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Letter 4/2006

Dear Parents

Thank you to all who were able to support the UWC Day last Saturday. I found it a powerful and colourful reminder of the remarkable community of students that has gathered in this place. Leading on from the UWC Assembly, where there was a thought-provoking presentation on India, the SRC has agreed to draw up a roster of students to talk about their countries at the normal Wednesday assemblies. This coming week there will be a focus on the Caribbean.

Also at the UWC Assembly was a presentation on some of the contradictions and structural injustice experienced in some countries and regions, based on a presentation prepared by Amnesty International. We need to go beyond an appreciation of the wealth of our national and cultural backgrounds if we are to be equipped to work for 'peace and a sustainable future'.

Lectures by Michael Attenborough

WK was fortunate to have Michael Attenborough lecture Form 5, IB1 and IB2 students on Shakespeare (with the English Department) and on directing theatre (with the Theatre Arts Department) this week. Michael was appointed Executive Producer and Resident Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1990. He left the Royal Shakespeare Company in 2002 to take up the position of Artistic Director at the Almeida Theatre.

IB2 Biology Field

The IB2 Biology students departed on Thursday morning for a field trip to St Lucia, South Africa. They return on Sunday.

IB1 Retreat

All IB1 students are scheduled to attend a retreat, starting this Friday afternoon, camping at Mlilwane Nature Reserve. After the excitement of the Orientation days and the challenge of the first five weeks of term, it will be useful to be able to catch a moment for quiet and reflection, as well as to participate in team-building activities. They return to WK on Sunday.

Outing for Music Students

Music students in Form 3 and above have been invited to attend a concert by the Mozambican band 'Moz Urbs' at House on Fire this Friday evening. The band plays in a very individual style, using homemade and found instruments, and creating sounds and music out of unlikely sources. Mr Bradshaw has written to parents of day music students in this regard.

Form 4 Community Service Project

The Form 4 students were scheduled to take part in a community service project this weekend. Unfortunately the original plans have fallen through and the service has been postponed to Term 2.

Swimming Pool and Gala

Regular visitors to WK will have noticed the water in the pool turning a deep hue of green. This is due to the pump having developed an electrical fault almost a fortnight ago. The electrical contractor has promised to return the pump by today.

If the pool is sufficiently clean by early next week, the inter-house Swimming Gala will be held from mid-morning on Thursday, leading into the midterm break. This will allow us to identify our keenest and strongest swimmers for an inter-schools' gala on Saturday 11th March.

Midterm Break

School closes at 12.40am on Thursday 2nd March and resume at 8am on Monday 6th March. Catering for boarders will close after lunch on Thursday and resume with supper on Sunday 5th March.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Nodder
Principal