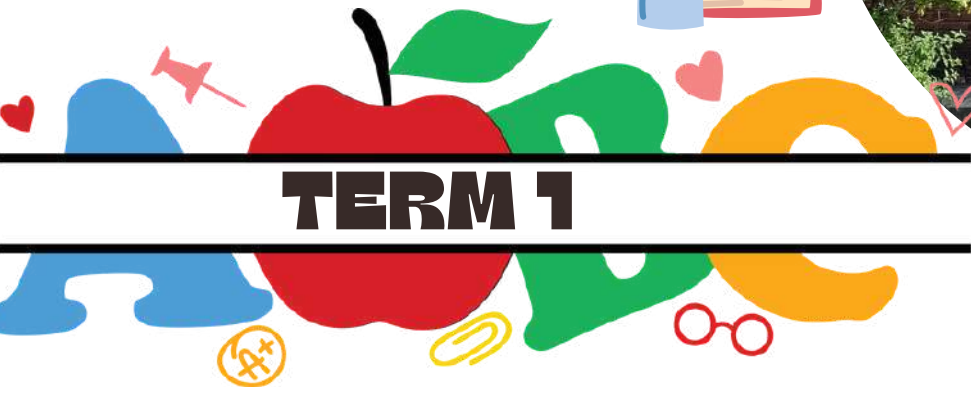




ISSA PRIMARY NEWS



TERM 1

- Miss Kerisha Bhugwateparsad

Dear Students, Parents, and Teachers,

As we wrap up Term 1, it is time to pause and reflect on the achievements and experiences that have defined these past months. Throughout this term, our focus has been on academic excellence, and we are proud to say that each and every one of our students has risen to the challenge. From mastering the intricacies of reading and math to exploring the wonders of science and history, your dedication to learning has been truly commendable.

Yet, Term 1 was not just about academics. It was also a time for creativity to flourish and for friendships to deepen. Through art projects, musical performances, and sporting events, we've celebrated the diverse talents within our school community. Let us not forget the importance of collaboration – it is through working together that we have achieved so much this term. As we look ahead to Term 2, let us carry forward the lessons learned and the friendships forged, ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities for growth.





TERM 1 OVERVIEW



Upcoming Events: May

School opens for Term 2 - 29 April 2024

Slipper Day - 06 May 2024

Science Day - 10 May 2024

SP Camp out - 13 -16 May 2024

Junior Primary Mini Olympics - 17 May 2024

Orators Evening- 22 May 2024

Netball & Soccer Festival - 24 & 25 May 2024

JP Innovation Day - 28 May 2024

Maths Quiz- 31 May 2024



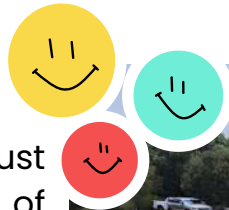
.Dear fellow students,

Term One, encompassed the months of January, February, and March, it filled us with a profound sense of accomplishment and gratitude. It was a period marked by new beginnings, where students eagerly embraced the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. In January, the foundations of learning were laid, setting the stage for growth and development throughout the term. February brought forth a celebration of creativity and diversity, as students showcased their talents and passions through various artistic mediums. March tested our resilience and adaptability, yet we emerged stronger, united in our commitment to learning and growth. As we bid farewell to Term One, we carry with us the invaluable lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the memories cherished. With optimism and determination, we look forward to the adventures that await us in the terms to come.





Inter-house Athletics



Our school's Interhouse Athletics event is not just a competition; it is a celebration of camaraderie, perseverance, and the pursuit of excellence. This year, the spirited rivalry between Lengau House and Tau House reached its peak as students from both houses came together to showcase their athletic prowess and team spirit in a series of exhilarating events.



From the adrenaline rush of sprinting to the endurance test of long-distance running, each event was a testament to the dedication and hard work of our student athletes. Despite the fierce competition, sportsmanship prevailed as participants cheered each other on and displayed unwavering support for their teammates.



As the day unfolded, it became evident that Tau House had emerged victorious, claiming the title with their outstanding performances across the board. However, the true victory lay in the spirit of unity and camaraderie that permeated the event, transcending the boundaries of competition.



