



WATERFORD KAMHLABA

United World College of Southern Africa

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Letter 22/2007

Dear Parents

Those of you who were able to attend the Annual Art Exhibition and the Music Concert last weekend will agree with me that the students involved excelled in their artistic expression. Thank you to the teachers and students concerned.

Members of Governing Council together with parent, student and staff representatives discussed a draft Mission and Vision statement after the Governing Council meeting. As you can imagine it is extremely difficult to capture the many layers and nuances of WK in a single statement. We are working on a revised draft following discussion at this meeting.

Students at WK have a wonderful opportunity to engage with a wide range of ideas and forms of expression, all supporting the fundamental International Baccalaureate Mission to 'encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can be right' and the UWC Mission to make 'education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.'

Community Service Fete

Please support our Fete. The reason I write today is to allow relatively local parents who have not yet done so to contribute 2nd hand books, clothing and other household items, and to have their children bring these to school on Friday. Please further support the Fete through the purchasing of raffle tickets and through bringing a cake for the Tea Garden.

The Fete runs from 11am to 3pm this Saturday (4th August). Entrance for both adults and children is E5 (WK students free). Please come and join us.

Transport for day students will depart from the usual points, starting at 9.30am. A transport service to the centre of Mbabane will be offered at 3pm.

Gender Awareness Week

Those students involved in 'Project Gender' have organized a week of voluntary workshops and activities to examine the role of gender in society. There are movies most evenings:

Thursday (2 nd):	Boys don't cry	8.30pm
Friday (3 rd):	Lost and Delirious	7pm
Saturday (4 th):	Lilja 4-ever	7pm

Students will be examining gender-related issues in the Lifeskills and Theory of Knowledge classes: today I attended a Lifeskills workshop with the Form 3 students on gender stereotypes.

The programme closes at 6.30pm on Tuesday 7th with an Art Slideshow in the Art Centre on how the topics of gender and sexuality are handled in Art, and about the history of women and homosexuals in art.

Sport

WK's hosting of the Hockey Festival on Saturday 29th had to be cancelled on the morning because of extremely strong winds, winds so strong that the glass doors to the new Jane Holland Centre for Creative Learning were blown in. Fortunately the doors were able to be repaired.

Unfortunately clashing with the Fete, our rugby players travel to Mananga College to participate in a rugby festival on Saturday 4th.

After Juliet

After Juliet, the IB Theatrical Production, is to be performed on the evenings of Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th August in the new Drama Studio of the Jane Holland Centre for Creative Learning. As the name implies, *After Juliet* is the very modern story of what could have happened after the death of Romeo and Juliet. It is the story of love, loss, hope and revenge. Tickets are free, but there are very limited spaces available. Your VIP invitation can be collected by your child from Mr Cave. Having your invitation is the only way to secure your place at this event.

Please be advised that there is a PG13 advisory for this production.

End of term arrangements

Normal classes close at 12.40pm on Thursday 16th August. Day students transport leaves soon thereafter. The afternoon is used for boarding students to pack and to tidy their residences. Term ends at 10am on Friday 17th August with a closing assembly followed by a tutor period at which term reports will be distributed. Parents whose children leave early will need to rely either on receiving electronic copies of the reports (this should happen automatically if you receive this letter to parents by email) or on the normal postal system.

Students who wish to catch school transport to Johannesburg must advise Mr King as a matter of urgency. Mr King has been promoted to succeed Mr Mallia as Director of Residences, and may be contacted at travel@waterford.sz. The school bus to Johannesburg departs WK at 6.30am on Friday 17th August and normally arrives at (Johannesburg) O R Tambo International Airport after midday before proceeding to the park Station in Johannesburg.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Nodder
Principal