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Dear Parents,

We have finally come to the end of a very busy and successful term.

Our students deserve a well-rested holiday. They have been fully immersed into the activities of the school till the end, and I wish to applaud them for their full participation in the overall life of the school.

Equally I would like to thank all members of staff that have worked tirelessly to serve our school so diligently, and they too deserve a rest.

Parents it has been a hectic term, much has been achieved and I thank you for your unstinting support.

Academics

I have had the privilege of reading a sample of reports. The report carries a Tutor and a House parent comment and the cumulative academic assessment for Term 1 work. Please read these comments carefully as this will inform you of your child's overall performance within the classroom, their involvement in the life of the school including how well your child has adjusted to residential life, whether they have transitioned to new boarding houses, or if they are new to boarding school.

Festivals

Last weekend we were able to resuscitate, the U/19 Soccer and Netball Tournament after a long hiatus.

We had 9 schools participating in both Netball and Soccer which was a reasonable start to the event.

Next year we look forward to a bigger and better competition as we slowly revive this festival.

Well, done to Yasoc Invitational Team from Rustenburg for taking top honours in the U/19 girls Netball.

Congratulations to Sodbury School for winning the boys Soccer tournament.

Well, done to our ISSA U/19 boys for putting up a gallant fight in the 3rd place play losing to Sol Plaatjie.

Congratulations to Mamohube Mogashoa for winning the best defender in the Netball tournament and to Kgotla Mosarwe for being awarded the (Most Valuable Player) MVP for Soccer. Thank you to all the staff that contributed to the success of this tournament.

Staffing

Mr. Jeffrey Munatsi leaves us at the end of this Term after 16 years of sterling service at International School of South Africa in the Mathematics department.

He has served the school in different capacities including being House Master for Red house, and he will be best remembered for being MIC in charge of football where he produced formidable players and teams over the years. We wish him all the best as he relocates to Johannesburg to begin a new life with his family.

We are in the process of finding a suitable replacement.

Marketing trip

During the holiday from 10 - 14 April, Mr. Makudo and I travel to Malawi to do Entrance testing. It will be great to meet current parents just to greet and to provide any feedback about your child's progress face to face. Details of our travel arrangements have been published on our social media pages.

Admin office hours

The administration offices in the Primary and High school will be closed on Thursday 28 March, as many of the staff are travelling over the Easter weekend.

The administration offices will be open again from Tuesday 2nd of April – Friday 5th of April from 08:00 – 14:00. The administrative staff will be on leave from the 8th of April and the administration offices open again on the 22nd of April.

Student return dates

All students return to school on Monday 29th April, with the boarding students returning on the 28th of April. Transport will depart from O R Tambo international airport no later than 15:00 on the 28th of April.

Conclusion

We look forward to an equally busy Term 2, with our annual production, Midsummer Night's Dream, being one of the highlights.

Parents, wishing you a happy break with your children. To those of you travelling over the Easter break, please stay safe on your country's roads.

And finally, to those of you celebrating Easter, I wish you a peaceful and joyous occasion.

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

Yours sincerely



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