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Dear Parents

I apologize for two weeks of silence. Waterford had the team of Educational Auditors for the week starting the 30th May and I was in London last week, meeting members of the Waterford School Trust (members of which carry the major responsibility for fundraising especially for bursaries), a potential major donor and the UWC Executive Committee (on which I serve).

The Auditor's Report on the life of the school commended us in many, many areas. It also shone a torch into some areas that the team believed need greater attention, especially as further resources become available. The report has been circulated (in draft form) to the staff and to members of the Governing Council; once ratified by the Governing Council it will become available to the wider school community.

Visit from Mananga College and Sifundzani High School

Last Saturday we hosted these two schools in a variety of sporting codes, and together we had a most enjoyable day.

This Saturday our girls travel to Enjabulweni and the junior boys to Sisekelo to participate in soccer tournaments.

WFP Fight Hunger - Walk the World

Last Sunday several students and staff participated in this sponsored walk, which was designed to raise awareness around the world for the work of the World Food Programme and to raise funds for its feeding of people. Thank you to all who participated and to all who lent support.

Visiting Speaker

This afternoon our senior Physics and Maths students have the privilege of a lecture by Prof Sanjay M Wagh, Director of the Central Indian Research Unit, on the topic: 'Our Awesome Universe'. This is the 100th Anniversary of Einstein's papers on the Electromagnetic Theory of Light and Special Relativity, and the lecture will focus on Einstein's General Theory of Relativity. Professor Wagh is visiting the University of Kwazulu Natal Astrophysics Department and is travelling to Swaziland with Dr Sudan Hansraj, who is running a workshop for Maths teachers from WK and other local schools.

Visit to Maputo

I will be visiting Maputo tomorrow (Saturday) to conduct entrance tests (starting at 9am) and to meet parents (12 noon), both at Kitabu College.

S'gubhu

The 'Forms' production, S'gubhu, has visited several local primary schools in the last fortnight. The final performance is at House on Fire at 3pm this Sunday. All are invited. There is an entrance fee of E30 for adults and E15 for children/students.

Debating Society

The Debating Society has been revived through the enthusiasm of Thato Makgolane, and WK has been invited to send a team to the South African National Debating Championships. The Debating Society invites all students and parents to a debate at 8.15pm on Tuesday 21st June in the Michael Stern Hall, to consider the motion: 'This House would introduce school uniform at Waterford.'

Visit from UWCSEA

Next Thursday we welcome junior form students and teachers from our sister school in Singapore. They join our students in different aspects of WK life, including participation in various community service projects. Most importantly, this visit adds to our interaction with people from different parts of the world, so that together we can take into the wider community the ideals of friendship, tolerance and mutual respect which are founding principles of our schools. Our visitors depart on Tuesday 28th June.

Midterm Break

A reminder: lessons close at 12.40pm on Tuesday 28th June and resume at 8am on Monday 4th July. Boarders may return after lunch on Sunday 3rd July.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Nodder: Principal