

19 September 2025

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of the third week of Term 3 as it hurtles away with us.

I have returned re-energised from a very inspiring conference in Cape Town themed "Breaking Barriers and Forging Links."

The common thread throughout the three days was about seeking ways to reach out to each other in a country, and a word that is separated by so many schisms and inequalities resulting in the gaps widening in world economies, and how this has a knock on effect in our educational environment amongst other sectors.

Thank you for granting me the opportunity to be away from my desk to attend the conference.

Environmental climate

The atmosphere around the school is one of quiet determination and focus, as the thespians add the final touches before unmasking themselves tonight in the student driven production, Unmasked.

Our preliminary examinations are well underway, calling for discipline, perseverance and preparation from our Grade 12 class.

Our Grade 6 students wrote their preliminary checkpoint examinations over the last three days, and these went very well.

As our focus moves closer to exam preparation, we have reduced the activities on our extra-curricular programme to allocate more time towards intervention and revision.

However, to keep the balance and the wider school engaged, our weekly enrichment sessions have been preserved for every Wednesday afternoon.

Students who are preparing for upcoming sports festivals will also be allowed to continue with their preparations in the afternoon.

Parents, please collect students timeously after school if they are not involved in any activities, unless prescribed.

Music In Time

I wish to extend my greatest appreciation and thanks on behalf of us all for an entertaining production "Music in Time" which was staged by our junior learners at the primary school. Thank you to Mrs. Michelle Swart and her fabulous Team for all their hard work during rehearsals and on production night.

Parents, as always thank you for your attendance and for your material and emotional support in the run-up to the production.

Unmasked

Please support our student driven production Unmasked this evening.

This is a formal/black tie affair.

Looking forward to seeing you tonight, if you can make it.

Please secure your ticket as there are no pre-booked tickets.

Careers and Entrepreneurship Day

On the 3rd October we look forward to another student inspired event, Careers Day under the watchful eye of Mr Makudo.

Ms Mollo will be co-ordinating our Entrepreneurship Day, with our Form 2 students.

Thank you to our parents who have come forward to inspire and share their lived experiences in their professional spaces.

We also look forward to University of the North West, University of Pretoria, Global Education and Abroad Edu among others, including members from the Business community and Entrepreneurs who are coming to exhibit on the day.

For those parents from within our community who still wish to exhibit and share experience from their professional lenses, please contact Mr. Makudo, to confirm a slot.

We look forward to productive engagements and networking opportunities on the day

Staffing

We have struggled to find a suitable Biology teacher after the unforeseen departure of our incumbent, at the end of the second term.

However, we have put in place alternative plans for the affected classes.

These have been explained in detail in a separate letter sent to parents of the affected students, by Mr. Makudo, Deputy Principal Academics.

We humbly ask for your forbearance in this regard, as these were circumstances beyond our control and thank you for your understanding.

Fields

Our fields have been looking lack lustre from the heat coupled with poisoning for weed treatment. After a cut and some water, they will be rejuvenated, as we look forward to some early spring rain.

Outings

This afternoon Thutlwa hostel girls travel to Sun City on their annual hostel outing. We wish Ms Moamogwa and her team safe travels and an enjoyable weekend.

Also travelling to Sun City for a final day outing is the Prefect body. I wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for the servant leadership our 2025 Prefects have provided for our ISSA community. We wish Mrs De Jager and her team safe travels to and from Sun City and, may they have an enjoyable day together.

Finally, we wish Mrs Buys and her Team safe travels with our L6 students attending a leadership Camp at Konka outside Rustenburg. This outing provides an opportunity for our students to hone their skills in teamwork, collaboration, empathy, and service amongst other qualities. We look forward to a new round of prefect leadership to serve us in 2026.

Conclusion

Thank you for your support, as we forge ahead very smoothly towards the preparation of our final examinations.

I leave you with a beautiful take away from the SAHISA conference.

“You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.”

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

Yours sincerely



Bruce Wells
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