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A TRIBUTE TO OUR PRINCIPAL MRS. NALINI PADAYACHEE

GREAT LEADERS INSPIRE GREATNESS IN OTHERS

Lolly Daskal

It is with a sad heart that I write this farewell tribute to our beloved Principal Mrs Nalini Padayachee. We are sad to see Mrs Padayachee leave us after 21 years of leadership at Melpark, as she goes into well-deserved retirement.

Mrs Padayachee started at Melpark in 2000 as the Deputy Principal and officially became Principal in 2005. She raised the bar with her visionary leadership and commitment to change. Melpark soon became the school of choice and well respected in our district.

Mrs Padayachee has been relentless in her pursuit of excellence and has encouraged only the best performance from all the staff and the learners at Melpark Primary School, in order for each one to benefit from and to realise their potential in society.

Mrs Padayachee tackles issues head-on with enthusiasm and purpose for the good of the school. She has maintained and grown the school in a manner that belies its age and limited funding with her unequalled project management skills. Today we can boast that Melpark is comparable with any school in our district.

Everyone who has interacted with Mrs Padayachee knows that she is multitalented and most of the artwork which adorns our school was created by her. Her expert people and counselling skills were often in action when dealing with agitated and upset parents, staff, and learners alike.



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Mrs Padayachee will leave an unfillable gap in Education. Her unparalleled leadership will be tough to emulate, but she is an excellent mentor and teacher, and has prepared us well to continue in her absence.

Thank you, Mrs Padayachee, for everything that you were to everyone. Your invaluable contribution to Education and to Melpark will never be forgotten or erased.

We wish you good health, and much joy as you embark on this new adventure that is retirement. May God bless you and your family.

We will surely miss you!

With love Your Melpark Family