



Our Core Values

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

Dear Parents

Message from the Chairperson of the Board

It is an honour and privilege to be nominated and then elected as Chairperson of the Board of Governors, of the International School of South Africa. I wish to acknowledge that we are steadfast in our vision to ensure that we continue to work with the management, teachers and parents to enable that students enjoy all aspects of school and thereby become the Global Leaders of tomorrow. We continue in our endeavours to provide the best possible education to all students.

As a Board we have three key roles:

1. **Working Strategically:** Defining the school values, vision and aims, to discuss, agree and continually evaluate strategic plans and policies. To have an input into school development plans, to include curriculum development, which cover the school's immediate future and show the longer term progress the school will make over the next three to five years.
2. **Acting as a Critical Friend:** Supporting the Executive, Senior Management and Staff, as well as constructively challenging and building on their expectations to ensure the best possible outcomes for students are achieved.
3. **Ensuring Accountability:** Board members answer for their decisions and the school performance to key stakeholders. To achieve this, they work closely with the CEO to ensure a cycle of continual improvement. Board members are individually linked with sub-committees and undertake regular visits to school relating to their specific responsibilities.

As a Board of Governors we continue to uphold the vision and the mission of the International School of South Africa, as outlined below:

VISION

The International School of South Africa aims to be the International Cambridge School of choice in Southern Africa, Africa and beyond.

MISSION STATEMENT

The International School of South Africa:

- Provides a holistic and balanced education for every student within a broad and inclusive curriculum (academic, social, spiritual, cultural and sporting);
- Promotes a stimulating and challenging learning environment founded on tolerance, mutual respect, caring relationships, moral accountability, personal integrity and professional commitment;
- Recognises the need to work closely and effectively with all stakeholder.

I look forward to engaging with staff and parents whilst developing excellent working relationships with all who have vested interest in the International School of South Africa.

Mrs Ayesha Hassim
Chairperson of the Board

Primary School

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am greatly encouraged, as I walk the playgrounds and visit classrooms, by our children's freedom to express critical thought and to do so respectfully. It is important to encourage our children to think critically and independently. It is also important for adults to acknowledge when that critical thought is valid, even if we may disagree with the essence thereof. It is important to acknowledge when we don't have an answer to a question or an idea but rather to commend the child for the idea and the thought. Character is developed when children are challenged to persevere, as they work independently to complete tasks, with only appropriate measures of guidance. These tenets of "true education" are underpinned in a nurturing and unthreatening school and home environment.



I wish to thank you viz. parents, our children and our staff for a very productive term, for being patient and persevering despite an unusually high staff turnover, supporting our children through a demanding academic and extramural programme, aiding our events and fundraisers to the extent of raising a whopping R50 500 at our Blisters for Bricks event – THANK YOU! We hope to return to a paved Junior Primary quad. I am most grateful to the Parent Support Group for their ongoing assistance at various events.

Earlier this term we bade Mr Ramzan (Grade 6), Ms Hendricks (Grade 1) and Mrs Haynes (Grade 000) farewell and thanked them for their service to our school. I thank retired teachers, Mrs Variawa and Mrs Jacobs, for teaching Grades One and Six in our time of need from mid-February to end of March. They came to our aid at short notice and did very well to maintain the standards in these grades - this kind of support is overwhelming and generous! I am pleased to announce that, after a rigorous process, an interview panel consisting of School Management, Board and Human Resources Representation have appointed Ms Matshisevhe, from Krugersdorp, to the Grade One teacher position and Ms Moamogwa, from Mafikeng, to the Grade Six teacher position. We congratulate the aforementioned teachers and wish them every success at our school. We look forward to welcoming them in Term Two. The Grade Two appointment is still in process. We are looking forward to Ms Refilwe Chwene returning to Grade 000 – her kind and nurturing nature endear her to the 'little ones' and she is doing a great job.



Sadly, we bid farewell to Ms Shentall (Grade Two) and Mr Nienaber (Deputy Headmaster). We thank them for their hard work and for investing themselves in our school and our children. Ms Shentall will be sorely missed for her gentle and nurturing nature with our children, certainly adored by all her students. Mr Nienaber will be missed for his many talents, from his creativity to his coaching skills and everything in between. We wish them every success!

