

18 September 2026

Dear Parents,

It is very hard to reconcile that we have already reached the end of Week 4. With end of the year fast approaching, as we fulfil calendar commitments, the list sometimes feels endless.

Celebrating Top Achievers USA

At assembly this week, we had the pleasure of unveiling four of our students who will be travelling to the United States, as part of the Travel and Tour Top Achievers programme, which recognises students who achieved an aggregate of 75% or above - providing them with the opportunity to experience an organised educational and cultural tour of the USA, including visits to some of the country's prestigious universities.

Congratulations to the following students:

Form 2

- Letlotlo Twala
- Oaitse Moami

Form 3

- Mmalerato Mathe
- Vimbisu Tigere

We are grateful to our parents for affording their children this well-deserved opportunity which will broaden their horizons, inspire ambition and encourage them to continue striving for excellence. Perhaps one day they would return as research fellows to those IVY league universities, inspired by this visit.

Careers Fair

On Friday (18th September 2026), we hosted our second Careers Fair, and I would like to extend our special thanks to the exhibitors from the following institutions and to professionals that have come in their private capacities to share their craft with us.

- North West University (Mahikeng)
- Emeris University former (Monash University)
- Western Radiologist
- Abroad Edu connect
- Physiotherapy - Mr Kurt van Greenen
- Maine Accounting Firm
- Belgium Campus IT University
- Institute for Creative Arts and Technologies

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Visting Schools

- **Mmabatho High School**
- **Setlopo High School**
- **St. Michaels High School**

There was greater participation and engagement by our students.

Thank you to our ISSA staff for allowing us the latitude to allow our students to attend the Career Fair and thank you to Mr. Makudo for co-ordinating the event.

Deputy Heads Conference

Mr. Makudo will be travelling to Nelspruit on Sunday to attend the ISASA Deputy Heads Conference. We wish him safe travels and enriching experience. He will be back in his office on Wednesday

Parent Evening

Thank you for your attendance at the Parent-Teacher consultation this week. The huge attendance and participation are appreciated and demonstrates the value of the partnership between home and school. We ask for your continued support as we enter the preparations for the final examinations for our children. Online meetings have been co-ordinated for boarder parents.

Reading Riot

Congratulations to **Morena Ntsamai - Grade 6** (Senior Primary) who was honoured and received an award for finishing in the Top 10 in the North West Province in the Reading Riot Competition which was co-hosted by the North West Department of Education.

Reading Riot is a national programme which focuses on developing reading for understanding, with the main focus on mastering comprehension and writing skills.

Congratulations to International School of South Africa for finishing 3rd overall in the province!

Thank you to Mrs Wells for driving this initiative and thank you to Mr & Mrs Ntsamai for accompanying Morena to Rustenburg to receive his award. This kind of support is highly appreciated.

Mini Olympics

On Friday, 18th September 2026, our ECD hosted a fabulous Mini Olympics with our neighbouring pre-primary schools. This was our 4th year hosting this event and it continues to get bigger and better. Despite the slight inclement weather, the children had a blast and dare I say the parents had a better time. We value this partnership with our neighbouring pre-schools as this serves as a natural feeder pipeline into our Grade 1 classes for 2027.

Thank you to our parents for their tremendous support on the day and congratulations to our gallant athletes who participated with such energy and zeal.

Special thanks to Mrs. Michelle Swarts (HOD) ECD and her fabulous Team for organising a splendid event.

Outings

On Saturday, 19th September 2026, we honoured our prefects with their annual Sun City visit. This is an act of gratitude by the school in recognising the service that has been provided by the outgoing Prefect Leadership. We thank the students for raising their hands to be of service to the greater

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school community and equally thank their parents for their support while their children were in service to the school. This role calls for greater discipline and commitment.

Congratulations to our outgoing prefect for their excellent service to the school. A big thank you to Mrs. Buys and Mr. Ncube for providing sound mentorship and guidance for our students.

Upcoming Events

This upcoming weekend we host the **u14 and u16 Basketball Festivals** at International School of South Africa. Please come and support us, as we invited more than 40 Teams from across South Africa and a few schools from our neighbouring regions. Thank you to Mrs. Gabriel and her Team for pulling this mammoth task together.

Jungle Book (30 September – 1 October) is receiving its final touches under the directorship of Mrs. Camilla Hendricks and her Team. Looking forward to your attendance and please secure your tickets to avoid disappointment.

Fun Day on the 3 October, is also fast gaining traction, and we are excited about what is shaping up to a wonderful day for our community. Looking forward to your participation and support, on this day too. Thank you to our Marketing Team that is doing a tremendous job on this front.

Safeguarding and Security

Parents, the safety of our children must remain our collective responsibility. We, therefore, ask for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and secure campus.

We are, again, appealing to parents not to walk directly to classrooms to deliver lunches, forgotten items or any other items which may need to be delivered to the school. This challenge continues to prevail at the Primary School.

While we understand the good intentions behind these requests, every additional person moving through the school during the school day makes it more difficult for us to maintain proper control of who is on campus. The new security company is aware of these protocols.

Your cooperation is not about creating barriers between home and the school, it is about creating the safest possible environment for our children. Thank you for helping us to keep our campus safe.

Conclusion

Thank you for your support during this busy term.

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Yours sincerely,



Bruce Wells
CEO/Headmaster
International School of South Africa