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Dear Parents

We have had a very disruptive week due to power outages in our area for the past 5 days, which has interrupted the rhythm of the school.

However, I am pleased to inform you that at time of writing this letter, Eskom was busy installing a new transformer and had ensured us that power would be restored today.

Thank you for your understanding in this regard, including some of our parents for trying to intervene to ensure that this matter receives urgent attention, it is highly appreciated.

### **Parents Braai**

I have been informed that the proposed parent Braai this evening has been called due to inclement weather.

### **Sport**

At 10.00 this morning our U/19 Basketball festival at International School of South Africa kicked off to a "wet start", however, all teams are in good spirits despite the weather and its unpredictability. The tournament has attracted 22 Teams from across our borders, including Botswana, Eswatini, Namibia and Swaziland. We are also pleased to welcome our neighbours Sol Plaatjie High School to the Festival. There are a total of 18 boys Teams and 11 girls' teams, including ISSA fielding four of our own Teams. We wish all the Teams a happy, competitive and enjoyable festival.

Thank you to the ISSA Team for pulling this tournament together despite the energy challenges this week and thank you to our parents for your support during the build-up and practices leading up to this event.

We look forward to your support over the weekend.

As the issue of lighting became a part of our discourse this week, a staff member quipped that they are hoping for "light at the end of a tunnel", to a sharper retort by another staff member punning for "light at the beginning of the tunnel", all in a day's work.

While still on sport, I received information hot off the track that Larona Gorman, Girls U/11 won both her 80 and 100 m races in grand style winning two gold medals in Potchefstroom today, booking herself a comfortable place in the North West Provincial squad which competes in the Inter-Provincial Championships in Cape Town in two weeks' time.

She smashed the U/11 100m Provincial record which stood at 13,34 seconds, running a time of 13,23 seconds. Congratulations to Larona.

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Wishing all our High School Track athletes the best tomorrow as they compete for Provincial Colours also in Potchefstroom.

Gracia Mwimba Onema – Girls U/18 200m

Chibueze Egbuna U/14 Boys High Jump

Lemogang Motsamai U/16 Boys High Jump

Chinedu Egbuna U/17 Boys Long Jump, Shot put and 100m

### **Staff matters**

Finally, we wish to inform Parents that a member of staff Miss Maya Le Roux recently concluded her time at International School of South Africa. Miss le Roux has served the school well in the Art and Design department for the past 4 years. We thank Miss le Roux for the commitment and dedication she has shown to the International School of South Africa during this time, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We are currently in the process of finding a suitable replacement to ensure stability and continuity.

Thank you for your forbearance and understanding in this matter.

### **Conclusion**

Thank you for your constant support as we approach the end of a busy term, with much being achieved.

As a school community, we ask that you keep the world in your thoughts whether through prayer or quiet reflection amidst these unending wars and global tensions.

Hope to see you around at the Basketball festival tomorrow.

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Yours sincerely

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