

27 January 2024

Dear Parents,

The second week has gone like a flash as our ISSA ship sails steadily but surely through the waters of the 2024 year.

Whilst not all our students have returned, it is very encouraging to welcome so many new students to our school.

We are a happy school and I thank the parents for the support that you continue to provide to create this conducive learning environment.

Curriculum Matters

Parents, for those of you that have walked the journey longer with us at International School of South Africa and followed our consultation meetings between 2022 and 2023, understand that we now offer a Dual parallel curriculum viz, the IEB and Cambridge at our school.

Both curricula are robust in their offering and offer access to the best universities in South Africa. Both curriculars are held in high regard at international universities around the world. However, it will always boil down to the quality of results for entry into competitive courses at universities internationally.

For our incoming parents, greater clarity will be evident as your children develop and engage in the curriculum as they move through the school. However, if you wish to seek immediate clarity around our curriculum offerings, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Makudo, Deputy Principal Academics.

Top Achievers

This Monday, we host our Top Achievers Assembly. This is to honour and celebrate those students who have produced outstanding results in our year end examinations in 2023.

An omission in my previous letter to parents

Congratulations to Ann Hagan, who also achieved one A* and 4 A's in her IGCSE Examinations last year.

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Primary School

Thank you to all our parents that attended the Primary School's parent evenings this week and thank you to our teachers for organizing the two evenings.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our Interhouse Cross country event on Monday was an enormous success, as our students endured the blazing Mahikeng heat. Students enjoyed the event and congratulations to all the students for completing the event successfully. Worth mentioning was the big turnout by the Sixth formers. Well done to them! Thank you to Mr. John Mosime and Mr. Peter Chitashu for organising the event and thank you to all staff for serving as marshals on the day.

Interhouse Athletics

Our Primary School will be hosting their Interhouse athletics meeting on the 31st of January, followed by the High School interhouse athletics on the 2nd of February. Parents are invited to attend if you are free on those days.

Spirit of Adventure

The F4 students left campus yesterday afternoon, for their Spirit of Adventure camp, and arrived safely in Rustenburg. We wish them a happy and engaging weekend.

Amazon Leadership Initiative

Congratulations to O'funa Mufhando (Form L6) for being selected to attend the Amazon Leadership Initiative hosted by the University of Pretoria during the holidays. She was chosen from a pool of 50 000 applicants.

O'funa is inspired by the actions and words of young activist Yousafzai Malala:

"I raise up my voice – not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard."

O'funa is the founder of the GBV Youth League here in Mahikeng. We applaud her for taking up such an initiative, which affirms and strengthens the girl child in our communities.

Power outage

On Friday afternoon the school was affected by a power outage which is due to repairs to a main substation which affected Mahikeng CBD as well as the school. Hopefully the repairs have taken place over the weekend.



Conclusion

We thank you for the support that you provide to International School of South Africa, and we look forward to your participation in the life of the school and our upcoming 35th Anniversary celebrations which we will publish soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that you wish to clarify.

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Yours sincerely

Bruce Wells
CEO/Headmaster
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