



# WATERFORD KAMHLABA

## United World College of Southern Africa

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Dear Parents

This week has seen a focus on Theatre Arts, particularly with the performances of Romeo and Juliet (if you are locally resident, please support performances tonight (Friday 29<sup>th</sup>) and tomorrow evening, but dress very warmly, bring cushions to sit on and blankets for further warmth) and with a Performing Arts Festival on Wednesday afternoon with students from Enjabulweni High School.

This weekend is relatively quiet, with the only scheduled sporting event being an inter-house cricket festival on Sunday (11am to 4pm) and a continuation of an internal soccer tournament.

### Midterm Break

Lessons stop at 12.40pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and resume at 8am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Residences open after lunch on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. I need to record that I am disappointed by the number of (especially IB) students who have planned to leave school this Friday. If more than one or two students per class leave early, inevitably everyone else is affected because teachers will need to repeat the work covered on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### Raffle Tickets and 24-Hour Run Sponsorship Forms

All students will be asked to sell raffle tickets during the midterm break for the Community Service Fete. Community Service is a vital component of a Waterford education, but the programme gains its project funding from donations and from funds raised through the annual fete, not from school fees. Should you wish to read more about the remarkable service programme at WK, I direct you to the annual Community Service Report which is at the bottom of the home page on the WK website ([www.waterford.sz](http://www.waterford.sz))

Every second year WK holds a 24 hour run. In addition to being a great social event, there always is a focus on raising funds for a special project. This year the students aim to raise sufficient funds to install a borehole at Mbalenhle Primary School, a school that has simply run out of water. Students will be seeking sponsorship for the number of laps they complete in the 24 hour period.

### Information Morning for parents of Form 5 students applying for entry to IB

There is an information session on the IB programme at WK, from 9am to 10.30am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July (during the midterm break). This coincides with the IB testing session for local students from other schools in Swaziland. (Visiting parents will hear about the history and philosophy of WK from 8.30am to 9am.) Topics to be covered after 9am include subject choice within the IB 'hexagon', the CAS programme, the compulsory Theory of Knowledge course, the Extended Essay, and financial considerations. Most of this information is available on the WK website ([www.waterford.sz](http://www.waterford.sz)); some parents may prefer the direct contact with Anna Marsden (IB Coordinator and Director of Studies) and myself.

### After the midterm break

As students return to school we enter the Book Week, with former English teacher, vice principal and author Robin Malan as our guest of honour. Parents are reminded of the Book Fair starting at 2pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July in the NT Multi Purpose Hall, at which several publishers will be displaying their recently published books.

The 24 hour run is scheduled from 5pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July to 5pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Concert featuring the best of traditional and acoustic Swazi musicians**

In an exciting development, Waterford Kamhlaba's Music Department is hosting a concert on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 2.45 for 3.00pm. The concert features the best of traditional and acoustic music in Swaziland. The musicians are specialists in *makhweyane*, *sitolotolo*, *sikhelekehle*, 5 litre violin and more. They are composers and exciting, vibrant performers. They play instruments that are part of the fabric of Swaziland's rich culture. They sing songs that delve into deep Siswati, that are rich in humour, advice and social comment.

In Swaziland, it is really hard for these accomplished musicians to make a living from their music. Most of the time, they play for nothing, for very little or for people's gratitude. If you come to the concert, by paying a decent amount, you will be helping to support them, and helping others to see that musicians can and should be valued in this way. All profits of the concert will go directly to the musicians.

Tickets cost E60 for adults and E40 for students. There are a limited number of tickets available – approximately 120 in total. It will be an intimate acoustic experience. Tickets will probably still be available on the day but if you want to be sure of getting in, please buy a ticket in advance. Tickets will be available from the Music department and the Development Office from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

There will also be workshops available from 11a.m. A small charge will be made for attendance and participation. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please let Mark Bradshaw know in advance to secure your place.

Instruments will be available for sale. A hand made *makhweyane* will cost approximately E100.

More information is available from Mark Bradshaw in the WK Music department.

Yours sincerely

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