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Dear Parents

We have taken a leap into the month of February as our Term calendar gets busier and allows a bonus day this month to complete our activities.

### **Marketing**

Mr. Chitashu and I have started on our marketing trips. This week we were away from school on Wednesday on a marketing trip to Grayston Preparatory School in Johannesburg. It was a successful outing.

Thank you to Mr. Gontse Moseneke, Finance and Audit sub-committee Chair on the Board of Governors at International School of South Africa, for always making the time to visit our stall.

Next weekend Mr. Makudo and I travel to Botswana from Friday morning, beginning at Acacia Primary school at 11h00 in Jwaneng. We will be joined by Mr. Chitashu and our students on Saturday at Joy City Park in Gaborone from 08h00 - 17h00, followed by our last stop at Broadhurst Primary on Sunday morning from 08h00 – 17h00.

We were delighted to welcome a few more new families into the ISSA family this year from Botswana as the ISSA family continues to grow.

The market for private education is fiercely contested with parents looking for the best fit and offering for their children.

We endeavour to keep improving our offerings based on the needs of our students so that parents can realise their return on investment.

### **Primary School**

On Wednesday our Primary School hosted a successful Interhouse Athletics competition, with Tau House taking top honours and Lengau House trailing very close in a fiercely contested but friendly competition.

On Thursday, a small group of selected students participated in the Regional Championships at Goodwill Park Sports Grounds. Thank you to those Parents who were able to support this event.

Next year we intend to take a bigger squad.

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## **High School**

Yesterday the high school held their Interhouse Athletics Competition which began with an enthusiastic and energetic House Shout contest, which was complimented by original song and dance and creative design and costume. This set the mood for the rest of the day.

There was a hard-fought battle in the track and field events, and students really participated with their hearts and soul. Thank you to our students for the great Team Spirit that prevailed throughout the day.

Results will be announced in our Assembly on Monday after careful ratification for accuracy before release. Imagine the suspense!

Thank you to all our staff for officiating on our Interhouse days.

Rustenburg has finally been confirmed, and the High School will be sending an Athletics Team to participate in the Inter High School Championships on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at Rustenburg High School.

## **Extra-Curricular Programme**

Whilst our Focus for beginning of Term has been Athletics, our formal extra-curricular programme commences next week.

Parents, please support as we try and involve all our students in the sporting and cultural programmes of the school.

## **Swimming**

This morning a group of our students travelled to Lebone II to participate in a Swimming Gala, and we look forward to sharing the results with parents in the next communication.

## **Soccer Academy**

The Jungle Kings Soccer Academy was launched this Friday with a good showing of students. Welcome to Coach Leo, Head of Jungle Kings Academy, as he leads the first sessions of the programme. We wish the Academy swift growth.

## **Picnic in the Park**

After a hectic day on the track yesterday, this afternoon our Sixth Form Students will be hosting the Beach Party Picnic in the cricket oval from 17h00. Lots of fun activities have been organised, including lawn volleyball, followed by our school DJ's playing some great music

to create a good vibe in the oval. Delicious food and refreshments will also be sold. Thank you to Mrs. De Jager, and all staff involved in organising this event.

### **Form 6 Camp**

The Sixth Formers will be travelling to Konka Adventure Resort near Rustenburg from Monday to Thursday next week. The theme this year is Personal Development which includes goal setting, time management and problem solving. We trust that they will return stronger as a group and will benefit from the new skills acquired this weekend. Good Luck to Mrs Buys, Sixth Form Phase Head, and her Team as they travel with a big contingent of students this year. We wish them safe travels to and from Rustenburg and lots of growth and enjoyment from this outing.

### **Family 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Braai**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March we will be hosting a Family Braai on our Athletics Field. This is traditionally a Braai for the Primary school. However, this year we have decided to invite both High School and Primary School parents to join us as we mark the beginning of our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations under floodlights and a moonlit sky, weather permitting. More details will follow as we fine-tune our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Please ring fence this date on your calendar.

### **Conclusion**

Parents thank you for all the support. We are having a fabulous, busy, and enjoyable start to the Term. Amidst all the things that make schooling fun, we have asked our students to try and establish the right balance to achieve holistic success through their educational journey at International School of South Africa. As always, please do not hesitate to call me if there is anything you wish to clarify.

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Yours sincerely



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