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# Townshend International School Newsletter

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**First Day of  
School**

Monday, 26 August  
2019

We approach our summer recess this year with a unique mixture of emotions. Over the past 13 years Mr. and Mrs. Sabri have been exceptional and faithful servants of the school. As they now prepare for the next phase in their lives we are left with an enduring sense of thankfulness for the far-reaching effect that their words and actions have had on our community over these past years.

As a teacher and mentor Mrs. Sabri has inspired and guided her pupils with her deep knowledge and passion for History and English literature especially. She has been kind but firm, sympathetic but demanding, talented but understated – it is why her students, past and present, love and appreciate her so much. She has shared with them her enthusiasm for her subjects and as a result infused them with a love and desire for future studies. On many an occasion she has also been their patient confidant and a loving mum away from home.

Mr. Sabri has been our highly esteemed Academic Director. His knowledge and wisdom have been responsible for guiding so many youth through subject and career choices, life decisions, personal dilemmas and, yes, even through the odd disciplinary problem! Mr. Sabri's stories are the stuff legends are made of. You only need ask any one of his students for an example and they will be sure to give you ten. The way he tells stories is the way he sees life and the person sitting in front of him – with intense feeling, profound compassion, and a deep sense of justice. Perhaps we can add a touch of drama to that as well.



Director's Corner  
by Mr. Vivek Williams

It is not possible to encompass in a few short sentences what Mr. and Mrs. Sabri have meant to Townshend, suffice to say that good deeds borne out of selfless service are never lost. Such virtues remain in the ether with us forever – in our hearts, in our daily lessons, at morning assemblies, in the very walls of the school, and most importantly, in the way we continue to serve the children in our care.

On behalf of all of us – parents, staff, students, alumni and friends of Townshend, we wish them bon-voyage on their upcoming move to Haifa, and many more enlightened years of joyous and fruitful service ahead.

With all our heart-felt love and sincere admiration.

### New Staff Member in New Position

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr. Daniel Parrott has been appointed as Head of Secondary, taking on many of the key functions previously carried out by the Academic Director.

Mr. Parrott has been at Townshend since the start of the 2018/19 school year and in a relatively short time has become a well-loved and respected member of our school staff.

Mr. Parrott brings to us a tried and tested knowledge of school administration having held leadership positions such as Assistant Head of School in Brighton, England, Year-level Dean and Head of Sport in Palmerston North, New Zealand.

His proven ability and mature experience, combined with his infectious enthusiasm and energy, make him well-suited to take on the challenges of this position with creativity, vision and a sense of excitement.

Mr. Parrott owns a farm in New Zealand, enjoys trekking, canoeing and the outdoors in general. He is a sporting enthusiast who loves to travel. Daniel is married to wife Lucie and has 3 delightful young daughters.

We welcome him warmly to this role of service and wish him much strength, joy and happiness in carrying out this important function. *Vivek Williams*





## Student of the Month



March

Manuela Duringer,  
Brazil, LII



March

Natalia Jaramillo,  
Ecuador, LIII



April

Ali Gadzhiev,  
Russia, LI



April

Rue Makoski,  
USA, LI



May

Mey Spiegel,  
Germany, LII



May

Michael Sanei,  
Czech Rep., LII



May

Krystof Pridal,  
Czech Rep., LIII