

Message from the Acting CEO

Dear All

Welcome back to Term 2. We wish all families, students and teachers and all members of our community, as well as new teachers who have joined ISSA, an excellent start to our Winter term.

As always the Term 2 is an exceptionally busy term as well as an exciting term. A few highlights to mention:

- Students leadership camps
- Festivals
- Drama production
- Cambridge Examinations
- Internal Examinations
- Cape Town and European Tours

In addition to teaching, planning, preparing, supporting and guiding, the staff this term will be busy with strategic planning sessions, parent/teacher conferences, sports fixtures and cultural activities.

We would like to thank our parents, alumni and current students for their support during our marketing trips to Uganda, Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia, as well as the warm welcome we received on our visits to these beautiful countries.

We will be honouring Worker's Day on the 1st of May and the South African general elections on the 8th of May. On these two days the school will be closed.

We stand together in working with inspirational teachers and dynamic students in the classroom, sports-field and cultural activities.

Our vision of Leadership continues to permeate in Term 2. These are the pillars for successful schools:

- Have a vision and a plan.
- Set high expectations for everyone, that includes teachers, students, staff and themselves.
- Create learning environments that are collaborative and accepting of everyone.
- Constantly find ways to improve instruction.
- Commit to the school. The long game has been proven extremely important in successful schools and school leadership.
- Have a passion — for improving learning and elevating students.
- Inspire others to reach higher and work harder.

Teachers, students, parents and school communities play a pivotal role in affecting the climate, attitude and reputation of their schools. These stakeholders

are the cornerstone on which learning communities function and grow. Successful teachers are the pillars for schools becoming effective incubators of learning, places where students are not only educated but challenged, nurtured and encouraged. Schools with a strong foundation and direction, consolidates learning and engagement for students.

While there is no one solution to successful schools, there are certain strategies, skills, traits and beliefs that many of the most effective schools have in common.

Effective schools build and sustain reciprocal family and community partnerships and influence those partnerships to cultivate inclusive, caring, and culturally responsive school communities. This is an essential component of effective social responsibilities. To build these community networks it is essential that schools are visible in their communities, develop trust and create a sense of transparency and shared purpose with parents, staff, community members and students.

Have a great start to Term 2!

Message from the Primary School Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! We are excited and looking forward to welcoming OUR children back to school on Monday 29 April. We trust that our children have had a great holiday. The Term Two programme promises to be a jam-packed one. Please be reminded that children must wear Winter Uniform and that their hairstyles should be in accordance with school regulations.

We continue to drive our theme, I am STAR (Student That Always Reads), and we thank you for your support and encouragement. Please continue to promote reading at home. Our library is available during breaks from Monday to Thursday when children in Grades 3 to 6 wish to use it for some quiet time and reading – of course, this is optional.

We are pleased that our staffing complement is full and we welcome all the following teachers to our school and congratulate them on their appointments viz. Ms Chwene (Grade 000 – for Term 2), Mrs Matshisevhe (appointed to Grade 1), Mrs Fielies (Grade 2 – for Term 2) and Ms Moamogwa (appointed to Grade 6). All these teachers are quality individuals and we thank them for their interest in serving our school. I ask for your support of them as they get to know you and our children. We believe that our children will become comfortable with these nurturing teachers in no time.

We are fortunate that our previous headmaster, Mr Pautz, has been recruited to temporarily fill the teaching responsibilities of Mr Nienaber. He will fill the roles of Grade 6 subject teacher, hockey coach, Art (Grade 4 to 6) and administration in Term 2 while we seek to appoint a permanent Deputy Head during this time. He will commence his fixed term contract on 1 May.

Extramurals will start in the second week of term so you can expect to receive the extramural timetable and extramural reply slip in week one. The Term Two Calendar will be issued as soon as most of the sporting fixtures, with other schools, have been finalised.

The Junior Primary Quad has been paved! Thank you to our Maintenance Team for doing a magnificent job and thanks to our parents, present and past, for making this possible through your support of our fundraising efforts.

We wish you and our children a successful and happy Term Two.

Best wishes!

Sincerely

T.J. Thomas

Headmaster (Primary School)

In Service Training

Our Staff enjoyed half a day of a 'Positive Psychology Workshop' by Khulisa Social Solutions. The workshop focused on positive psychology, intrinsic motivation, self-determination theory, behaviour and classroom management, brain development, culturally responsive classrooms, students behaviour/behaviour model, and substance abuse. A few excellent expressions we were reminded of are:

- Be a risk taker
- Take your biggest weakness and make it your biggest strength
- Focus on what is right and not on what is wrong.
- Something needs to change your behaviour
- What you think, you become

Senior School Parent Representative to the Board of Governors

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Maleka has been appointed to the Board of Governors from Term 2, 2019. Mrs Maleka brings HR experience to the Board. She has a daughter in Lower 6. Mrs Maleka is involved in various community projects in and around Mahikeng. We wish Mrs Maleka well in her interactions with the parent community.

Travel arrangements

Parents need to take note that students who are flying to South Africa need to travel in full uniform. For a number of health and safety reasons, it is imperative that students who are in transit are easily identifiable as students from the International School of

South Africa. We ensure that students are in full uniform when we drop them at airports and we expect their return trips to be the same.

Mid-term break Term 2

The bus will leave the school on the 13 June 2019 at 12:00 to arrive at 16:30. Parents are requested to collect students from O R Tambo International Airport by 16:30. We encourage students to use the mid-term break to rest and not necessarily return to their home countries.

Students will return to school on 17 June 2019; the bus will leave O R Tambo International Airport at 15:00. Please ensure that all students are transported by 14:30. The cost of transportation to Johannesburg is R1060 per student per trip.

*This is subject to the number of students on the bus

End of Term 2

The bus will leave the school on 31 July 2019 at 04:00 to arrive at O R Tambo International Airport at 09:00. We are currently investigating different options for students who have early departing flights. We will communicate to the families from countries who are impacted by only early flights.

Students return on Sunday 01 September 2019. All flights will need to be booked to arrive before 13:00 as the bus will leave O R Tambo International Airport at 15:00. The charge is R495 per student per trip.

Yours faithfully



Yukesha Makhan
Acting CEO/Headteacher: Senior School