As the sun set on another successful Interhouse Athletics event, we were reminded of the power of teamwork, determination, and resilience. Regardless of the outcome, every participant left the field with their heads held high, proud of their achievements and inspired to continue striving for excellence in all aspects of life.



Interhouse Athletics is more than just a competition; it's a celebration of the indomitable spirit that defines our school community. We look forward to many more years of friendly rivalry, shared victories, and memories that will last a lifetime.





Valentines Day - Junior Primary Bake Sale

Our junior primary section recently hosted a Valentine's Day bake sale, made extra special by the wonderful help of our parents. The school hall was filled with delicious homemade treats, generously baked and donated by parents. Their enthusiastic support and smiling faces made the event even more enjoyable as families, teachers, and students came together to share in the spirit of love and community. Thanks to their efforts, the bake sale was a sweet success, raising funds for our school and creating cherished memories for all involved.



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Family Braai

Gathered under the South African sky, amidst the aroma of sizzling meat and the sound of joyful laughter, families from both our high school and primary school communities came together for a memorable braai to commemorate 35 years of excellence at the International School of South Africa.

The atmosphere was alive with the spirit of celebration as parents, students, and faculty members mingled and shared stories of their experiences at our beloved school.

As the flames danced in the fire pit and the tantalizing scent of braai filled the air, generations of ISSA families bonded over delicious food and shared memories. Children played games, parents caught up with old friends, and teachers swapped stories with former students, creating an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie that embodied the spirit of our school community.

With hearts full of gratitude and excitement for the years to come, we look forward to continuing this remarkable journey of learning, growth, and community for many years to come.



5 - Book Holiday Reading Challenge

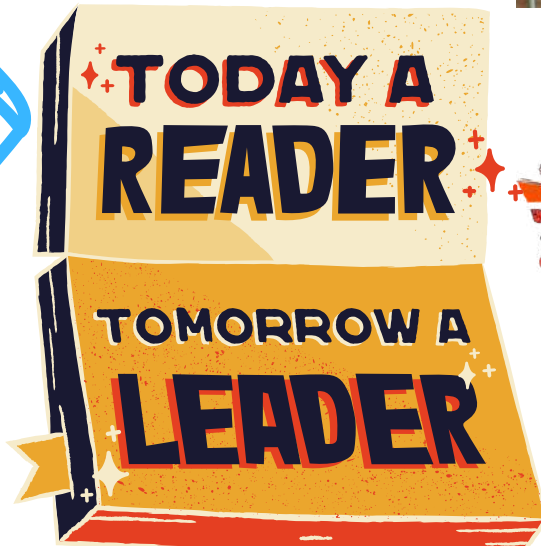
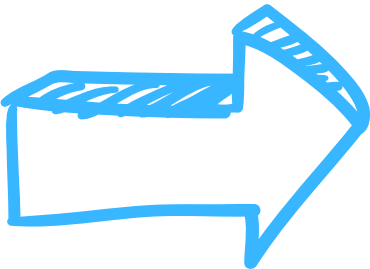
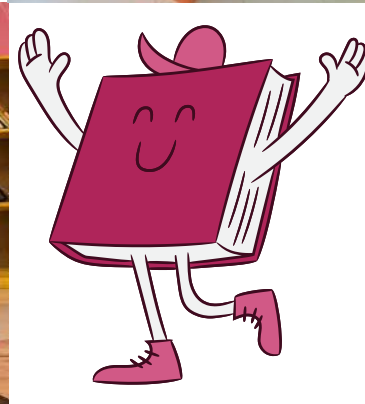
"Are You Up for the 5-Book Holiday Reading Challenge?"

This holiday season, we are inviting all students to embark on an exciting adventure: the 5-Book Holiday Reading Challenge! Reading is not only a great way to relax and unwind during the holidays but also a fantastic opportunity to explore new worlds, expand your imagination, and sharpen your mind.

The challenge is simple: over the holiday break, we challenge you to read five books of your choice. Whether it is a thrilling mystery, an epic fantasy, or a heartwarming tale, the choice is yours! Keep track of the books you read and share your progress with us when we return to school.

But the fun does not stop there! We' will also be hosting a special celebration for all students who complete the challenge.

