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Week ending 10th April

- ✓ Reminder that this week is a three day week as the college closes for the Easter weekend on Wednesday at the usual time and re opens on Monday 13th April at 7:00 am.
- ✓ Parents Evening:
 - Monday 6th April : P 2 & P 3
 - Tuesday 7th April : P 1
- ✓ Talks:
 - Mrs. Osorio and Mrs. Spangenberg –Manos Abiertas – S1
Much appreciated and gave encouragement to the S1 children and staff who have chosen to support Manos Abiertas as their Community Service Project.
- ✓ APAFA AGM:
 - Clearly there was a second agenda to this meeting and an underlying current of discontent where the listeners left the meeting wondering whether there was anything positive being offered by the College and certainly leaving one Headmaster questioning that if the College is so bad why are the critics keep their children in the school?
As has been pointed out in the parents meetings education cannot be done in an instant – there is no magic dust – and it takes time. It is an ongoing process and as the new headmaster I would like to share again several things which those of you who were unable to attend the meetings need to be made aware of rather than hear some distorted stories from elsewhere.
- ✓ Changes 2009:
 - Six new English teachers, all qualified and on 2 year renewable contracts: establishing stability.
 - Two Music teachers - Establishing and equipping a Music department – Lessons given in curriculum time from Pre kinder to S5.
 - Music forming an important part of the extracurricular activities programme and the children's development.
 - *Computers*: Two new I.T. Labs giving us three in school which now allows classes other than I.T. classes to use them during curriculum time and do research and wider reference work.
 - *Global Citizenship*: This course, which is taught in English, has been introduced into the secondary curriculum alongside a combined History, Geography and Economics course.
 - *Science (Primary)*: Larger emphasis being given to Science in Primary with 50% of all Science being taught in English.
 - The Science garden has now been turned into an environmentally friendly area and Mrs. Carrasco with Mr. Novoa are doing great work here with the

children. Parents should make an effort to see this by contacting the Science department.

- *Reception:* Although we are still awaiting the arrival of the glass front, parents will note the improved reception area of the College. This will be an impressive starting point for anyone visiting the College for the first time.
- *Educational Psychology:* This department has been moved to a quieter location and redesigned to give a much warmer, welcoming atmosphere to those applying for admissions unto the College.
- *Classrooms:* Two new purpose built classrooms have been built and these now house S5 C and S5 F who are very happy with the move into their new and airy classrooms.
- *Physical Education:*
 - Physical Education curriculum is going through a complete overhaul with an additional lesson being given to this subject. P.E. now has one lesson during curriculum time for the whole school and whilst games for P3 – S5 take place from 3:10 – 4:40, P1 and P2 have their games during curriculum time. Selection begins at 4:45 and goes on until as late as 8:00 pm.!!!
 - The covered basketball court has been cleaned and remarked in addition to having modern mobile basketball post bought and also removable goals for fulbito.
 - The mini basketball has similarly be remarked and had lateral mini practice courts added and a volley ball court marked out.

✓ Extra classes:

- In case you think the extended day only involves the children, let me make you aware that all non English speaking staff are being given lessons by the English department on two evenings a week from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. leading to them taking the Cambridge Exams.

This in itself should give a clear indication to parents of the dedication and desire to see the College achieve its claim of being a bilingual College and I cannot speak too strongly of the Fleming teachers' desire to see the College improve. They are as hardworking and dedicated a staff as I have been privileged to lead who have realized before many parents that with the changing world and the arrival of many families from outside La Libertad and even Peru, Trujillo needs to drop its provincial attitude and realize that it is going to be left behind in this changing world if it does not. Trujillo needs to realize that, in a shrinking world, it now is a but a suburbs of Lima and unless it develops an understanding that this generation and future generation of children are given all the support then Trujillo will be left behind and sink into mediocrity.

Whilst the traditions of Marinera and Caballos de Paso should be maintained, the need for change and adaptation to this new world

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needs to be realized and addressed. Education is fundamental to this but can neither be bought cheaply nor rushed. It needs the cooperation of concerned and enthusiastic parents alongside a team of keen and stimulating teachers and well motivated children. With this formula there is a chance of success.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you a peaceful and joyous Eastertide.