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Dear Middle School Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year. This year has, like the two before, seen a different normal but I have been extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and perseverance the students have shown. They have not let Covid stop them from learning, being inquisitive, gaining new skills, friendships, and perspectives. It has been a joy to see them flourish and grow, as well to see and hear them in the corridors and at breaktimes. For a school is the people inside and to have that sense of normality back has been of great benefit to all.

I am pleased to say that despite the Covid pandemic we have still had a busy year with activities and events. In Term 1, Grade 5 celebrated Ancient Egypt day, and as a section we joined the rest of the school to mark the opening of EXPO 2020, Flag Day, Martyrs Day, and the UAE's 50th National Day. Term 2 saw us mark Emirati Children's Day, Grade 5 celebrated Rainforest Day, Grade 6 celebrated Ancient Greek Day and as a section we marked 'Pi Day' in Mathematics lessons and World Book Day in Literacy lessons. Fit for Fujairah took place and the students enjoyed extra P.E. activities in the mornings and looked forward to the different challenges set by Mr Alan and Ms Courtney. Assemblies have been a highlight of the year for many students as it is during this lesson that they have been awarded many 'Do the Blue' awards for their strength of character, VIP (Very Independent Person) and Ibn Majid Awards for commitment to their studies and endurance, Pen Licences for both Arabic and English penmanship and competitions prizes. Our weekly Kahoot! Quiz to see which student or teacher topped the leader board and then which class did the best overall proved to be the highlight. A sense of community spirit was definitely built, and it was fantastic to hear laughter and fun during a period where many extra-curricular activities were restricted.

As we come to the end of the academic year, it is time when we say goodbye and thank you to staff who are leaving. This year we are saying goodbye to Ms Saadia and Mr Jamie from the French department, Mr Alan, Head of P.E., and Ms Jennifer from the Middle School staff. We wish them all well in their new adventures and thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time at FPA.

May I wish everyone a safe summer vacation. It will be for some a time of rest, for others a time to reconnect with family and friends far away, and for others a period of transition into a new chapter of their lives.

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

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