

29 May 2026

Dear Parents,

Another successful week has gone by as we draw to the end of week 5.

The anticipated Mid Term Break is now just to 2 weeks away with lots still to be done.

### **OISESA visit**

The OISESA visit was completed yesterday. In my concluding Self Study report I mentioned the process being cathartic and reflective. This was our experience as the community of International School of South Africa, as we collectively engaged with all our stakeholders in a supportive, transparent and self-evaluation process that was led by our experienced mentors Gillian Boltman and Fiona Rogers.

They were blown away, as everybody is by our beautiful campus, our respectful, confident and polite students including the warm hospitality of the ISSA community. They were equally impressed with the high standard of teaching during the respective class visits in the junior and Senior Primary and the High school respectively.

Following the results of the survey, the visit by the mentors created an opportunity for authentic engagement with all the stakeholders of International School of South Africa, by engaging in face-to-face focus groups and on a virtual platform for boarding parents.

Thank you to our parents, staff and students for your participation and feedback in the focus groups.

Special thanks to Dr Gontle Moleele our Board Chair who travelled from Botswana to participate in the focus group on governance, this was highly appreciated.

Thank you again to the Q&A Team for their collective team work in crafting and compiling a well-crafted Self Evaluation report. This was well received and commended by the Mentors.

We are delighted by the positive preliminary feedback received from the OISESA Mentors, as we continue to build and restore this beautiful community and continue to strive for excellence.

### **Eid Celebrations**

Yesterday parents from our Muslim community celebrated the second Eid. This is a special important religious celebration on the Muslim Calendar and carries deep, spiritual, historical and humanitarian significance. We trust that all members of our Muslim community enjoyed this day which has a special focus on sacrifice, charity, selflessness, humility and humanity amongst other of the special tenets that are observed on this holy day.

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### **Spirit of Adventure Rustenburg**

Today we sent off our Form 4 students on their Annual Spirit of Adventure trip to the rustic Magaliesburg mountains under the watchful eyes of Mr. Philip Baka and Ms. Amanda De Jager.

We trust this will be an experience of personal growth and development of a new skill set as they engage in experiential learning and team building over this weekend.

Thank you to our parents who came to see off their children at the bus this morning, this is highly appreciated and demonstrates the constant support we receive from our parent community.

### **Slipper Day**

Today our community supported Slipper Day. This is an annual fundraising campaign in South Africa that supports children with life threatening illnesses through work driven by the Reach for a Dream Foundation. We are inspired and encouraged by the tremendous support our student community consistently demonstrates on this day which underpins our core values of Compassion and Social Awareness. Thank you to the staff that drive this initiative annually. It is much appreciated. A generous sum of R2660 was raised.

### **Family Fun Day**

Family Fun Day was a huge success last weekend beyond all our expectations. The greatest celebration and significance for us, was the coming together of so many of our families in such a happy and peaceful way to celebrate community. The diversity and inclusion that was celebrated during the colour run in the morning, culminating in the parent soccer and netball matches, were some of the greater highlights of the day, which was followed by a family braai and an enjoyable picnic for all to relax and enjoy the afternoon. Parents, thank you again for the tremendous support and turnout that you showed on this day.

Teachers thank you all for your hard work.

### **The Earth Cries**

Ticket prices for our annual high school production, the Earth Cries have been published and will be going on sale soon.

With less than a month to go, please ensure that you have secured your tickets.

The Production Team and Cast are working extremely hard, and we are expecting two sold out nights according to the Director Rorisang Chishimba.

### **Soccer and Netball, Chess and Public Speaking Festival (29-30 May 2026)**

We welcome all our visiting Teams to the International School of South Africa.



A friendly reminder about our multi-coded and cultural activities at the Senior Primary school this weekend. Please come and support our Teams this weekend.

### **Condolences**

It is with sadness that I inform you of the sudden passing of Gaabidiwe Khaole`s wife on Wednesday. Gaabi as he is fondly know to us, is an ISSA alumnus, and also served as Chairperson of the Board of Governors from 2016-2019.

We are deeply saddened to hear about this untimely loss and we ask that the Lord holds Gaabi, his family and extended family in the palm of his hand, and may he comfort them during this sad and painful time. We extend our deepest and sincerest condolences to the entire family and extend family from all of us in the ISSA family.

May Eternal Peace be granted unto them and May the Souls of the faithfully departed Rest in Peace. Amen

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Yours sincerely

**Bruce Wells**  
CEO/Headmaster  
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