

20 March 2026

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of a busy, productive and engaging term, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you for your continued support and partnership.

We also wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the tremendous support shown during the dignified and befitting Memorial Service held in honour of our dear colleague and parent Dipuo Diale. Your presence, messages of comfort, and unity as a community were deeply meaningful and greatly appreciated by the family.

Final funeral arrangements have been confirmed as follows:

Venue: Twee Laagte Village

Time: 07:00

Service: Lutheran Church

Our academic programme concluded with our Commendation assembly today, where we recognised students for their effort, commitment, and consistency. It was particularly pleasing to see both the Primary and High School celebrating together, reflecting our ongoing alignment across the school.

Parent consultation meetings continued successfully in both schools this week, with the final High School sessions concluding this afternoon. Thank you to all parents who attended and engaged constructively with our staff.

It is always a privilege to read our end-of-term reports. The Term 1 report includes a Tutor comment together with summative assessments. I encourage you to read these carefully and to continue engaging with Tutors and subject teachers to support your child's progress.

Sport

On the sporting front, we are excited to host 17 teams for our U/19 Boys' and Girls' Soccer and Netball festival this weekend. We warmly invite you to come and support our teams.

Athletics

- **Congratulations to Larona Gorman** who has secured her first gold medal in Girls U/11 80m at South African Primary Championships schools in Cape Town, with an outstanding time of 10.86 seconds. We wish her well for the 100m later in the weekend.

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- **Chibueze Egbuna** will compete in the U/14 High Jump at the South African High School Championships in Rustenburg. We wish him all the best.
- Congratulations to **Gracia Mwimba Onema** on achieving a bronze medal in 100 & 200m at the Club Championships held in Rustenburg last weekend.
- Congratulations to **Chinedu Egbuna** who also achieved a bronze medal in the boys 100m at the same championships.

Swimming

Earlier today, we successfully hosted our first Interhouse Swimming Gala in many years. It was a wonderful occasion marked by enthusiastic participation and the discovery of impressive swimming talent unveiled in our pool this afternoon. We look forward to establishing this as a permanent fixture on our calendar.

Eid Mubarak

To members of our Muslim community, we wish you a joyful **Eid Mubarak** as you celebrate this special occasion.

Easter

We also extend our warmest wishes to all our Christian families for a blessed and happy Easter in the weeks ahead.

Staffing

We bid farewell to Ms. Robyn Gill, who has served the school over the past two terms. We thank her for her sound contribution in the English and History classes during her time at International School of South Africa.

Mr Brenden Grey joined us on a short-term basis for the past two weeks in the Art department, and we thank him for assisting us. We continue the process of finalising this position to ensure stability within our academic environment.

We also take this opportunity to bid farewell to a truly special teacher, Mme Louisa Tlhabanyane. Since joining us in the third term of 2022, she has served the school with distinction, professionalism, humility and integrity. Affectionately known as "Mama ISSA," she has been far more than a Setswana teacher; she has been a mentor, cultural ambassador, and a motherly presence within our community. Her outstanding academic results in Setswana are the best in the history of the school, but her true legacy lies in the pride, identity, and values she has instilled in our students. We will deeply miss her presence, especially on Cultural Days, where

she so proudly represented her heritage. We thank her sincerely and wish her every blessing in the next chapter of her journey.

Mrs Tlhabanyane will be replaced by Ms. Damaria Lerato Petlele, who is joining us from Kitsong School in Phokeng, where she was responsible for teaching Setswana FAL, (Grade 9-12.) She is currently Head of Grade for (Grade 11-12). She brings with her extensive experience in teaching Setswana.

She holds a BEd in Education and a BEd Honours (Management Leadership)

We look forward to welcoming her in Term 2.

Admin office hours

Please note that the admin offices will be closed from the 30th of March 2026 and will re-open on 13th April 2026.

Term 2 - School re-opens on the 21st of April at 07:20.

Conclusion

In conclusion I wish all of you a restful holiday with your families. Thank you for all the support during a very busy and successful Term 1.

A special thank you to our staff for all their hard work in Term 1, and we wish them a restful holiday with their families as well.

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Yours sincerely



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