

9 October 2026

Dear Parents,

We have finally reached the Mid-Term of Term 3, I think we can all agree on one thing: it has been an exceptionally busy first half of the term.

When we look back at everything that has taken place over these past few weeks, it is remarkable how much our school community has achieved.

This has not simply been a busy term. It has been a term filled with academic achievement, celebration, learning, leadership, sport, culture and community engagement.

LEADERSHIP — OUR PREFECT BODY

Recently, we inducted our new Prefect Body.

Please join us in congratulating our new leadership of International School of South Africa.

Prefect Executive:

- Head Prefect - Gabriel Kampondeni
- Deputy Head - Oletlile Leseyane
- Deputy Head - Hazel Tukei

Prefects:

▪ Reabetswe Baitsile, ▪ Tawana ChakareVanessa Chantaya ▪ Tlhomamo Khesa ▪ Tondani Mabaya ▪ Koketso Marwane ▪ Resegofetse Mestsing	▪ Senele Mmango ▪ Wongani Mshali ▪ Kamogelo Nthompe ▪ Binta Onema ▪ Orefemetse Thulo
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Leadership at ISSA is not simply about wearing a badge or holding a title. It is about service, responsibility, example and the willingness to make a difference to others.

To our outgoing prefects, we expressed our gratitude for the legacy they have left behind, in what was described as a "Quiet" yet effective leadership. To our incoming prefects, we reminded them that much is expected from those to whom much is entrusted.

We wish our new prefects every success, as they continue to develop their leadership and serve our school community with the greatest integrity informed by our school values below.

- Respect for all
- Hard Work
- Honesty
- Responsibility
- Social Awareness
- Compassion

Valedictory

Our Valedictory was another special occasion — an opportunity to pause and recognise our departing students and the journey they have travelled at ISSA.

There is something very special about watching young people grow from children into young adults ready to take their next steps in life. This is always a very bitter-sweet moment for ISSA, as we bid farewell to our class of 2026, they join the rank and file of our illustrious group of Alumni from International School of South Africa.

We wish them courage, integrity and resilience, as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Academic Honours Awards.

This evening, we celebrated our Academic Honours awards.

We are reminded that academic success is never simply about marks. Behind every achievement there is discipline, perseverance, sacrifice and support.

We congratulate our students who have achieved academic honours, and we acknowledge and express our deepest gratitude to our parents for the huge role they have played in supporting their children along this journey.

Most importantly, we remind all our students that success is not always about being the best. It is about becoming the best version of yourself and how this can be translated to serving others to make the world a better place.

Festival Results

Our sporting programme has once again demonstrated the extraordinary commitment of our students and coaches and managers.

Our U14 and U16 Basketball Girls and Boys Basketball Festival was a tremendous success, bringing together schools and young athletes in the spirit of competition, friendship and sportsmanship.

A special congratulations to our **U14 Boys, who won the Gold Medal**, we congratulate all our ISSA teams for reaching reached the semi-finals of the festival.

Basketball is one of our flagship codes as we continue to strengthen our other codes along the way.

This week, we also celebrated our Sports Awards, which gave us another opportunity to recognise not only achievement but the qualities behind achievement — discipline, commitment, teamwork, resilience and perseverance.

Congratulations to all our recipients of our special awards for receiving recognition for their participation in sport and the wider life of the school.

Special Congratulations to:

- *Hazel Tukei on her Sports Girl of the Year Award*
- *Chinedu Egbuna on his Sports Boy of the Year Award*

This weekend our U14 boys Basketball team is participating in Northwest Provincial trails here at the Mmabatho stadium in Mahikeng. We wish them all the success as they compete for Provincial Colours and continue to keep the ISSA flag flying over the Mid Term-Break.

Jungle Book Senior Primary Production

Our Senior Primary production of **The Jungle Book** was another highlight of the first half of term 3.

What made this production particularly special was that every child was involved, and every child had a line.

It was not simply about finding the strongest performers. It was about ensuring that every child had an opportunity to contribute, to be seen, to build confidence and to be part of something bigger than themselves. Inclusivity is another important trait of our school community.

A huge thank you to our teachers and production team, and especially to our parents for the tremendous support you gave our children throughout the rehearsals and performances.

Fun Day

Fun Day has come and gone.

What a wonderful and memorable celebration it was for the ISSA family. It brought our families, students, staff and wider community of Mahikeng together in an atmosphere of joy, diversity, inclusion and celebration.

It also demonstrated something that is very important to us at ISSA — our hospitality. We opened our doors, welcomed our community and showed what happens when people come together with a common purpose.

It was a wonderful celebration for our school and, more importantly, it reminded us that a school is not simply a collection of classrooms. A school is a community.

Thank you for the great teamwork that went into this to make this day such a splendid success.

TEACHERS' DAY — GRATITUDE

Our recent Teachers' Day gave us the opportunity to say something that sometimes gets lost in the busyness of school life:

"Thank you."

To our teachers — thank you for your dedication and showing up for our children when it matters most. This is highly appreciated.

EXAMINATIONS

As we leave for the Mid-Term break, our external examinations are already underway.

Cambridge IGCSE examinations have begun, and by the time we return, our Grade 12 IEB and A-Level examinations will also be fully underway.

To all our examination candidates: we wish you every success.

To our parents, we ask for your continued support during this important period.

Please provide our students with a calm, supportive and conducive environment for learning as always. Their results are important and so is their wellbeing.

OUTWARD BOUND

Learning at ISSA does not stop at the classroom door.

Our Grade 4 students have headed out to Sebida Kwela in the Brits region this week, while our Form 3 students will be travelling to Venterskroon also in the Northwest Region after Mid-Term, as part of their Outward-Bound experiences.

These experiences challenge students, build independence, develop resilience and create memories that will remain with them long after they leave school. We wish them safe travels to and from their destinations of travel.

Appreciation

Finally, as we reach Mid-Term, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the many people who make everything we do possible behind the scenes.

To our Administration, Catering, Laundry, Grounds, Maintenance teams and Fox Security, and to every member of staff who has contributed in big ways and small ways.

Much of what you do happens quietly, without applause or recognition but it matters!

And that is something we should never forget.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to wish every member of the ISSA community a happy and restful Mid-Term break. I hope each of you gets an opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends.

Let us return from the Mid-Term with renewed energy and continue doing what we do best creating opportunities, developing character and helping every child discover their potential.

Parents, thank you once again, for your loyal support of International School of South Africa.

A reminder: Boarding Students who will be away for Mid-Term Break will be collected and returning from the airport on Sunday – 18th October 2026.

“If it is important to the child it is important to us.”

Yours sincerely,



Bruce Wells
CEO/Headmaster
International School of South Africa