



MAY 2025 LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

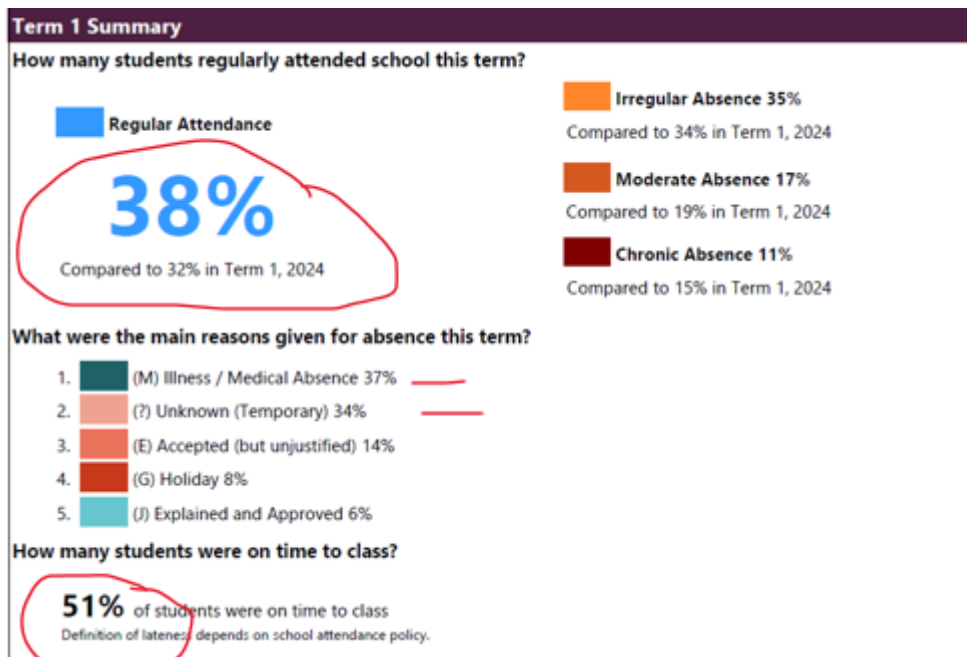
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Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Dear parents, caregivers, students and community

I am writing to address a concern that we have regarding attendance at our school.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) has informed us that we are sitting at 38% regular attendance. Regular attendance is achieved by each girl having over 90% attendance. Of additional concern is the percentage of our girls arriving late to school, 51%. Please see the image below that was sent to us by the MoE.



Although there is a small lift since 2024, I am saddened by this data as I know that Ust Nazmeen and her team have been working hard to provide a school atmosphere that is conducive to a happy, positive learning environment. They want your daughters at school and thriving here.

Congratulations to those of you who are getting your daughters to school on time, every day. It is important and will set a good work ethic for the future. If you are having any concerns about your daughter's attendance patterns or attitude to coming to school, please reach out to the school as we would like to be able to help you.

If getting to school on time is due to travel arrangements, I suggest you contact the school to see if car pooling or support with public transport can be made available to you. It is vital that all girls are here on time, every day to connect with their peers and teachers and be ready for learning as soon as class starts. The start of class is pivotal to the learning expectations for the remainder of the lesson and sets the girls up for success.

90% percent attendance equates to no more than 5 days absence per term. Even that is a large number of days away from learning programmes and unless your daughter has a serious ill health matter, it should easily be reached. Other than ill health, there really should be no reason for your daughter to stay home.

I look forward to seeing you at the Whanau Engagement Day on Saturday 24 May (10am to 3.00pm) where there will be a station available to give more information about attendance levels and ways to support lifting them.

Kind regards,



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