

Waterford Kamhlaba Parent Staff Association (PSA)

Dear Waterford Kamhlaba Parents,

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as your PSA committee this past year. It has been a very rewarding experience. We have learned a lot and hopefully been able to enrich the dialogue on various issues and support worthwhile projects around the school. As the PSA year comes to a close in March, we are writing to encourage you to become a member of the new PSA committee for 2010/11.

Serving on the PSA is a special way to contribute to Waterford Kamhlaba. As a member, you are a link between the parents, the wider community and the school. The PSA's major objectives are to:

- ◆ provide input to the school on issues of current interest or concern,
- ◆ foster communication among parents, staff, students and the larger community, and
- ◆ raise and allocate funds in support of various school projects.

PSA meetings are held approximately once each month during term time, usually at 5:30pm on a weekday evening. Along with the parent members, the Principal, Staff Representative and Development Officer regularly attend the meetings. The Student Representative Council Officers also periodically attend. At each meeting various reports are presented, including one from the Principal. It is always an interesting and honest report on which the parent members are invited to question and comment. There is also an opportunity for parents to raise issues they may have or have heard from others within the community. Discussions are open and parental input is welcome and respected.

In addition to our voice at the table, the PSA 1) organizes at least one major PSA fundraiser each year (the Golf Day), 2) supports the Community Service Program through the fete, 3) assists with the Link Parent Program, 4) invites, reviews and selects proposals for PSA funding, and 5) has the opportunity to send representatives to the Governing Council meetings.

The PSA year runs from April to March. More detail about the PSA and our work over this past year will be provided at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 18 March at 17H30. The first meeting of the new committee will be held on Wednesday 31 March at 17H30 in the school library. We welcome a wide range of views and are seeking both new members and officers this year. Send an email to psa@waterford.sz if you are planning to join and we will send you an agenda in advance of the first meeting.

As parents, we have a unique perspective to offer in enhancing the educational and social experience of Waterford Kamhlaba students. Please consider doing your part. Thank you so much!

Yours sincerely,

The Waterford PSA