

6 November 2020

Dear Parents,

The school year is drawing rapidly to an end with another week of formal school lessons to go, before our F4 's begin their first internal examination on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020. You will be receiving a letter from Mr. Tinashe Makudo and Mrs. Lucille Gabriel outlining the full plan for internal examinations from Forms 1-4. I again ask parents to provide a conducive and supportive environment during this period for our children as they make their final push to the end of their Academic year, and what a year it has been.

### A-level Class

On Friday we bade farewell to our A- level students in a small ceremony in the Theatre. Whilst it was not our traditional valedictory function it was gratifying to hear how the A level class of 2020 expressed their heartfelt gratitude to their teachers, their parents and the entire ISSA community for making a sound contribution to their holistic development into the fine young men and women they have turned out to be. I wish to commend and salute the staff and parents of ISSA for being able to produce such a polished product at the end of it all, despite the challenges we have had to endure as a community this year. Our students are polite, respectful, smart and eloquent. It fills one with enormous pride when a well-rounded product is handed over to the parents.

I challenged them to continue to work for equality and justice in small and in big ways as they enter the real world, and I am confident that they will be great ambassadors for the International School of South Africa wherever their career paths take them. We wish them well.

### Chasing Red

This week I had the privilege of accompanying Mrs. Njemla, and Mr. Mambiravana to Tetlano High School together with our senior students that are involved with the Chasing Red community service project.

Tetlano High school is a village school located a few kilometers from ISSA and we were able to donate sanitary towels coming out of a fundraising project here at ISSA, to make the girl child more comfortable in that community. I would like to see this partnership grow into a bigger project as we continue to engage with Tetlano High School. We can make a small difference to the lives of others, yet receive so much more than we are giving, and in turn also learn and gain so much more from this experience.

I wish to share a shortened poem written by Resego Mosarwe (L6) and Elsa Kibowa (L6) coming out of our recent visit.

### What can R1.20 Buy?

R1.20. The minimum price for a single use pad is R1.20. It is interesting to think about what R1.20 cannot buy. The fact is that this amount of money cannot acquire a lunchtime meal, a bottle of water or even some of the snacks and candies that we enjoy at the International School of South Africa.

But, with this same R1.20, we can buy a smile. Yes, with R1.20 we can buy peace of mind for another human being. We can supply a basic need to those who may not be able to easily acquire the basic human necessity that is a pad.

And we did just that!

On the day of donation, we received laughs and smiles, which is another thing that R1.20 cannot buy. We experienced love and gratitude from the pupils and teachers of Tetlano High, which filled us with an immense sense of happiness. "Sometimes words cannot be used to describe the happiness one feels", said Mrs Muttano the Vice Principal of Tetlano High School.

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### Deputy Principals

It gives me great pleasure to announce the formal appointments and announcements of our two Deputies who were successfully appointed after rigorous interviews over the past weekend. We received 6 internal applications which were shortlisted down to four applicants.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the panel that consisted of Mr. Melvin King - Executive Headmaster of Lebone II, Mrs. Thato Tlape - Board Chair, Professor Lionel Green Thompson - Board Member and Mrs Olga Maleka - Board member, for giving up their time to assist me in the interview process.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Tinashe Makudo who has been appointed as the official Deputy Principal Academics at the International School of South Africa. Mr Makudo has served in a variety of Academic leadership and Pastoral positions in his teaching career over the years. He joined ISSA in 2006 where he has served as HOD of Science and IGCSE Academic Director of Studies. I am confident to have him work alongside me as the Deputy Principal of Academics and I am certain of the solid contribution that he will make in this post to take the Academic programme of the school to great heights of excellence.

I extend my hearty and sincerest congratulations to a lady who needs no introduction, Mrs. Lucille Gabriel who has been appointed as Deputy Head Pastoral at the International school of South Africa. She joined ISSA in 2003. During this period, she has worn a variety of leadership hats, HOD Modern Foreign Languages, Director of Studies 6<sup>th</sup> Form and House Parent of the Senior Girls Boarding House for 5 Years. She brings with her an extensive wealth of experience both in the Academic and Pastoral life of the school. I welcome her onto the Senior Management Team and I am equally confident that she will grow and strengthen the Pastoral life of the school as we improve the Health and Wellness of our student community.

They will assume their formal positions as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021.

In conclusion, I hope that you and your loved ones continue to remain safe during these times of the pandemic.

Please social distance, wear your masks and wash your hands.

Yours sincerely



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