So, are you ready to dive into the world of books and take on the 5-Book Holiday Reading Challenge? Let' us make this holiday season one to remember by unlocking the magic of reading together!



Music Department



We are thrilled to announce a wonderful new chapter in music education at ISSA Primary as Mr. Pilane steps into the spotlight! With his passion for music and dedication to nurturing young talents, Mr. Pilane is set to inspire our students to new heights of musical excellence.

Under Mr. Pilane's guidance, our primary school's music program is taking a beautiful turn. From vibrant choir performances to enchanting instrumental ensembles, students are exploring the wonders of music in fresh and exciting ways. Mr. Pilane's innovative approach and infectious enthusiasm are igniting a love for music in our students, fostering creativity, confidence, and teamwork.

With Mr. Pilane at the helm, we look forward to witnessing the harmonious melodies and uplifting rhythms that will fill our school corridors. Let us give a warm welcome to Mr. Pilane and embrace the beauty of music together at ISSA Primary!

Sports Department

Our sports department is also bustling with energy and enthusiasm, showcasing a diverse array of athletic talents and events that have captivated our school community.

Beyond the school grounds, our students made waves at swimming galas, demonstrating their prowess in the water and bringing home victories that filled us with pride. These off-campus events provided valuable opportunities for our swimmers to test their skills against competitors from other schools, further honing their abilities and sportsmanship.

For our junior and senior primary students, the inter-house fun gala was a highlight of the term, combining friendly competition with laughter and camaraderie. Students eagerly participated in a variety of exciting events, showcasing their teamwork and sportsmanship in a fun and supportive environment.

As we celebrate these achievements in both music and sports, we are reminded of the importance of holistic development and the power of extracurricular activities to enrich the lives of our students. With our dedicated sports department fostering athletic excellence, the future is bright for our students at ISSA Primary!



Sports Department: Congratulations!

We are thrilled to congratulate the following talented athletes who have qualified for the District Championship:

- Letlotlo Mamabolo: Shotput U10 - finished 4th
- Ben Kadima: Shotput U12 - finished 5th
- Chibueze Chibueze: High Jump U12 - clinched 1st place

Their impressive performances showcase not only their individual skill and determination but also the strength of our athletics program at ISSA Primary. Let's cheer them on as they continue to represent our school with pride!



Additionally, we are bursting with pride to announce Larona Gorman's outstanding achievement in gymnastics. In October 2023, she clinched a Level 9 gold medal at the National Competition in Pretoria, competing in the 9-10 years category. Her remarkable win earned her a coveted spot to compete at the prestigious 2024 South Africa Trampoline & Gymnastics Cup in Port Elizabeth this March.

What makes Larona's accomplishment even more remarkable is that she competed at level 9, where only the top gymnasts from across the country are invited, regardless of age. Despite being only 8 years old, Larona showcased her extraordinary talent and determination, securing a commendable 7th place finish in a field where the winner was 19 years old. We applaud Larona for her incredible achievement and wish her continued success as she continues to soar to new heights in gymnastics!

CONGRATULATIONS!



TEACHER APPRECIATION



"Rolling Out the Red Carpet for Our New Teachers!"

I would like to extend to give a warm ISSA Primary welcome to our latest teaching stars: We are thrilled to have them join our team, and we' are already buzzing with excitement about the fresh ideas and enthusiasm they are bringing to our classrooms.

To our new teachers: Get ready for an unforgettable time filled with laughter, learning, and lots of fun! And to our students: Get set for an exciting ride as we embark on new adventures together in the classroom.

Let us make every day a celebration of learning, discovery, and friendship. Welcome aboard, new teachers – we are so glad you' are here!



**Ms Mapula
Mohlatlole - Grade
00**



**Nomvuyo
Magabela – Grade 0**



**Mrs Yvonne van
Rooyen – Grade 2**



**Ms Bongumusa
Mbatha – Grade 5**

As we approach the end of term, it is crucial to acknowledge the tremendous dedication and tireless efforts of our teachers at ISSA Primary. Throughout this term, they have been going above and beyond to inspire, educate, and support our students.

Their unwavering commitment to excellence, coupled with their boundless compassion and resilience, has not only enriched our classrooms but has also left an enduring impact on the lives of our students. As we bid farewell to another term, let us extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible teachers for their unwavering dedication and the profound difference they make in the lives of our students every single day.