School closes on Friday 29 March at 10h30. Please fetch your child promptly as there will be no Aftercare or Extracare on Friday. School reopens on Monday 29 April and children are to return wearing Winter Uniform and hairstyles in accordance with school regulations, as stipulated in the diary.



I trust that our children will enjoy the Autumn Break and return refreshed for a busy and exciting Term Two, and I look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely yours

T. J. Thomas

Headmaster (Primary School)

"If it's important to the child, it's important to us."

What is Easter?

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. According to the New Testament, Easter is three days after the death of Jesus on the cross.

Easter follows a period of fasting called Lent, in which many churches set aside time for repentance and remembrance. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion. The 40-day period was established by Pope Gregory 1 using the 40-day pattern of Israel, Moses, Elijah and Jesus' time in the wilderness. The week leading up to Easter is called The Holy Week, or "Passion Week", and includes Palm Sunday (the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was celebrated), Maundy Thursday (the "Last Supper" where Jesus met with his disciples to observe Passover), and Good Friday (when Jesus would be crucified on the cross).

Easter is a very significant date within Christianity and is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus, the Son of God, fulfilled prophecy and through his death, has given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who believe in his death and resurrection.

Mr Baka

JM Busha 54 Peace Relay Championship **A total of R54 000 to be awarded in cash prizes!**

The International School of South Africa is proud to be hosting the JM Busha 54 Peace Relay Championship on 25 May, 2019 from 06:00 until 16:00.

The JM Busha 54 group has provided the following information about this exciting event: Unity and peace are the foundations for social cohesion; social and economic development; education; equal opportunities and other positives required to build a better society.

With mass participation, the JM Busha 54 Peace Relay Championship is an effective program to promote lasting friendships, and social cohesion in communities with diverse cultural settings.

JM BUSHA 54 Peace Relay and Fun Walk Champions Format

The relay covers 54 km with each leg being 5.4 km. The conditions for participation are as follows:

- a) Individuals join or enter as part of a team and submit a name for their team
- b) Each team is comprised of 10 participants/runners
- c) Each team is made up of 5 female and 5 male runners
- d) Each leg is 5.4 km and together the 10 runners will complete the 54 km

The captain or representative of each team will register the team under a chosen name.

Category Participation and Entry Fees

Participation Categories: JM Busha 54 Peace Relay

Group A: Junior 10-19 years

Group B: Open 20-39 years

Group C: Veterans 40-49 years

Group D: Masters 50-59 years

Participation Categories: Fun Walk Championship 5.4 km

Group E: Junior 6-9 years

Group F: Veteran 40-49 years

Group G: Masters 50-59 years

Participation Entry Fees

Junior R25

Open R150

Veterans R120

Masters R100

School students R10

The prizes will be allocated to various groups out of the total R54 000 for the event. Please encourage friends and family of all ages to attend!

Ms Chivige

At the end of this term we bid farewell to Ms Chivige, our Head of Department Mathematics. It has been an honour and privilege for faculty and students alike, to work with Ms Chivige. She has been an inspiration and motivating force for both strong and aspiring mathematicians.



Ms Chivige began her career at the International School of South Africa in January 2017. She has enjoyed two illustrious years with us. The mathematics department under her leadership have reaped the rewards of alignment, hard work, teaching for understanding and last but not least, excellent results. We believe that the team have grown and developed during this time, so have our students. Ms Chivige's care, loving approach and understanding will be missed by staff and students alike.

We will certainly miss Ms Chivige and we wish her every success in her new appointment in Johannesburg. Go well and please do keep in touch!

Commendation Assembly

On Monday 25th March we held our termly Commendation Assembly. The much awaited event did not disappoint with many students being commended for their efforts in a range of subjects. Congratulations to all students who have reaped the positive rewards of hard work and dedication. The challenge is for all students to aspire to achieve at one commendation, per term.



Reflections from Head Prefect

Drive, enthusiasm and consistency are the few words I can use to characterize this term. As Term 1 comes to a rapid close, it has been an extremely successful start to the 2019 school year for both our students at large and the prefect body.

