

8 May 2026

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a chilly week 3, we do so encouraged by what continues to a very smooth and purposeful start to the Term.

Our extra-curricular activities have been off to a smooth start, and a wonderful spirit continues to prevail in the academic space and in our beautiful "Theatre of Dreams", where our annual student production is well underway. Having peered into the theatre for a sneak preview, I can safely say at this early stage that we are heading for a showstopper.

**26 June onwards, please pencil that somewhere in your diary.**

### **Poetry Evening**

We look forward to our Poetry evening tonight at 18:30 in the Theatre. Please dress warmly and come along to support the creativity and authentic self-expression of our students as we celebrate their abundant talent, as they share their voices with the school community.

### **Open Day**

A reminder that our Open Day for Senior Primary and High School takes place on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

We have elevated our Marketing for this event, and from my own experience, word of mouth is the best marketing tool for a school. This day does not only offer a day to showcase our facilities and programmes, but it gives the flavour of the warm character of our unique community.

This day also allows you to interact with our greatest ambassadors, our students, who are a very unique group of human beings. My teaching and leadership experience spans four school communities, and the ISSA students have a complete and unique characteristic which is very difficult to define in word, but best encountered in person. This is our finest product.

I ask that you spread the word within your networks for Open Day from 09:00 – 13:00 across both campuses.

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## Mother's Day

As we approach Mother's Day on Sunday, we pay tribute to all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures within our community. Thank you for the countless sacrifices you make, the love you so freely give which was so palpable at the Junior Primary school today.

Thank you all for coming out to spend a relaxing afternoon with us at the Mother's Day Junior Primary School picnic. Thank you to the Junior Primary school Team for hosting such a beautiful event for our Mothers.

Wishing you all a special day, and may you be celebrated not only this weekend, but throughout the year.



## Camps

This afternoon we also welcomed back our Grade 5 and 6 students who have been away on camp. I trust that they gained new skills and made new friendships over the last few days. Thank you to our teacher's, and our drivers for driving them safely to and from the camp.

## African Pride

Finally, many across the continent have taken pride in the outstanding hosting of the recent World Athletics Relays by Botswana last weekend. The event showcased not only world-class athletics, but also the warmth, hospitality and spirit of Ubuntu that the people of Botswana extended so graciously throughout the stadium and beyond.

Congratulations to both Botswana and South Africa on their fiercely contested gold and silver medals in the Men's 4 x 100m relay which had everybody on their feet, and which has been splashed across many channels and social media across the world. This race and event inspired immense pride across the region. It was a powerful reminder of what Africa can achieve when excellence, unity and hospitality come together on the World Stage.

## Conclusion

We wish all our families a peaceful and restful weekend ahead.

Thank you always for your support.

***If it matters to the child, it matters to us.***

Yours sincerely



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