**Curriculum Development Division**

**Continuous Assessment Component (CAC) of Secondary Entrance Assessment**

**Guidelines for Science 2014-2015**

Science is a contributor to the Continuous Assessment Component of the Secondary Entrance Assessment and is to be administered in all Primary schools in the academic year 2014-2015 for Standard Five. In Standard Five, Science will be taught in Terms 1, 2 and 3. An enquiry-based approach should be used to allow students to construct their own understanding of scientific concepts by allowing them to participate in practical activities. An appropriate programme of work (derived from the Primary School syllabus, Standard 5 Science, March 2006) should be developed by teachers to suitably allocate work for Terms 1, 2 and 3 in order to ensure completion of the syllabus.

There will be 2 science assessment activities in Standard 5.

The following table shows the schedule for the implementation of the 2 assessment activities.

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| **FIRST ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY** | **DATE** | **SECOND ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY** | **DATE** |
| Teachers’ Instruction and Students’ Assessment booklets delivered to schools | 3rd November 2014 | Teachers’ Instruction and Students’ Assessment Assessment booklets delivered to schools | 26th  January 2015 |
| Commencement of  Assessment Project | November 3rd 2014 | Commencement of 2nd Assessment Project | January 26th 2015 |
| Week One Session | November 3 rd  - November  7th 2014 | Week One Session | January 26th- January 30th 2015 |
| Week Two Session | November 10th  - November  14th 2014 | Week Two Session | February 2nd-February 6th 2015 |
| Week Three Session | November 17th  - November  21st 2014 | Week Three Session | February 9th-February 13th 2015 |
| Week Four  | November 24th  - November  28th  2014 | Week Four Session | February 23rd-February 27th 2015 |
| Scoring Rubric and Student Record Sheets delivered to schools | December 2014 | Scoring Rubric and Student Record Sheets delivered to schools | March 2nd 2015 |
| Submission of scores | March 10th 2015 | Submission of scores | March 10th 2015 |

Principals and teachers are asked to note and adhere to the schedule so as to facilitate the smooth implementation of the activities. Principals are also to ensure the activities are performed and reports are prepared by students according to the prescribed guidelines. Principals and teachers are asked kindly to share the assessment schedule with parents.