



### Our Core Values

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

### Dear Parents

*In week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October, we bid farewell to Mrs Williams. Mrs Williams has enjoyed an illustrious five years at the International School with her students taking top ranking in English in South Africa and in the World. During Mrs Williams' time at the school she has been acutely involved in the pastoral care of all students. She has also passionately driven Debating and Public Speaking which enabled our students to reach NW Province Debating in December 2017.*

*Amongst teachers, Mrs Williams will be missed for her quick wit, humour and caring demeanour. Students, will miss Mrs Williams' well planned and engaging lessons; not to mention topical debates which sometimes raises a brow or two.*

*We wish Mrs Williams well in settling in at home in Johannesburg and in all her future endeavours.*

*Last week we also welcomed Mr Mambiravana to our English teaching team. We wish Mr Mambiravana and his family well during this transitional period and we wish him success as he embarks on the next chapter of his professional career at the International School of South Africa.*

### Commendation and Honours Evening

Commendation Assembly on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October was the catalyst to an excellent week. Surprise and revelation were key moments as they were recognised in Form 5, Lower 6 and Upper 6 for academic commendations, Form 1 – Upper 6 achievements certificates and half-colours in a variety of sporting and cultural areas. We congratulate all students who have displayed strength of character and perseverance in achieving success.

Honours Evening on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October was certainly a celebratory event with students being recognised for the achievements over the year, and for some, it was the culmination of receiving the highest recognition, "Honours". Our guest speaker, Alumna, Ms Lebogang Chaka, shared with us her journey from International School of South Africa student to company director and consultant to Presidential offices. Her speech was certainly motivational and inspirational for our millennials!





I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all teachers for their hard work and dedication in preparing our students for the real-world. I would also like to thank our parent community for their continued support and engagement.

2018 Inter-house final results:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Eagles 320

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hawks 340

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Falcons 360

Well done and congratulations to all students who have contributed to the above results.

### **SAT's College Board USA**

The SATs which took place on 6<sup>th</sup> October were very successful. The following SAT's will take place on:

3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **U14 & U16 Basketball Festival**

The International School of South Africa yet again hosted the most successful annual U14 and U16 Basketball festival from Friday 28 September to Sunday 30 September 2018.

The Festival has grown so popular and this year 39 teams from 15 schools took part in the festival, which equated to about 450 visitors. The festival has truly become an international tournament with 4 teams coming from Botswana, 8 teams from Swaziland, 3 teams from Zimbabwe, 2 teams from Rustenburg and 2 teams from Cape Town. The rest of the teams were from Johannesburg schools.

We were unable to accommodate all the teams in our hostels and we had to find accommodation for about 150 people in 6 guest houses around the school. It was pleasing to have schools participating for the first time, namely, Waterford School from Swaziland and Prince Edward School from Zimbabwe. The defending champions Girls High School Harare from Zimbabwe again won both the U14 girls and U16 girls divisions after comfortably defeating St Mary's and the Western Cape Sport School respectively in the finals. This means they get to keep the floating trophies as this is their third year in a row winning in both age groups. The corresponding winners for boys were Usutu Forest School from Swaziland and Maru-a-pula School from Botswana who won fiercely contested finals against the American International School of Johannesburg and the Western Cape Sport School respectively.



The ISSA U16 Girls played tough group games, and failed to win any match, thus did not qualify for the quarterfinals. The U14 Girls won all their 3 group stage games but were unlucky to lose by one point in their quarterfinal against St Mary's. The U16 Boys showed great determination and played well but lost in the quarterfinals to the Western Cape Sport School.

Our most successful team was the U14 Boys who won their quarterfinal against a confident and more experienced Maru-a-pula team in over-time but appeared exhausted in their semi-final loss to the eventual winner Usutu Forest School. They also narrowly lost the bronze medal game to St Stithians and were placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams in their division.

The festival was once again fortunate to have Neo Mothiba, who is the South Africa Senior Men's Basketball National Team Captain coaching St Mary's teams and Pumla Sathula, the South Africa Senior Women's Basketball National Team Captain, who works with The American International School of Johannesburg.

Thank you and well done to all staff and students who assisted in various ways during the festival. A special thank you to all the parents who came to support.

Mr T. Taruvona

### **SANTA SHOEBOX**



The Santa Shoebox Project (SSB) should like to thank all Students, Parents and Staff across the International School of South Africa, both Senior and Primary Schools, for their continued support of this national initiative in 2018. Empathy and respect for others are important life skills we should teach all our children and their continued involvement in this Project serves to reaffirm this and other values taught at the School. In this harsh economic climate, we are particularly grateful for your support and readiness to assist us in putting a smile on the faces of more children. The shoeboxes will be delivered to SSB approved facilities in our local communities by the second week of November 2018.



For anyone still wishing to Pledge shoeboxes or donate items; please visit our website, [www.santashoebox.org.za](http://www.santashoebox.org.za) or contact the local SSB Coordinator, Melanie Sebakwane on 084 501 9733.

### **Cambridge Examinations**

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October we began with the November series of Cambridge examinations.

Please note that all day students in Form 5 – U6 need to be at school by 08:30 for the AM examination session and 12:30 for the PM examination session. Day students in Form 5 – U6 have also been granted permission to attend school for their examination sessions only. Thus they may leave the academic campus as soon as they have completed their examination. They are only required to attend revision sessions on request from, and arrangement with their teachers.

Communication pertaining to the above matter has already been sent to families. Students must be dressed in full school uniform for examinations and study sessions. Students must ensure that they have their examination cards on them for all examinations.

On behalf of faculty we would like to take this opportunity in wishing all students well for their final examinations.

### **REMINDER OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Art Exhibition 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 18:00 – 20:00

Mid-term break 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018: 12:00 to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. Students return 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.

Maru-a-Pula 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Form 1 – 4 Commendation Assembly – 5<sup>th</sup> November

Form 3 Trip 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Yours sincerely**

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