



Our Core Values

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

Dear Parents

As Summer approaches, it is refreshing to enjoy the cool mornings and warm long days. It is evident that our students are burning both ends of the candle as they prepare for the internal November examinations, which begin in next week. A comprehensive study timetable will ensure success in all written examinations. It is imperative to note that sleep is essential for the teenage brain and we encourage the prescribed dosage of sleep and balanced diet, during this important time in the academic year.

It is wonderful to note that study groups have been initiated and are functioning effectively. Approaches to Learning lies at the heart of our curriculum, ensuring that our students are able to answer these key questions in all subject areas:

What are my present skills in this area and what evidence do I have of my developments?

What skills can I improve?

What new skills can I learn?

I am proud to say that many students have taken responsibility for their own learning and development. This independent engagement is a definite key to success. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all teachers for their unwavering support and dedication to all students, during a very busy time of the academic year.

Mr Nheera and I enjoyed our recent marketing visit to Maun, Botswana, where we were plunged into temperatures of over 40 degrees Celsius. Our efforts to engage with parents, students and Primary Schools were very positive, as we continue to market the International School of South Africa to our immediate neighbours. We are immensely proud to have met and worked with different stakeholders who share our vision and ethos as a school.

Our teachers enjoyed excellent Social Tennis matches on Thursday 8th November, which identified hidden talents and renewed energy in the game. Well done to Mrs Makudo and Mr Mambiravana who remain unbeaten, as a doubles team.

We are pleased to announce a Literary competition for students who would like to engage their minds during the Summer vacation and have their pieces of writing published in a book. The competition is outlined as follows:

Literary Competition 2019

Writers across the school are invited to submit their latest written texts in Afrikaans, English, French and Setswana. The original literary work should take on one of the following forms:

- Poems
- Short-stories
- Novels
- Descriptive sketches
- Essays
- Or other forms of prose

The essence of creativity needs to be captivated in all writing. Submission deadline 17th January 2019 to the following teachers:

- Mrs Gabriel
- Mrs Goromondo
- Mr Ncube
- Mrs Njemla
- Mrs de Jager
- Mr Dewa
- Mr Mambiravana
- Mrs Safi

All successful novelists will have their pieces published in a book which will be awarded to successful students at a special event in January 2019.

The assessment criteria is outlined as follows:

A: Analysing

B: Organizing

C: Producing text

D: Using language

By Language Department

Mathematics report

In the Mathematics department we do not only solve equations but we also train students how to think critically and analytically by giving them word problems which present real life situations. This objective is also achieved through taking part in Olympiads which bring about concepts which may not necessarily be taught in class. Even though our students did not take part in the South African Mathematics Olympiad, they showed their enthusiasm and passion for the subject by taking part in the University of Pretoria Olympiad. Although we are breathing a sigh of relief since the external examinations are now out of the way, it is business as usual with Forms 1 to 4.

The Form 4's are busy with Similarity and Congruence which helps them to appreciate and understand the concept of maps and models. They will round up the year with Mensuration, where they will learn about volume and surface area. It is interesting to note that Archimedes of Samos (287-212BC) is one of the first people to apply scientific thinking to everyday problems. Hence he was able to prove most of the formulae that we use today. Most importantly he came up with the range for the value of pi. We hope one day one of our students will be like this famous Mathematician.

Form 3 students are investigating Circle theorems while Form 2 students are not only exploring the concept of sharing through ratio but are also discovering the concept of proportionality. The Form 1's have discovered that the buildings of International School of South Africa is symmetrical through learning about symmetry.

Article by P. Chivige head of Mathematics

Tholo House dinner

On Saturday, 27th October a group of 25 young ladies dressed up to celebrate a journey of a family in 2018; with caring house parents, tutors and staff in attendance.



The House Dinner was an event of great food, beautiful vintage bohemian décor and dancing the night away. A special thank you to the caterers for pulling out all the stops in decorating the tables with fruit displays and cheese platters to ensure a food-filled evening.

We were honoured to have Mrs Simba, our guest speaker for the evening, who taught us lessons in becoming independent ladies. Appreciation to Ms Makhan for joining us for this special occasion.



We would like to express our gratitude to the Houseparent and tutors for the care and support during 2018.

By Kudzai Mutyavaviri

ISSA vs Maru-a-Pula Swimming Derby



Last weekend we had our Annual Swimming and Athletics Derby with Maru-a-Pula from Botswana. There was fierce, but healthy competition in all aspects of the sport, especially swimming. We completed the swimming meeting with a fun 'T-shirt relay'. The form 1's and 2's were up against fierce competition. I would like to congratulate the swimmers for their efforts. Not only did students manage to achieve goals that they had set for themselves, but they also had fun doing it!

We would like to thank everyone involved in the organising and smooth running of the gala. We would also like to thank Maru-a-Pula for making

the annual trip from Botswana to Mafikeng to compete against us. A big thank you also to those parents that came out to support students. The steady growth of the Development Team has been pleasing. We look forward to this growth continuing in 2019.



We would like to thank Mrs De Jager for coordinating the gala, Mr Jinasena and Mrs Stander for all the training, time and passion in ensuring the swimmers had an amazing time doing what they love.

Idanai Dube

Examination Preparation

We would like to take this opportunity in wishing all our candidates everything of the best during their preparation for the November Examinations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Y Makhan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ms Y Makhan
Acting CEO/Headteacher: Senior School