

4 September 2026

Dear Parents,

As we head into Week 2 of Term 3, it is pleasing to see that the school has found its rhythm again. There is a positive energy around the campus as our students and staff settle into what promises to be a busy and productive term.

Sport and Extramural Activities

Our extramural programme is back in full swing, with many of our sporting codes and cultural activities running during Term 3.

We urge parents to support our afternoon programmes and, where possible, to avoid collecting students before the completion of their scheduled activities. Early collection should only take place by special arrangement through the appropriate school structures.

Our students are involved in a variety of extracurricular activities during the afternoons, including preparation for several upcoming festivals and competitions. Term 3 is a busy and demanding term, and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that our children can participate fully in our programmes.

Let us continue to encourage our children to maintain a healthy balance between academics, sport, cultural activities and personal wellbeing.

There are also exciting developments taking place within our Sports Department. We had fruitful discussions this week with delegates from the North West Cricket Union and Mahikeng Cricket Club as we explore opportunities to revive and develop cricket at the International School of South Africa. We look forward to sharing more about these exciting developments as they take shape.

Academics – Top Achievers and Most Improved Students

Our Mock Examinations for our A-Level and Grade 12 IEB students are almost complete, and I am pleased to report that the process has run very smoothly.

This week, we also held our Top Achievers and Most Improved Students Assembly, where we recognised students who have demonstrated consistent academic progress and those who have made particularly significant strides in their academic journey.

Congratulations to all our students who were recognised for their excellent efforts.

I would also like to thank our teachers for the work they continue to do in supporting and challenging our students to reach their potential.

Parents, I encourage you to maintain close contact with your children's academic programme. We have likewise encouraged our staff to maintain regular and meaningful communication with parents. A strong partnership between home and school remains one of the most important ingredients in supporting our children's success.

Boarding House outings

Thutlwa House will be travelling to Johannesburg this weekend, whilst Nkwe House will be taking a short left to Rustenburg on their annual hostel outings. We wish them all great fun and safe travels to and from their destinations. Thank you to our House Parents and their Teams for going the extra mile in providing alternative forms of entertainment for our students. This is highly appreciated.

The Jungle Book – Senior Primary Production

Our Senior Primary students will soon take to the stage for their production of *The Jungle Book*. We look forward to seeing their creativity, confidence and talent come to life. Please ringfence **Wednesday 30 September and Thursday 1 October 2026** in your diaries to avoid disappointment.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to the Senior Primary school Team for working flat out for the upcoming production.

Fun Day – 3 October 2026

Our whole-school **Fun Day** will take place on **3 October 2026**. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our ISSA and the local Mahikeng community to come together, enjoy one another's company and celebrate the spirit of our school.

We have exciting activities lined up for the day including staff, student and Alumni soccer games lined up for the day. This is advance notice for prospective participants to get into some good physical shape to avoid bigger doctors' bills post competition.

We would also like to ask for parent volunteers to assist in our stall management in conjunction with staff to create an inclusive and a community ambience. If you would like to assist, please drop us your name through my PA - Dineo Mahao on: dmahao@issa.co.za

If all else fails, I will be making personal overtures to parents for support in managing of stalls, in true ISSA spirit of bringing community closer together.



Please follow us on our Social Media Pages as this event gains momentum and spread the word to family and friends.

Conclusion

Please continue to follow our school calendar, newsletters and our social media platforms for updates on academic programmes, sporting fixtures, cultural activities and upcoming school events.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

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Yours sincerely,

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