



Our Core Values

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- Ø Hard Work
- Ø Honesty
- Ø Responsibility
- Ø Social Awareness
- Ø Compassion

Dear Parents

As this term draws to a close, we recognise the hard-work and dedication of teachers and all staff employed at the school, the diligence and improved work ethic of students and the principled values of our parent body.

This year has certainly been an interesting, fun-filled and enjoyable year. I fondly remember, the first day of Sunday registrations, followed by a wonderful lunch; enjoyed by students, parents and teachers alike. The results from the November 2017 Cambridge examinations, were outstanding, with 100% pass in many subjects which included IGCSE Mathematics to A Level Physics.

The plethora of sport and culture in the form of festivals, tournaments, matches and performances have been great. Our vision for 2019 is certainly to grow the more popular sports and invest in students who want to take these sports to the next level. On that note, I remind you of the major production 'Tau'; it did feel as if the characters were taken from a Walt Disney set. Once again, our students invested and reaped positive results. The planning for our 2019 production is well under way, and once again it will be a show stopper of note!

Congratulations to all of our students who have been capped to play sport for the North West Province. We wish you everything of the best in your endeavours and in the opinion of Michael Jackson, it takes 10 000 hours or more to become a creative genius. Perhaps it stands to reason that a prodigy requires 20 000 hours or more. As teachers we see talent on a daily basis, so practice, practice, practice....

As we reflect on 2018, I hope that together we have inspired students to see their own "success and failures" in a new, more positive and empowering light!

Lastly I would like to share with you my own recipe for success

1. Have no regrets
2. Regret what you have not attempted rather than what you have
3. Treat people and yourself well
4. Work hard
5. Strive to make a difference to the people you meet and the people you already know

I believe that there are three types of people in this world:

1. Those that make things happen
2. Those who watch things happen
3. And those who wonder what happened.

Which one are you?

As we reflect on a year which is about to end, there is so much to be thankful for and appreciative of. I hope that your reflections of the year will also encapsulate the core values of:

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Resignations

Unfortunately we bid farewell to the following teachers at the end of this academic year:

Mr Ian Bredenkamp



Mr Bredenkamp joined ISSA in 2016 as an English teacher. He Taught Form 2 – 5 as well as L6 in his first year. He coached Basketball and helped to run the ICT club with Mr Jayalath.

In Mr Bredenkamp's second year he taught English to Forms 1 – 4 and L6 students. In addition he was in charge of the Gaming and Poetry clubs and the U/14 Basketball Team placed 2nd at the ISSA Basketball tournament, under the excellent coaching of Mr Bredenkamp.

In Mr Bredenkamp's third year at ISSA he began teaching History in addition to the Form 3 – U6 English classes and was also appointed as the Technical Director for the TAU production and recently took up the headship of the Technicians group.

Mr Bredenkamp was also the House-Tutor in Tau Hostel and we know that the boys will certainly miss Mr Bredenkamp next year.

Mr Bredenkamp has a great sense of humour, and is a master of deadpan expression, which one is often duped by.

Mr Bredenkamp has made a significant contribution to the International School of South Africa during his three years at the school. We wish Mr Bredenkamp well as he takes up a post at Helpmekaar in Johannesburg.

Ms Y Makhan

Mrs T Thiele



Mrs Thiele joined the International School of South Africa in 2008 as a part-time Mathematics teacher and then as a full-time Science teacher.

Although Mrs Thiele has only been known to me for the past 3 years, I soon realised that Mrs Thiele was an excellent administrator and organiser, who planned meticulously for aspects of her role. Mrs Thiele is an academic and a lifelong learner, which is evidenced in her completing a BSc (Mathematics and Applied Mathematics) Degree. In addition, Mrs Thiele also coached the Tennis team.

Mrs Thiele also assisted in Thutlwa Hostel as a Hostel Tutor and she will be sorely missed by the Thutlwa girls.

Mrs Thiele sets extremely high standards for herself, and does not shy away from addressing issues when these arise. She is highly principled, and voices her concerns when necessary.

We wish Mrs Thiele well as she takes up a post at the Deutsche Internationale Schule in Johannesburg.

Ms Y Makhan

New staff January 2019

In saying goodbye to Mr Bredenkamp and Mrs Thiele, we also welcome the following teachers to our teaching community:



Langutani Mathebula will be joining the Science department in January 2019 and her biography is as follows:

“My name is Langutani Mathebula and I was born in a small village of Mashamba where I started my primary education at Mashamba Presidential school.

