

10 July 2026

Dear Parents

Our school has now settled into the Mid-Year Examination period. The only exception is our A Level students, who continue with their normal academic programme after completing the full-scale May/June AS examination series. Examinations formally commenced today in the High School for the Grade 10 and 11 classes. Senior Primary School examinations begin on Thursday 17 July.

Our intervention classes have run smoothly, and I would like to thank both our staff and students for their commitment. As always, I encourage parents to continue providing a calm, supportive and structured study environment at home. Your encouragement and understanding play an invaluable role in helping our students perform to the best of their ability.

Prom Dance

While examinations remain our immediate focus, preparations are also well underway for our annual Prom Dance on 24 July. This is always a memorable occasion for our senior students and, as with every year, requires us to strike a careful balance between celebrating an important milestone and maintaining our academic focus. All letters related to the Prom preparations have been clearly communicated earlier to parents. Agreement has been reached that the senior students will be allowed to leave lessons on the 22nd of July after school to complete their arrangements for the Prom. I ask that we please honour this date to avoid disruption to our academic programme.

U/16 and U/19 Girls and Boys Volleyball Festival

Looking ahead, excitement is building as we prepare to host our largest-ever ISSA Volleyball Festival from 31 July to 2 August. We are expecting 55 schools from across the SADC region to descend on both our campus and Mahikeng. For the first time, the festival will combine U/16 and U/19 Boys' and Girls' competitions. We are proud to welcome our visitors, showcase our school and extend a warm North-West Province welcome to every participating team. Please ringfence this date and make a turn at the school to support our students.

Junior Primary Open Day

Our recent Junior Primary Open Day was a tremendous success. My sincere thanks go to our Junior Primary staff and the Marketing team for the outstanding organisation and warm hospitality shown throughout the event. We look forward to welcoming many new families into the ISSA family in 2027, as well as those who have opted to join us at the start of Term 3, 2026. Parents, thank you for your role in marketing the school in the community, it is highly appreciated.

Staff Information and Finance Systems Upgrade

Over the past few weeks, the school has been implementing a new Student Information and Finance systems upgrade. These improvements will enhance our efficiency and the service we provide to families.

We kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this transition as there may be occasional delays while the new systems are being fully migrated to ensure accuracy. Should you require urgent account information, please contact the Finance Office.

Staffing

Allow me to introduce and welcome Ms Dineo Mahao who will be joining the International School of South Africa as my new PA from the 31st of July 2026. However, she will be joining the school on Monday the 13th of July to begin a handover with Ms Jenna Rae who had served her notice for retirement at the end of 2025 and kindly agreed to stay on, until we found a suitable replacement. I will say more about Jenna in my later communication.

Dineo is joined by her two children Thsediso and Peloyami who will be joining the Primary School in Term 3.

Dineo has extensive experience in supporting operations across education, corporate, and community driven environments and brings along with her strong secretarial and executive support experience.

She holds a BA degree from the University of the Witwatersrand, majors in Clinical Psychology and International relations.

We wish Dineo and her family a happy and smooth transition into the International School of South Africa.

Condolences

On Behalf of the ISSA family, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Pule Msikinye on the sudden passing of his elder brother this week. We ask that the Msikinye family be given strength and courage during this trying time in their lives.

World Cup 26

Finally, like many across the continent, we followed the progress of our African representatives with great pride. Although our hopes of seeing an African team reach the semi-finals came to an end with Morocco's exit last night. Their performances once again demonstrated the growing strength and quality of African football on the world stage.

Conclusion



As our students continue through this important examination period, I encourage each of them to remain focused, disciplined and confident in the preparation they have undertaken.

Wishing all our students the best of luck during the mid-year examinations.

Thank you as always, for your continued partnership, encouragement and support. Together we remain committed to providing every child with the opportunity to grow academically, socially and personally.

"If it matters to the child, it matters to us"

Yours sincerely

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