

22 September 2023

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of week 4, I am pleased to report that we continue to have a very busy but steady Term 3, as we head towards Mid Term in less than 3 weeks.

Marketing and ISASA Conference

I have been away for the past week attending the National ISASA Heads conference in Johannesburg, followed by a marketing trip to Malawi.

It has been a very busy and fulfilling time, and an opportunity for me to grow as a person, and network with other like-minded professionals as we engage in similar interests related to best practice in education.

My trip to Malawi was successful. It is always an honour to meet and greet our parents who continue to be great ambassadors for International School of South Africa. I wish to express my sincere gratitude on behalf of the Board and the Staff of our school for your support.

Our student numbers continue to increase steadily and thank you to all our parents for their support in this regard.

Academics

Thank you to all our Parents for their active participation in the Form 2 virtual Subject choice and Curricula evening last week. Thank you to Mrs. Mandondo (Phase Head Form 1-3) and Mr. Makudo (Deputy Principal Academics) for co-ordinating this event, so efficiently.

An IEB online meeting is pencilled in for the 26th September from 18:00 – 19:00.

Our intervention programme continues to run smoothly.

Scholarship

I am delighted to share with you that Tinashe Makuyana our top A-level student in 2022 was offered a prestigious scholarship to pursue his Mechanical Engineering degree at Warwick University in the United Kingdom. He transfers from University of Cape Town this weekend to begin his studies in London on Monday. We are proud of his achievement and share our pride with his family on receiving this generous scholarship from Warwick University.

Under 14 & 16 Boys and Girls Basketball Festival

This weekend we host our biggest festival on our ISSA school sports calendar.

Forty-Two teams in total will be participating from across the country including teams from Zimbabwe and Botswana. We are ready to receive our guests with open arms and to offer them our warm Kalahari and ISSA hospitality bound into one.

Some of the schools had to be accommodated in local BnB's, making this event a great booster for our local Tourism industry and Mahikeng.

I extend my thanks to Peter Chitashu our (Sports Administrator) and Mr. Philemon Mapfumo, (Basketball Manager) and their Team, for pulling this mammoth tournament together.

Special thanks to Mrs Gabriel (Deputy Principal Pastoral and Sport) and Mrs Sadia Soorjee (Business Manager) and their entire Teams for coordinating the logistics related to the festival so efficiently.

Thanks to the entire staff of the ISSA community that will contribute to the success of this weekend.

Finally, we wish all our boys and girls participating in this Tournament all the best as some of them will be experiencing their first festival.

Parents we look forward to your attendance over the weekend.

Heritage Day

Monday is a public Holiday (Heritage Day), on the South African calendar. We will celebrate this very significant day in the history of our country with a smorgasbord of food and delectable dishes that will be prepared by staff and students in a cook off.

I am part of a panel that will judging the tastiest pot, and I trust that my palate will guide me objectively on the day.

Today our Primary School celebrated Heritage Day in such a beautiful display of cultural dress that despite the diversity and niches of our culture, we embrace with such pride and dignity.

I wish all a peaceful and Happy Heritage Day. Also, this weekend, please support the indomitable Springbok team, Amabokoboko, as they take on Ireland in one of their toughest group stage games at the World Cup in France on Saturday at 21.00.



GO BOKKE!!

Conclusion

Amidst our busy schedules let us continue to work together by supporting each other and our students in maintaining the right balance as we continue to prepare them for their final examinations. Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to call me should you need to clarify anything.

“If it matters to the child, it matters to us”

Yours sincerely

Bruce Wells
CEO/Headmaster
International School of South Africa