I was raised in a big family and I am the seventh born of thirteen children. Being raised in a large family drove me to work hard at school and when I completed my seventh grade, I was awarded a scholarship to attend a Cambridge school where I graduated in 2012.

I am completing my degree in BEd Natural Sciences at the University of Pretoria majoring in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. I enjoy playing netball and board games such as chess and scrabble. I also like going to church and reading.

I decided to pursue a career in education because I was inspired by my Mathematics teacher at school. He was passionate about the subject and was dedicated and showed interest in all his students’ education. This made me love Mathematics and to work hard and do my best in my subjects.

I am very excited about beginning my career at the International School of South Africa and I am looking forward to meeting my classes in 2019”.

“**Winnet Mandondo** was born into a family of 4 boys and 2 girls. Winnet was educated in Zimbabwe and completed her high school and tertiary education there.

Having worked as a high school Geography, History and English educator as well as School Counselor, she was eventually promoted to Deputy Director of Academic Affairs at a high school in Harare before immigrating to South Africa. In South Africa, she worked as Personal Assistant to the Director of a car dealership before rejoining a high school, teaching at Midland Junior and High School near Pretoria. She pioneered the establishment of Midland Junior and High School before joining the Vuleka Group of Schools as Geography, History and English educator at Sekolo SA Borokgo in 2015. Here she worked and was eventually promoted as Head of Department Humanities in 2016. She then pioneered and headed the School Disciplinary Committee until end of 2018 upon which she joined the International School of South Africa as Geography, History and English Language educator, a position commencing in January of 2019, marking her 21st year in the teaching field.

A mother of 3 and a strong believer of each child being unique and deserving a champion in the form of an educator. For this reason she makes it part of her core business to build strong relationships that go beyond just academics with all the learners that are privileged to come under her care.”

Interns

We welcome our new ISASA Interns:

Mr Sherith Molaoa – BSc graduate in Mathematics and Computer Science. Mr Molaoa will be pursuing his PGCE during the course of 2019. Mr Molaoa hails from Logageng Village in Mahikeng and comes with some teaching experience.

Ms Thebeyapelo Tshepang Oprah is a positive young lady with a great sense of humour and she will be studying BEd Senior and FET Maths and Physical Sciences during 2019.

We wish our new Interns a long and happy stay with ISSA.

Writing competition

This is another appeal to avid writers who are interested in having their work published in an anthology of literature.

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

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

Please refer to the 2019 calendar for term dates.

Please note that the school office will be closed from the afternoon of 14th December 2018 and will re-open on 7th January 2019

International Tour 2019

It is with excitement that we announce that the International Tour planned for August 2019, is a collaborative event that will cater for academics and sports, and give our students the unique opportunity to experience the best of France and a taste of Spain. The intention is to have a Soccer and a Basketball team as well as a group of French academic student's journey from Paris to Barcelona and on route, learn, play, train and make wonderful memories with their team mates and friends.

Highlights include but are not restricted to:

- French language lesson in Paris
- Visit Bibliothèque Mazarine in Paris
- Visit University of Limoges
- Visit Toulouse University
- Visit Toulouse Space Station
- 2x Coaching Sessions for Soccer and Basketball teams
- 4x Games against local teams (3x France and 1x Spain)
- Visit main Basketball arenas in Paris and Limoges
- Behind the scene tour of the Stade de France Paris
- Palais des Sport de Beaublanc
- Camp Nou Barcelona
- Sagrada la Familia



The teachers that will be accompanying the students will be Mr Shepherd Ncube, Mr Tariro Taruvona, Mr Jeffrey Munatsi and Mrs El-Marie Ludick. The programme can be found on the school Web or Facebook pages and for further information Mrs Ludick can be contacted at 083 225 1120.

Final Examinations

The vast majority of students have achieved good results in the November examinations. They have proven that hard-work and dedication reaps positive results. We wish candidates well as they await their final results and reports. Reports will be emailed to parents and students on Thursday 6th December 2018, from 09:00 – 10:00.

All students must ensure that they have returned all text books.

I would like to take this opportunity in wishing the International School of South Africa community, peace, joy and happiness over this festive season. Enjoy a restful break and best wishes for the start of 2019!



Yours sincerely

Ms Y Makhan
Acting CEO/Headteacher: Senior School