

25 October 2024

Dear Parents,

Our return from the Mid Term has been seamless, with about 5 weeks remaining until the end of the Term.

Examinations

Our CIE examinations continue to run smoothly with some of the A- Level students having completed their final examinations as they await their results.

Our internal examinations have been brought forward slightly to begin on the 11th of November for the Gr 11 IEB students. We are on the last stretch of consolidation and intervention lessons as we prepare our students for their final examinations.

Thank you to our staff for putting in the big effort as they complete their revision work to ensure that our students are adequately prepared for their examinations.

Thank you to Mr Makudo for administering the examinations so effectively.

Parents we continue to rely on you to provide the necessary support within the home environment during the examination period which comes with its own stresses.

Spelling Bee

This week the Senior Primary School, had their annual "Battle of the Words" contest. It was great to witness the growth in ability to spell some challenging words, the joy, relief and excitement when words were spelt correctly and equally the disappointment when words were spelt incorrectly.

Parents, thank you for your encouragement during the contest, your enthusiasm and support of this event and for turning up in such huge numbers.

Congratulations to all the winners of the respective year groups in this fierce contest.

Thank you to all the staff that contributed to the success of the event.

Basketball Trip and Tournament

Our U/13 Primary School students travelled to Johannesburg this morning to participate in the American International School of Johannesburg Basketball Festival (AISJ).

We wish Coach Tshepo and his Team safe travels and all the best for the Tournament.

Next weekend we host our U/13 Basketball Festival here at International School of South Africa. We are expecting four schools from Johannesburg and two schools from Zimbabwe as we try and grow this Tournament.

Outward Bound Spirit of Adventure

Our F3 students travel on their annual Experiential Learning Spirit of Adventure camp outside Potchefstroom, and depart from the school on Sunday 27th October at 10:00 and aim to return to Mahikeng between 13:00 and 14:00 on Friday the 1st of November 2024.

Mrs Gabriel and I had a pep talk with the students this morning to share our expectations of the students while on camp.

Mr. Baka is heading the delegation, and we wish him and his Team safe travels, and we wish all our students an enjoyable experience on their adventure trip.

Swimming

Our competitive swimmers participated in the Provincial Short Course swimming gala at Pecanwood College.

This was a good start to the season after the winter break which limited our swimmers to land training in the school multi- gym.

Whilst Lefa Marole and William Makanga were placed out of the medal positions in their events, they swam personal bests in all their events. Congratulations to them.

Congratulations to Reatile Reetsang for a silver medal finish in the 50m Butterfly and Nathan Nsereko for a silver medal finish in the 200m Breaststroke, and a bronze medal position in the 100m Individual Medley.

Thanks to Mr. Mosime for supporting our swimming programme at International School of South Africa.

Building Communities of Trust

In my Assembly this week I spoke to the students about building Communities of Trust. We have recently been dealing with a serious case of theft within the school which we are currently unpacking as we conclude our investigations.

Theft if not managed correctly, can destroy trust and erode the social fabric of a community

We have a responsibility towards each other to ensure that we build safer communities for all.

We would like parents to work closely with us as we try to deal with some of these problems which rear their heads from time to time.

I wish to assure parents that in dealing with these matters we apply our outmost integrity by following due process, to ensure the best interests of all parties are well served and protected.

In my recent inaugural meeting with the newly appointed Prefect Executive, we held a constructive conversation on developing strategies on how to cultivate deeper relationships of trust within the student community, based on the value system of the school and our homes.

I wish to assure parents that as an individual and the school leader, I take a dim view on issues of theft and dishonesty, and I look forward to your support in this regard.

Conclusion

As we approach the end of the year, let us continue to support each other, and hold each other to account as we approach the finish line. Thank you for the support.

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

Yours sincerely



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