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Dear Parents

Sporting events

I am pleased to report that the WK Junior Cricket team won the interschools' cricket tournament at Mhlume over the weekend.

Some of our stronger all-round athletes took part in the Swaziland Biathlon. The individual senior female section was won by Margaret Alice Hall (F2) and Alex Cory (F5) was part of the winning team in the team event.

Our boys' and girls' basketball teams hosted an interschools' tournament with 8 schools this last weekend. St Marks won the boys' section, Bahai Ex-Students the girls' section.

Yesterday's annual interhouse swimming gala was cancelled due to poor weather.

This weekend both boys' and girls' basketball teams travel to a tournament in Johannesburg, the volleyball teams travel to a tournament in Manzini and the rugby players travel for a match against a combined lowveld team at Malkerns.

Why sport? Apart from the healthy exercise and the development of physical and team skills, these sporting encounters allow us to make contact with students from a wide range of schools in and around Swaziland.

Visit by Maru a Pula School (Botswana)

The Form 4 drama students from Maru a Pula arrive at WK on Saturday. They have come to work on a collaborative project with our Form 4 students. Part of recreational programme will be a (free) showing of *Rabbit Proof Fence* at 7pm on Sunday 13th March in the Michael Stern (Assembly) Hall, to which all students (and parents providing transport!) are invited.

Maths Olympiad

150 WK students write the first round of the SA Maths Olympiad on Tuesday 15th March.

PSA AGM

The Parent Staff Association AGM takes place at 5.30pm on Thursday 17th March. The PSA still welcomes nominations and offers of assistance from (especially local) parents. Tea will be served in the ComServe Room (opposite the Assembly Hall) from 5.15pm onwards.

F1/2 Parents' Evening

The Parents' Evening for parents of Form 1 and 2 students starts after the PSA AGM on Thursday 17th March. It is scheduled to close by 8.30pm. The Parents' Evening for the rest of the school takes place in the 2nd term.

24 Hour Run

Some 280 students and members of staff are entered to participate in the 24 hour run, starting at 5pm on Friday 18th March, ending at 5pm on the Saturday. Funds that are raised are to be used towards helping the reconstruction of C W W Kannanagara Vidyalaya school in Galle, Sri Lanka, one of the many schools devastated by the tsunami. Mr Sebastian, former Head of Chemistry and Deputy Head of Esiveni Residence at WK, is our link with this school.

While the 24 hour run is taking place, WK will be hosting the Swaziland Interschools' Swimming Gala (Saturday morning).

International Peace Day

The session after lunch on Monday 21st March has been set aside for a special programme to celebrate International Peace Day at the same time as our sister UWCs. The 21st March holds special significance to those of us from Southern Africa: it is the anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa (1960) and is celebrated as Independence Day in Namibia and Human Rights Day in South Africa. A full programme is being developed, with both student and staff leadership.

WK Graduate Achievement

Zola Maseko (WK80-86), film director, became the first South African to win the top prize at Africa's premier film festival. He was honoured for *Drum*, a film about apartheid set amid the jazz clubs of 1950s Johannesburg.

He was awarded the *Etalon d'Or de Yennenga* at the closing ceremony of the Fespaco Film Festival in Burkina Faso (From *The Star*, 7th March 2005).

UWC International Board Meeting

I will be away next week, attending a UWC Heads' Retreat at Atlantic Castle, a meeting of the UWC International Board meeting in London and meeting with individual Trustees of the Waterford School Trust. There will be no letter to parents on the 18th March.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Nodder
Principal