

31 July 2025

Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of another busy and fulfilling Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey. It has been a term filled with academic progress and personal growth for our students as we continue to navigate the challenging spaces, and celebrate the successes of our children.

Examinations

We have run very successful examination sessions, and I had the privilege of reading a sample of the reports. I am pleased with the overall progress that has been made by many of our students in our mid-year examinations. Praise and congratulations have been extended to those students who have done exceptionally well in our Cycle meetings which were held on Wednesday afternoon. However, I remain concerned by some of those students who have not extended themselves to their full potential this term. I encourage them to read their teacher and tutor comments carefully and follow the advice offered to improve their achievement.

Commendations Awards Assembly

We concluded the school term with a stimulating Commendation Assembly. Mr. Makudo our Deputy Principal Academics offered his balanced annual analysis of the academic landscape at the end of Term 2. He was very incisive in his overall analysis, complimenting those students who deserved praise and equally frank with those students who needed to re-prioritise their commitment towards improving academic achievement in Term 3.

We extend our sincerest congratulations to those students who were honoured during the ceremony and extend special congratulations to the first-time commendation recipients.

We encourage them to continue their good work ethic.

Thank you to all our teachers, for contributing to the academic success of our students.

Mini Olympics

One of the highlights on our calendar during the latter part of the Term was the Mini Olympics hosted by our Junior Pre-Primary School. It was a vibrant and colourful day,

bursting with energy and excitement from our little champions at International School of South Africa, to our visiting athletes from our neighbouring crèches.

This also created a great opportunity to share our beautiful facilities with our neighbours and a "big" stage for our aspirant athletes to flex their gross motor skills on the track and in the other novelty events in fierce, yet friendly competition on the day.

Overall, a well spent beautiful and memorable day of friendship and sport.

Thank you to Mrs. Swart and her energetic team for co-ordinating this event so successfully.

Parents, thank you for your overwhelming support on the day.

Volleyball Festival

This weekend all roads lead to International School of South Africa, as we prepare to receive and host 480 visiting athletes and staff travelling from Gauteng, Kwa Zulu Natal, Eswatini, and Zimbabwe, to participate in our annual U/19 Volleyball Festival.

This is one of our biggest and most competitive tournaments. We wish all our visiting teams a happy stay in Mahikeng and at the International School of South Africa.

We look forward to a great standard of volleyball during the competition and may the games be played in the true spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Thank you to Mr. Chitashu and the organising committee for all the legwork in preparation for the tournament and we wish them a successful and smoothly run festival.

Parents we look forward to your support.

Let the games begin!

Staffing

This week we bade farewell to Miss Temwani Nyama who has served us for 18 months in the English and History departments. We thank her for the solid contribution in the classroom and for her extended commitment to the Press Club, and for adjudication in our Debating competitions. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours as she moves on from our school.

We also bid farewell to Mr. Lawrence Kandawasvika, who also leaves us at the end of this term after serving a year in the Biology department.

We thank him for all his contributions during his tenure, and we wish him all the best as he leaves the International School of South Africa.

Condolences

On behalf of the International School of South Africa, we extend our sincerest condolences to the Msibi- Phonela family on the sudden passing of Mrs Bongekile Msibi-Phonela who was a Grade 2 parent at the time of her passing. We extend our sincerest condolences to Dr Phonela and his entire and extended family during this very difficult and challenging time in their lives as they mourn the loss of a dear mother and wife. May they be comforted during this dark hour and May her Soul Rest in Peace.

Beginning of Term arrangements

Term 3 commences on Tuesday 2 September 2025.

Conclusion

As we head into the break, I encourage our families to enjoy quality time together, and for our students to rest and recharge their batteries, and to return with new energy to take on Term 3. Our Cambridge final examinations begin as early as the 29th of September. We wish them well in their final examination preparations, and we look forward to parental support in this regard.

Let us continue to work together.

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

Yours sincerely



Bruce Wells
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