Regarding the fact that this term has been jam-packed with sport fixtures, production preparations and inter-house activities, I'm proud to say that students have stepped out of their comfort zones in order to achieve greatness in all these various aspects. The decreased student population has given students the opportunity to showcase their skills and talents they never knew they had, such as a first time debater managing to be crowned the 'Best Speaker'. This pressure has definitely proven to produce diamonds.

Apart from formulating new ideas to improve our school, the prefect body has established a force to be reckoned with. Our team has spread like wildfire across the school. In the basketball first team, in the school major production and in the choir as well. This is what I regard as exemplary seniors.

With one of our goals being Versatility, I can say that we have definitely achieved this with our eyes closed. The high involvement within our group has led to communication and assistance being necessary. "Don't worry, I got your back" has qualified to be the common phrase used by us. This positive attitude has crafted us to be better as a team and achieving our goals as a collective.

With this drive, I believe that the prefect body will have an impact that will cultivate kinship and leadership within the lower forms.

Palesa Mogosetso

Some colour poems from our students

Purple

*Purple is beetroot, a castle and a gentle cloud
Purple is the taste of "Starburst" - yummy!
Purple smells like my mother's perfume
Purple gives me authority
It makes me feel powerful and dignified
Purple is a place of wonder...
Where I am King and you are Queen
Purple is the sound of crunchy slime, laughter and calm.*
M Uzair Safi - Form 1

Up & Down

*The blue in the rain comes crashing down
Just like someone's dream is crashed by the words of others.
Blue is the eating of juicy berries while smelling the scent of violets.
Blue is the mood that saddens me and makes me feel dull.
Blue is the jubilation of seeing a cup half full rather than half empty.*
Takudzwa (Kuku) Makudu - Form 1

Upcoming events:

29th April: Term begins for all students
3rd-- 5th May: Form 5 Camp and IIMUN

Farewell to Mr Mr Khaole (Chairperson 2016 – 2019)

This term marks the end of Mr Khaole's tenure as Board Chair at the International School of South Africa. He has done an outstanding job in shaping the school over the past three years for what it is today. The International School of South Africa would like to thank Mr Khaole for extra ordinary work and leadership during his tenure.

"A man for all seasons". Mr Khaole began his illustrious life journey at the International School of South Africa at the tender age of 12. He excelled in, and was very committed to the areas of academics, sport, culture. Throughout his years at the school he was an instrumental force in all lessons and he played an active role in all activities offered at the school. Mr Khaole embraced every opportunity the school presented him with, which resulted in him becoming the leader he is today.

He continued with further education and today he holds a regional position in Standard Bank. His hunger for learning has resulted in Mr Khaole continuing to embrace all opportunities and challenges which he is presented with. As a life-long learner he longs to speak German with anyone who will indulge him and continues to read avidly.

Over the last three years, Mr Khaole's stewardship of the International School of South Africa has been characterised by innovative ideas, strategic thinking and, most valuable, your tireless efforts to increase the credibility and financial viability of the International School of South Africa in the region and internationally. The resulting recognition has become an asset to the International School of South Africa, and the relationships he has fostered with our partners and stakeholders will ensure that the International School of South Africa will prosper and continue to offer opportunities to advance sustainability of the organisation.

It is our great pleasure on behalf of the International School of South Africa to thank Mr Khaole for his dedication and the great job he has accomplished in his three-year term as Chairperson to the Board of Governors and we wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

Conclusion

Term 1 has been another exciting, fun-filled, eventful and gratifying term. We have been at the forefront of student leadership and development. We have achieved and made strides in continually improving our vision and mission of the school. Our values, which we hold very dearly and close to our hearts, have been our guiding light in times of need.

We would like to take this opportunity in thanking our key personnel in ensuring that we function to our optimal levels at all times. We certainly are the school of choice due to the collective efforts of our team: Teachers, Administrators, Catering, Security, Grounds, Maintenance, IT, Finance and Parents.

On behalf of the International School of South Africa we would like to take this opportunity in wishing all our students and families an excellent Autumn / Easter break. See you in Term 2!

Yours faithfully



Ms Yukesha Makhan
Acting CEO/Headteacher: Senior School