
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Regular School Attendance: KUHS can do better

The length of the school year varies across the world. In the USA it is 180 days, in the UK 190 days, and in Asia a minimum of 200 days. Whatever the length of the year, it is very important to bear in mind that the regular attendance of pupils is essential to maintain the rhythm of teaching and learning, and the integrity and solidarity of the class. Our school year is quite long, but it is being weakened by student absences, quite apart from times when the school closes through transport difficulties.

The attendance in KUHS could be better. Few students have full attendance. Some students have accumulated more than 15 absences. We know that some illnesses take a long time to recover from. We know that in Nepal attendance at special ceremonies – either for the student himself or herself, or for family occasions, will be time consuming. But overall, we must ask parents to cooperate in improving the attendance in both Primary and Secondary Schools.

Please remember: all absence must be documented in written form. It can be by a note in the student's diary. Absences through illness where the student is absent for more than two days, must have a doctor's certificate.

Finally, let's congratulate the students with full attendance. They will given recognition in the school as this is really something to celebrate.

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Fifty students in grades 8, 9 and 10 have been working towards the DoE International Award. The most effective award for young people around the world, it is offered over three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Our students are engaged in the Bronze Award.

The Award is split over four sections: Skills, Service, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey. The minimum contribution is one hour a week for three months, in each section. Then the students choose one of the sections to continue for a six month period. Finally they plan and practice for the Adventurous Journey. They have been working in local schools and in Dhulikhel Hospital for their service activities. Football was very popular for the Physical Recreation. They practised for the Journey with a day trek to Namobuddha. In each of the sections, the student must have an objective. This not mere time passing. Instead they have to have an intention to improve their skills. This is what makes the DoE Award truly life transforming. It is hoped that after their Bronze Awards some may continue with the Silver and Gold. The Award has been expanding in Nepal, and you can read more about it on the Chance Nepal website, as well as the Award website.

www.intaward.org

www.educationfornepal.org

KUHS Treks in January

This year we have students trekking in Grades 7, 8, 9. Grade 7 students will trek to Ghorepani and Poon Hill in the Annapurna National Park. Grade 8 students are exploring the Helambu region. Grade 9 will be going to the majestic valley of Lang Tang.

Trekkers! Remember to wrap up well, since it's cold at night in January, especially at altitude. But there's no doubt that the mountains look wonderful in the clear winter light. We look forward to hearing your trekking stories when you return.

Please note the new leaving times of the Ghorepani and Helambu treks.

NB: The Helambu Trek needs a minimum of 15 students to go ahead, and we have thirteen confirmations.

As the number is less than 30, the price will now be Rs10,550

Ghorepani Trek: Sunday 29th December to Friday 3rd January (Rs 9600)

Lang Tang Trek: Sunday 5th January to Monday 13th January (Rs 13,800)

Helambu Trek: Tuesday 14th January to Sunday 19th January (Rs10,550)

Payment should be made in the fee account by Friday 13 December.

Mahabharata Part 3: The War Video now Available (PRICE NOW REDUCED)

The wonderful production of the Mahabharata Part 3: The War was filmed using four cameras and has been skilfully edited. The end product is of good TV quality, and it's possible that in the future we may arrange for it to be shown to a national audience.

We are pleased to offer the DVD film for Rs 250 (cash only). Payment should be made in the KUHS School Office.

The DVD will be available for collection from the school office from Monday 16th December.