

1 March 2024

Dear Parents,

We are fast rolling towards the last 3 weeks of Term 1, and we will be happily returning our students to your care in time for the Easter Break and the Term 1 holiday break.

Family Braai

A final reminder about the 35th Anniversary Family Braai on Saturday evening from 17:00 - 22:00, as we kick start a series of anniversary celebrations. An invitation has also been extended to alumni to join the ISSA family to mark this important milestone.

Designated Braai stands will be prepared on the evening, and as mentioned in a previous communication, you are welcome to bring your own braai stands and outdoor gear.

Please take note of the following guide to assist you on arrival:

16:30 – Main gate opens and security will guide you to the parking area

16:30 – 18:00 – Set up of braai stands

18:00 – Welcome by Mr Wells

20:00 – Cutting of Cake to mark 35th Anniversary

20:00 onwards – Braai activities and light entertainment will take place through the course of events

Sports Update

Swimming

Our Swimmers travelled to Potchefstroom last weekend and acquitted themselves very well.

Congratulations to Nathan Nsereko for making the podium, and receiving 2 golds and a bronze medal.

A big congratulations to all our swimmers for improving their times and swimming Personal Best times in a very competitive gala.

This weekend our swimmers travel to Rustenburg for the final Gala of the Term.

We wish them safe travels and success in the competition.

Thank you to Mrs Safi and Ms Mollo for accompanying our students on the last outing and thank you to Mr Mosime for preparing our swimmers.

Hockey

Last Friday our senior boys and girls squared up with the North West University in what has now become a local derby.

Our boys emerged victors with a champion score of 1-0 against the university students.

Our girls held their competitors to a hard fought goalless draw.

Thank you to Mr. Chiyangwa for the vision he has for the hockey at the school, as we grow the sport again, and thanks to our newly appointed coach Whitney, who has been assisting with the hockey coaching.

Well done to our boys and girls.

This weekend our hockey teams travel to Vryburg High school for a friendly fixture.

We wish them safe travels and a good outing on the field.

Athletics

Last Friday we travelled with a small contingent of 52 athletes to the Rustenburg Inter High School Championships.

We returned with 40 medals, finishing in 4th position overall out of 9 schools, against fierce competition and very big schools from the Rustenburg region. To put into perspective, most of the participating schools came with an average athletic contingent size of about 150 athletes.

Congratulations to all our athletes for representing us so well on the day.

Notable performances on the day:

Girls U/15

Binta Onema

1st - 100m

1st - 400m (new Record)

1st - High Jump

1st - Long Jump

Girls U/16

Gracia Onema

2nd - 100m

1st - 200m

1st - 400m (new record)

Boys U/15

Tapiwanashe Nhundu

1st - High Jump (new record)

Girls U/19

Mamohube Mogashoa

1st - High Jump

1st - Triple Jump

1st - Javelin

Boys U/19

Thanthwe Dziko

1st - Shot Put (new record)

Thank you to Mr John Mosime and Mr Ben Mthimunye for assisting in preparing our athletics team.

Drama Production

Miss Soorjee`s auditions for the annual production have been completed and the casting is already in place following the first rehearsal on Wednesday.

This has been running in tandem with an Art competition to design the poster to be used when we go live to advertise the Production. Thank you to Miss Le Roux for leading the Art competition.

This year we are featuring William Shakespeare`s famous Love Story, Midsummer Night`s Dream.

Please watch this space carefully.

Academics

Our Academic programme remains rigorous with term cycle tests well underway.

Parents should be in possession of the published Test Schedule for the Term. Please keep an eye on this schedule, so that students remain in stride with preparations for their tests.

Staff have been reminded to stick to the published test schedules to allow for an even distribution of testing, so that students don't feel overwhelmed.

We have almost completed the 2023 results analysis and target setting within the different departments in the High School.

These deliberations have continued to be robust, with clear outcomes that have been set out by the respective subject Heads in consultation with their teams as we strengthen our academic tone.

Professional Development

Our teachers will be attending Cambridge and IEB cluster meetings both face to face and online in the latter part of this term. We wish them well.

Form 2 and Form 3 Parent Meeting

A reminder to all Parents of the scheduled Parent information evening at 18:00 on the 5th March in the Theatre and the Annex.

Pastoral Matters

We welcome Sister Tshwarelo Malegase who has been appointed as the school nurse for both Primary and High School from the 4th of March 2024. She will also execute full time duties in our boarding houses.

Sister Malegase, joins us from Vryburg where she was a full-time professional nurse at Coldridge Clinic for the past 4 years.

We thank Sister Lekoma for helping us in the interim period.

We also welcome Ms Lerato Motsalane, Counselling Psychologist who will be joining us in a part time capacity this term where she will consult on Tues and Thursday from 16:00 – 18:00.

She is currently employed on a full time basis as Head Psychologist at North West University in the Student Counselling Service department.

Student Leadership

This week we were introduced to the Student Council in our Assembly. This is another layer of leadership opportunity within the school where student representatives are elected through the classroom ballot to represent student matters in the daily life of the school. Any proposals or matters of interests that may need attention are fed through the Prefect body and distilled for discussion and implementation.

Thank you to Ms Mandondo for her guidance in leading the Student Council.



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The Mentor/Mentee programme takes place this afternoon from 15:00 – 16:00. This an opportunity for our Form 6 students to have a touch side session with their mentees, our F1 students.

Thank you to Mrs De Jager for coordinating this event.

Conclusion

Hope to see you all at the Braai tomorrow evening and thank you for all your support. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need to seek further clarity.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Wells'.

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