



WATERFORD KAMHLABA UWC SA

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Dear Parents

Thank you for having entrusted your child's education to Waterford Kamhlaba this year. I have the great privilege of reading all the reports, and each time I do this (once a term) I am struck by how well the vast majority of students are using their time at WK, not only in an academic sense.

School Concert

Thank you to all students and staff who participated in the school concert on Saturday evening, and to parents, family and friends who supported the event. I was greatly impressed by the level of participation by (especially the junior) students, and the quality of the performances.

World Swim for Malaria

Waterford Kamhlaba, together with schools around the world (including several UWCs), is participating in the World Swim for Malaria, an event designed to bring attention to the huge number of people who die of this preventable and curable disease, especially in Africa. The facts are stark: every 26 seconds a child dies of malaria in Africa and in Africa malaria follows AIDs as the second highest cause of death. This letter is being written on Thursday afternoon. Because school closes tomorrow and because the Swaziland Swimming Association has planned a national gala for Saturday morning, WK has chosen to see how many students can swim and how many laps can be completed between 8am and 9am on Friday 2nd December. This will be followed by a short commentary on malaria at assembly.

Contact between WK and parents

I hope you find useful the weekly letter to parents. These are sent out by email, are posted on the WK website, and are handed out in hard copy to all day students. If you have email but have not been receiving letters through this means, please send a short message to: marthadlamini@waterford.sz Likewise, if you used to receive these letters by email but they have stopped coming in recent weeks, please alert Martha Dlamini to this. (We have become aware that a number of email addresses have dropped off from our database.) If your child is a boarder and you do not have access to an email address but would like to receive the letters by post, please send me a request and I will ask the secretarial staff to do this.

Smoke-free Campus

Thank you to the parents who wrote to WK in this regard. Every parent who wrote supported this move, even if some parents acknowledged that some of the concerns

raised by the students had a measure of validity. The Parent Staff Association and the Staff are also fully behind the move. The Governing Council resolved that WK would become a smoke-free campus from the beginning of the 2nd term, 2006. It instructed the school to provide further education in this respect in the 1st term. Students found smoking indoors (where the effect of their smoking is likely to be detrimental to others) will be sanctioned differently to those found smoking outdoors.

Cash Advances through the Bursar

All boarding students have pocket money charged with their school fees. This is at what WK considers an appropriate level for most regional students. Several students also approach the Bursar for cash advances (for a variety of purposes). We have discovered that this is not always with the knowledge of the parents concerned. From the beginning of 2006, no cash advance will be granted unless there is a written (or emailed) request from the parent and unless that student's fees are up to date.

WATERFORD KAMHLABA DATES FOR 2006

Term 1

Wed 18 th Jan	IB Orientation begins
Sun 22 nd Jan	All Residences open after lunch, though returning regional boarders are encouraged to arrive after lunch on Monday.
Mon 23 rd Jan	Orientation for the Forms
Tue 24 th Jan	Lessons begin at 8.00 am
Midterm break:	Lessons close at 12.40pm on Thursday 2 nd March and resume at 8.00 am on Monday 6 th March.
Thur 13 th April (Good Friday is Friday 14 th April)	Lessons close at 10.00 am

Term 2

Mon 15 th May	All Residences open after lunch
Tue 16 th May	Lessons begin at 8.00 am
Midterm break:	Lessons close at 12.40pm on Tue 27 th June and resume at 8.00am on Monday 3 rd July.
Fri 11 th Aug	Lessons close at 10.00 am

Term 3

Sun 10 th Sept boarders	Esiveni and Emhlabeni Residences open for F5/IB2
Mon 11 th Sept	Mock examinations begin for F5/IB2
Tue 12 th Sept	All Residences open after lunch
Midterm break:	Lessons begin
Fri 1 st Dec	Lessons close at 12.40pm on Thur 19 th October and resume at 8.00am on Tuesday 24 th October.
	Lessons close at 10am

WK is willing to meet all flights arriving in Swaziland on Monday 16th , Tuesday 17th , Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd January so long as prior notice is given. Please email details of your transport arrangements to: travel@waterford.sz

What remains is for me to wish you a happy and safe summer holiday with your children.

Yours sincerely
Laurence Nodder
Principal