



WATERFORD KAMHLABA

United World College of Southern Africa

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Dear Parents

The 2nd term has got off to a very good (albeit cold) start.

Staff news

Mrs Lindsay Dunseith has been appointed as the 'permanent' replacement in the Mathematics Department for Dr Alan Evans. Mrs Dunseith has an honours degree in mathematics from the University of Natal, spent two years working with a firm of actuaries and has a number of years' teaching experience, including teaching Theory of Knowledge at WK.

Mr Mfundo Mohammed, who had taken Dr Evan's classes on a temporary basis, has accepted the position of web coordinator in the Development Office (the full website www.waterford.sz is his responsibility, not only the development section).

We are delighted to welcome back Ms Portia Mhlongo to the Science Department, together with her baby daughter Thando.

A parent pointed out that I had failed to introduce new members of staff at the beginning of the year. There was only one new member of staff at the beginning of the year, Mr Polycarp Wekesa, who joined the Geography Department. Mr Wekesa joined us from the Aga Khan Academy Mombasa, where he was serving as Head of Humanities and Acting IB Coordinator. He has previously taught IGCSE and IB Geography, Environmental Systems and Swahili. He is an assistant examiner for the IB in Environmental Systems and is an IB DP teacher-training workshop leader in Geography (and has been invited by the IBO to lead a further workshop in Athens during the WK mid-term break).

School Activities

I am more and more convinced that education is fundamentally about values, principles, attitudes, that academic and intellectual development best come as a consequence of the development of these values, principles and attitudes. These fundamental areas may be addressed in a sterile manner or they may seep through to people within the school (and at home and indeed throughout society) through the living example of peers and adults and through participation in and reflection on a myriad of activities in and beyond the classroom. This is why it is so important for a student to be involved in the wider life of the school. In addition to the academic, community service and formal weekly extra curricular programme, may I draw your attention to the following special events that will involve a wide range of students?

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| Sunday 3 rd June | 'Wattle weekend' where students and staff continue in efforts to remove wattle trees from campus |
| Tuesday 5 th June | World Environment Day, with a focus across the curriculum on the environment, followed by a special assembly on the Wednesday |
| Fri 22 to Sun 24 th | Human Rights Film Festival at WK |
| Thur 28 to Sat 30 th | Performances of 'Romeo and Juliet' |

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Monday 8th July Start if WK Book Week
Fri 13 to Sat 14th 24 hour Run
Fri 27 to Sat 28th Annual Art Exhibition
Saturday 28th July Music concert
Tuesday 31st July Start of Gender Awareness Week
Saturday 4th Aug Community Service Fete (*all students required to attend*)
Thur 9 to Sat 11th Aug Performances of 'After Romeo'
Fri 10 to Sun 12th WK European Film Festival

WK Transport to and from Ezulwini and from the top of Pine Valley

At the request of the PSA and now that the IVECO 27-seater bus has arrived and can be used on other routes, WK is able to run an experimental bus service to and from the Gables, Ezulwini, using the 16-seater Kombi. The trial will operate on Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st May and Friday 1st June, departing from the Gables car-park no earlier than 7am on these mornings and departing WK at 4.30pm on these three afternoons. Should this prove to be viable, a 'permanent' timetable will be published and a surcharge over and above the current transport cost will be calculated.

Also from Wednesday 30th, a school bus will fetch students from the bus shelter at the top of Pine Valley, departing at approximately 7.15am.

Love Matters

The Parent Staff Association and the school is keen that further year groups be given the opportunity of (voluntarily) engaging in this programme. We think it important that as many parents as possible be informed about the programme, its approach and content. Accordingly, parents are invited to an information and discussion session at 5.30pm on Thursday 14th June, which will precede the Form 3 to IB2 Parent/Teacher evening.

Information Session for Parents of Form 5 students wishing to proceed to IB

All Form 5 students are being addressed this afternoon about the IB programme and the application process to be admitted into IB. There is a wealth of information on the programme on the school website (www.waterford.sz). In addition, there will be an information session for parents with questions starting at 8am on Saturday 7th July, to coincide with the testing session for students from other schools.

Parent volunteer sought

The WK Young Heroes programme, which provides support for orphans, is seeking to assist in the building of classrooms at a primary school in the lowveld, and is seeking help from a parent in cost estimates for this building. If able to help, please contact Mr Wells or me (4220867) or the student in charge, Amy Burnett (Amy.Burnett@uwc.net)

Yours sincerely

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Principal