

30 January 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the third week, we continue to enjoy a truly beautiful and productive term, filled with activity, achievement, and strong community spirit.

Athletics

A highlight from this week was the Botshabelo Cluster Athletics meeting, where our Senior Primary School athletes performed exceptionally well against local Primary Schools at the Goodwill Stadium in Mahikeng. We are extremely proud to share that nine of our athletes have qualified for the next round.

Today, 35 of our Senior School athletes are participating in the High School Botshabelo Cluster Athletics meeting, also at Goodwill Stadium. We wish them every success as they represent our school.

Today, our Primary School hosted their Interhouse Athletics on our track. The competition was exciting, with the lead already having changed twice between Tau and Lengau in a fiercely contested event at the time of writing this letter. I would like to sincerely thank our parents for taking time out of your busy schedules to come and support this important school event in such generous numbers.

Student Council

This week our students held elections for the Student Council. This is another layer of student leadership which is democratically elected through their year groups. This layer of leadership works in collaboration with the Prefects of the school. They will be inaugurated at a Special Assembly on the 2nd February 2026.

Summer Takeover

Tomorrow evening from 18:00 – 21:00, our Prefects will be presenting a **Summer Takeover**, and parents are warmly invited to attend. Adverts have been posted on our social media pages. We look forward to seeing you there with your picnic blankets and baskets as we gather as a school family under the clear, starry skies of Mahikeng. Please come out in support of our Prefects in their fundraising initiative.

Pastoral Letter

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Also, this afternoon, you will be receiving a Pastoral Letter from the desk of the Deputy Principal /Pastoral – Mrs L Gabriel, outlining the events of the next few weeks and the expectations that go along with it.

OISESA Training

Our staff across different departments will be undergoing online training with OISESA on Monday from 14:00 – 17:00. We go ahead into our Self Study Reflection to establish quality assurance standards are maintained within the school as prescribed by ISASA. This is an opportunity for growth and staff development as we undergo this rigorous process.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Melanie Manuel who will be joining us as the new Human Resources Manager; this is a new position in the school. She brings with her extensive experience in the HR field. We wish her all the best and a happy stay at International School of South Africa and Mahikeng.

In 2026 we want to promote a Fit and Healthy school, and we look forward to your support in this regard.

Conclusion

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school and our students, it has been a busy three weeks.

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

Yours sincerely

Bruce Wells
CEO/Headmaster
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