

13 March 2026

Dear Parents

We have reached the penultimate week of the Term 1.

However, our hearts remain heavily laden with the recent news shared this week of the untimely passing of Mrs Dipuo Diale. Thank you for the overwhelming messages of support which we have received from the ISSA community and the Board, which has been shared with the family and accepted with deep gratitude. A Memorial Service will be held in her honour at the school on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March in the School Theatre from 12:00 - 13:00. Parents are welcome to attend. She will officially be laid to rest next Saturday in the Rustenburg region, of which final funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed by the family.

School will officially end for all students after the Memorial service, apart from those staff and students that have pre-arranged commitments that cannot be deferred.

### Academics

Staff will be going into Academic Cycle meetings from 15:00 on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March where each student`s term progress will be discussed.

Parents, please continue to track your children`s progress on Adam and hopefully at this late stage of the Term, you would have contacted your child`s Tutor in the High School (and vice versa), and equally contact must continue with your children`s class teachers at the Primary School.

The last day of Term will be packed in the High school, beginning with our final Academic commendation assembly at 07:30, followed by an interhouse swimming gala, (weather permitting). Immediately after the gala the parent consultation meeting will begin from 11:00 onwards.

### Pi Day

Today our Primary School celebrated Pi Day which has become a common feature on our calendar.

Thank you to all the teachers and the Maths Department, for assisting in making Pi accessible as a concept, and thank you to our parents for making the day meaningful by providing edible pies to bring Pi to life in a fun and enjoyable way.

### Sport

Last weekend we hosted a successful U/19 girls' and boys' basketball festival.

Congratulations to Redhill School in Sandton, for emerging victorious in the girl's competition.

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Congratulations to Pretoria Boys High School for emerging champions in a fierce contest against long standing defending champions Michael Mount High School.

Congratulations to the ISSA girls' team for finishing third overall and equal congratulations to our U/19 boys that are rebuilding with the exit of many senior players last year.

Congratulations to Binta Onema for making the All-Star Girls U/19 team.

### **Netball and Soccer Festivals**

Next weekend we are hosting our Boys and Girls U/19 Soccer and Netball festivals on the last weekend of term. Please come around to support us.

### **Athletics**

Congratulations to Larona Gorman on her selection into the North West Provincial Team, (Primary Schools), in the girls U/11 80m and 100m. She also shattered a long-standing record in the 100m running an official time of 13.08 secs. She represents the Province in the National Primary Schools championships in Cape Town next weekend.

Congratulations to Chibueze Egbuna for breaking a long-standing U/14 High Jump record by clearing 1,85 metres in the Provincial Championships. He will be competing in the National Championships and fly the North West colours and the ISSA flag at the National High School Championships to be hosted in Rustenburg next weekend.

Congratulations to both athletes for these remarkable achievements and we wish them well for the upcoming championships.

Congratulations to Chinedu Egbuna for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m and Long Jump respectively, and for coming so close to achieving Provincial colours.

### **Swimming**

Congratulations and well done to Warona Langa for an incredible performance in the Girls U/10 division at the North West Level 1 Swimming gala held in Rustenburg last weekend.

She finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 25m backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 25m freestyle and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the butterfly.

Congratulations to Rethabile Ditshweu as well, for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the girls U/14 50m freestyle, at the same competition.

### **Leadership Camp**

Our Lower 6 students left for their Leadership Development Camp to Konka outside Rustenburg yesterday morning. They were first to use our new 36-seater bus (still to be branded). I am told they



had a comfortable ride and arrived safely. We wish them all the best, and a well-rounded experiential experience.

### **Staffing**

Thank you to Mr. Brenden Gray for filling the Art Position at short notice and we thank him for bringing the stability into the department while we find a suitable appointment.

### **Conclusion**

With a week to go and no midterm break between for slight respite, we are almost there, and thank you for the incredible support you have provided during this term. Thank you also to all staff and teachers who have shown resilience and commitment with another busy week ahead as we draw to the end of Term.

May we continue to pray for World Peace and for stability in our own country as we strive for greater integrity in leadership.

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Yours sincerely

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