

1 September 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy Spring Day and welcome to the beginning of Term 3.

May all that you wish and worked for come to fruition with all the new beginnings and renewal that accompanies the season of Spring.

Allow me to welcome 11 new families that have joined the ISSA family this term as we continue to make the circle bigger in this beautiful community of ours.

### **Academics**

We have had a great start to Term 3. This is the busiest term of the school year with so many activities lined up. However, the biggest event of the term is our external Cambridge Assessment International Examinations for our IGCSE, AS and A-level students.

Some of our students begin their examinations as early as the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, with the balance of the IGCSE and A-level students going on study leave from the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Plans have been put into place for sound revision and intervention classes to ensure that our students are adequately prepared for their examinations.

Parents, as always we rely on you to provide a conducive and supportive environment as you always do in your homes.

### **Top Achievers and most Improved students for Term 2**

On Monday we look forward to our Top Achievers Assembly for Term 2. This time, we have added another layer of recognition in our Academic awards. We will be recognising those students that have shown the most improvement in their academic progress during the term. Thank you to Mr Makudo for the tremendous work that he invests in this environment as we continue to strengthen the Academic tone. Thank you to his Team of dedicated staff that support him in the teaching and learning space.

### **Prom Dance**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of September all roads lead to the Prom Dance at International School of South Africa, as we celebrate our graduating class of 2023. The Theme for this year is the Great Gatsby.

As they say, style you can't buy and you will see it all on Saturday as our students step out to celebrate this beautiful milestone in their life's journey.

Parents, congratulations in advance and thank you for supporting your children on this journey with us at the International School of South Africa.

We look forward to greeting you on Saturday as we celebrate this day together.

Thank you to Mrs Makudo and her Team for working so hard at putting this day together.

### Extracurricular Programme

You would have received the Third term Calendar of events.

This afternoon we host an invitational hockey tournament in the ISSA oval. Thank you to Mr. Chiyangwa for making steady progress in developing hockey in the school.

Tomorrow our girls Netball Teams travel to Lichtenburg for an Action Netball Tournament.

Thank you to Mr Mosime and Coach Bekwape for accompanying our girls on this outing.

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September we host the u14 and u16 Basketball tournaments. This is our biggest tournament on our Sports Calendar, where we have about 40 schools from across the country and beyond our borders that descend on our campus.

Thank you to Mrs Gabriel and her Team for creating new sporting opportunities for our children and thank you to Mr. Peter Chitashu for coordinating our sporting calendar so efficiently.

### Primary School

This evening our Primary School is having a movie night in the Theatre. We wish them a fun and happy evening.

Tomorrow morning our teachers are hitting the Crossing Mall on a **Marketing Drive** in preparation for our **Open Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> September** at International School. Please spread the word.

This day will be preceded by our Grade 5 and 6 Science Fair on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. These days have proved to be very interesting and inspiring as our children share new knowledge and self-discovery in our learning environment. See you there.

### Discipline

Our discipline remains good. Naturally this is an organic partnership. May we continue to hold each other up as we steer our children on the path of good values and discipline. A disciplined child is a happy child, a disciplined child is an achiever.

### Walking home

Parents if your children walk home after school, I wish to again urge you to ensure that they walk in groups of no less than three. This is just a cautionary reminder to avoid vulnerability and to enjoy a measure of group safety.



## Staffing

Welcome to Ms Moratuwa Mollo who is joins us in the Business Studies department this term. We wish her all the success in her teaching endeavours at the International School of South Africa.

## Condolences

On behalf of the ISSA community, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Obakeng Mokwena on the passing of his dad this week. We wish him and the extended Mokwena family, all the strength as they deal with this difficult period in their lives. May his Soul Rest in Peace.

## Conclusion

I have reached the end of my fourth year as the leader of the International School of South Africa. It continues to be a stimulating and rewarding environment for me. Thank you parents for all the support and confidence that you have showed me during this period, it is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call me if there is anything that you wish to clarify.

***"If it matters to the child, it matters to us"***

Yours sincerely

**Bruce Wells**  
CEO/Headmaster  
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