Thutlwa Hostel

We are proud to introduce Ms. Katlego Moamogwa as the New Hostel Parent in the Junior Girls Hostel. With her innate compassion and unwavering dedication, Ms. Moamogwa embodies the essence of a true leader, poised to inspire and uplift our young girls. Her presence signifies not just a new face, but a guiding force committed to nurturing a sense of belonging and empowerment among our students. I would like to warmly welcome Ms. Moamogwa to her new position as she embarks on this meaningful journey of leadership, guiding our girls towards a future filled with promise and possibility."



Unveiling the Mystery: A Spectacular Production Awaits!



Exciting News Alert! Get ready to embark on a thrilling adventure as ISSA Senior Primary prepares to unveil an enchanting production that promises to captivate audiences of all ages. Step into a world shrouded in mystery and magic, where every twist and turn will leave you on the edge of your seat.

From whispers of ancient spells to echoes of forgotten legends, this upcoming performance is set to transport you to a realm where dreams and reality intertwine. With each scene cloaked in intrigue and every character hiding secrets untold, anticipation is building for the unveiling of this mesmerizing spectacle.

Stay tuned for an exclusive announcement revealing more about this captivating production. Prepare to be swept away by a tale like no other, where the lines between imagination and reality blur, and every moment is filled with wonder and surprise. Don't miss your chance to experience the magic – secure your tickets for an unforgettable journey into the unknown!





Message from our Deputy Head

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of the first term of 2024, I would like to thank our ISSA community for the continued support and congratulate our children on a busy, productive, and happy start to the year. The staff are, in the main, impressed by the level of commitment, effort and interest our children place in their academics and extracurricular activities.

Staffing

I am pleased to inform parents that as at the end of Term 1, the Primary school has a full complement of staff, and we are happy with the teamwork in both the Foundation and Senior phases of the school.

This term we welcomed four new members of staff. Ms Mapula Mohlatlole – Grade 00, Ms Nomvuyo Magabela – Grade 0, Mrs Yvonne van Rooyen – Grade 2 and Ms Bongumusa Mbatha – Senior Phase Mathematics. They are all experienced in their areas and so far, we are happy with their valuable contributions both in and out of the classroom. We wish them a happy and long stay at ISSA.

Academics

Teaching and learning are taking place in an environment where every child can grow holistically, ask questions, and express themselves freely to master the pillars of Cambridge education: A Cambridge learner must be Confident, Responsible, Reflective, Innovative and Engaged.

Term 1 student reports will be sent to parents on Thursday 28 March, we kindly ask parents to go through the reports and discuss shortcomings and achievements with their children. Emphasis should be placed on recommendations by the teachers and strategies on how to remedy the challenges for better results in the future.

Parents are also encouraged to engage with their child's teachers on a regular basis to foster a relationship that encourages the growth and development of the child at the required pace. Homework is a very important ingredient of the learning process; parents, please help the teachers in monitoring this process.

An Intervention programme, mainly for the senior classes, will be in place next term to help children with gaps and extend those deemed to be performing at a required standard.

Extramural Activities

It was exciting to see most students take part in the co-curricular offering of the first term. The sport and cultural activities were enjoyed by the students with some of our teams competing in local Athletics District meetings, Rustenburg, and Porchestroom Swimming galas, Saheti basketball tournament and a local soccer derby.



Term 2 promises to be a busy one on the extramural front. A schedule of activities is attached in the Newsletter. We urge our parents to make the necessary preparations during the holiday period as we intend to start the activities on day one of the term.

Aftercare

Our aftercare programme is now fully functional, with academic staff seconded to guide students with their homework. We encourage parents to make use of this facility, especially those who do not have time to guide and ensure completion of homework.

Lastly, I would like to extend a special word of thanks to our hard-working teaching staff who continue to go above and beyond in delivering the best possible education for our children to enjoy. It is important to also acknowledge the enormous role played by our administrative and support staff in the smooth running of the school.

I wish all our ISSA families a restful and happy holiday and look forward to seeing our students back, refreshed, on the 29th of April.

Kind regards

Phillip Nheera

Deputy Head – Primary School

