



31 January 2020

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of our third week and there is a very positive energy and spirit that is prevailing in both our school communities.

I thank parents for their patience with regards to our delayed output of year calendars and related schedules. The effort to align the school is an interesting and exciting one and there have been some logistical challenges that have arisen along timetabling as we move towards sharing human resources more efficiently between the schools.

Added to that, there has been an increase in student numbers in the lower and upper 6th (Key Stage 5), forcing us to split teaching groups in some instances and consequently re-structuring the academic timetable. A new timetable will be redistributed to all students on 3rd February.

There are some minor adjustments in the Forms 3 to 5 timetable (Key Stage 3 and 4), however where possible we have tried to keep the amendments to a minimum. There are no major changes to the staffing of academic subjects. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

#### Academic Awards

On Monday we celebrated the academic achievements of our students in a well-attended ceremony by parents. Parents travelled from far and wide to support their children including as far as Malawi.

We are proud of the quality of results that has been produced by our students and we thank you for your support. The success of our children in our school hinges on the partnership between ourselves and our parent community and we don't take that for granted. Thanks again to our teachers for their dedication and commitment to your children's education.

We were also proud to announce that Jerome Sibanda came 1st in South Africa in the November IGCSE examinations.

Tshepiso Ramodimoosi was placed 1st in South Africa for A level History and 2nd overall in the world.

Congratulations to both Jerome and Tshepiso for bringing such pride and prestige to the International School of South Africa.

A week ago we sent 3 basketball teams to the American International School of Johannesburg's annual basketball tournament. Our teams acquitted themselves well, with all the boys' teams reaching the quarter finals of the competition. Congratulations to our girls team for finishing runners up in a tightly contested game against Herschelle Girls High school from Cape Town. Special thanks to Miss Langutani Mathebula, Mr Dumisani Ncube, coach Tshepo and coach Paul for accompanying our students.

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"If it's important to the child, it's important to us."



This morning our Lower sixth form students travelled to Paramount resort in Rustenburg. They have been accompanied by Mrs Lucille Gabriel and Ms Amanda de Jager on the trip. We have followed all the necessary travel and safety precautions for the trip and I will be joining them tomorrow morning.

Today our boys and girls are competing in an inter high school athletics meeting at the Goodwill Park Stadium in Mafeking. We wish them well.

### **Prefects**

On Monday we will be holding the Inauguration ceremony for our 2020 Prefect body in our assembly.

I have been most impressed by the transparency, the democratic procedures and principles that were followed during this process. I wish to thank Mr Tinashe Makudo for the level of integrity he applied in managing the overall process and also to thank Ms Amanda de Jager for her important role that she played in the interview stages.

### **Primary School**

Just another friendly reminder to parents about the annual braai this evening at 6.00 pm. The fires will be ready for you on arrival.

Parents I wish to extend my thanks to all of you for the huge attendance at our parent meetings. It inspires confidence and makes us feel supported as a community.

Just a reminder about pick up times for our children.

Pick up time at the junior school should be ideally around 13:15 and no later than 13.30.

Pick up times at the Senior Primary no later than 14:00. Our teachers have to take up their posts at the extra-curricular activities after school.

I need to emphasise the importance of observing these pick up times. Not to sound like an alarmist, we are living in the "real" world where our children's safety cannot be guaranteed without formal supervision. It becomes a really difficult task for the school to manage when children are not picked up on time leaving both your child and the school vulnerable in the absence of adult supervision.

The default and responsible position for the school is for the children to be placed in our supervised after care centre for which you will be charged. I look forward to your support in this regard.

A kind reminder to our parents to drive slowly and carefully as you enter and exit the school. Our little ones are sometimes careless when they are walking across the car park in the mornings and I would like to urge you to be on the lookout for them.

Our extra-curricular activities have started with a bang in the primary school this week.

Our junior soccer team travelled to a Vodacom tournament in Potchefstroom, returning with gold medals after finishing top of the table in the competition. I wish to extend my thanks to Mr Henry Matthews and Mr Dumisani Ncube for accompanying our teams to the tournament.

Parents' thanks again for your tremendous support of the school. Looking forward to seeing some of you this evening at the braai.

Should you wish to clarify something please don't hesitate to call me or set up an appointment with my PA at [jrae@issa.co.za](mailto:jrae@issa.co.za)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Wells', written in a cursive style.

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