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Dear Parents

Theatre Arts

Students, parents and friends are invited to a work-shopped play in the theatre by the IB1 theatre arts students at 7pm on Monday 13th February.

Auditions are underway for an adaptation of Othello, directed by our volunteer Tom Attenborough.

Work is underway on an IB production to be performed at this year's Grahamstown Festival, South Africa's premier arts festival. Performance at the Festival will be a major triumph for the students and staff of the department.

Music

In addition to regular class music, 70 students are receiving one-to-one tuition in voice, guitar and piano. This tuition is being provided by WK staff members Mark Bradshaw, Carla Cabrita and Chisenga Chikwanda, with outside support from Paula Abrahams (voice), Maggie Dobson (Piano), Mluluki Dlamini (piano) and Stephen Kalembu (piano).

Film Workshop

On Thursday evening a number of students attended a film production workshop led by Dale Abrahams, a professional actor and film maker. The Golden Lion Film Festival (partly hosted at WK last year) and the production of a fund-raising DVD at WK have increased interest in this area.

LoveMatters

The Form 2 students are to spend this weekend in a workshop led by Carla Cabrita, following the LoveMatters curriculum. Most of the day students have arranged to participate. Form 2 parents have been informed of the details concerning the weekend.

Staff in-service-training

All academic staff benefited from training in self-evaluation and classroom observation through a workshop conducted by Sue Rees Gardener, Deputy Director (Policy) of the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa. This coming Wednesday afternoon staff will be attending a workshop on pastoral care conducted by Philip Hewitt, Counsellor at Westminster School in London and long-time friend of WK.

Community Service

The Form 1 students are to participate in a Community Service project this coming Friday. Details are still to be confirmed. This follows a strong conviction that all WK students need to benefit from learning to contribute from their abilities and strengths and to learn about a wider society through their involvement. The junior forms will have the occasional dedicated day for service, the Form 5, IB1 and IB2 students are already engaged in weekly service projects.

Mr Mallia and 9 students are working on trail maintenance of the Ngwempisi hiking trail this weekend. They will be joined by 3 business studies students under the care of Ms Brocklesby who will be looking into the business aspects of this community initiative.

Sport

The main emphasis in sport at WK is on participation, exercise, skill-development, enjoyment and building friendships. The sporting programme is well underway, and there is a multitude of activities each afternoon. Winning is a by-product, not the major objective of our participation.

At the same time it is appropriate to mark the successes of individual students and teams in particular sports. This week I will focus on cricket. The following WK students were selected to represent Swaziland in an international against Mozambique during the December/January holidays, which Swaziland won: Lutfo Dlamini, Haris Khan, James McGinn, Brendon Linsey and Stephen Nodder. Last Saturday the senior Waterford team played and won against Mananga College. This Saturday a number of our players are involved in trials for the Swaziland under19 team.

On Thursday evening our senior basketball team played its first match of the year, against UNISWA (the Swaziland university). Although they lost to their bigger opponents, a strong team is in the making.

Tennis Tournament

The Swaziland National Tennis Association is hosting a tournament 8.30am for under 14, under 16 and under 18 players starting at 8.30 am this Saturday 11th February at the Mbabane Club. Waterford players will be participating and a bus service provided for boarders.

Advance Notice

Our annual UWC Day is scheduled for Saturday 18th February. All students are required to attend and a bus service will be provided. Parents are also invited to participate in this day when we celebrate our different national and cultural backgrounds. A Social is planned for that evening. Details will follow.

The 'Ngwenya Border to Waterford' half marathon used to be an annual event, but was last run in 1999. It has been revived and is scheduled to be run on Sunday 26th March, in partnership with the Swaziland Athletics Association.

Yours sincerely

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Principal