



WATERFORD KAMHLABA

United World College of Southern Africa

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Dear Parents

Midterm Break

School closes at 12.40pm on Thursday 1st March and lessons resume at 8am on Monday 5th March. Lunch will not be provided for day students on the Thursday.

Whilst residential provision will be made for those boarding students whose homes are far away, we require all 'boarding' parents who are relatively local to make provision for their children to return home on Thursday and to return to WK after lunch on Sunday 4th March. If you have the capacity to host a guest whose home is further away, please contact Mr Tony Mallia at +268 6021565.

Easter Break

I wish to remind parents that school closes at 12.40pm on Thursday 5th April and reopens at 8am on Tuesday 10th April. WK wishes to close its residences for this break. Even though term closes on Thursday 19th April, meaning that students return to school only for 2 ½ weeks, it is my view that 'boarding' parents would be ill-advised to keep their children home between Easter and the end of term.

Community Service in the last week

Community service is an important component of a Waterford education. Apart from a wide range of services that operate each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, the following extra services took place over the last few days:

- Last Friday afternoon the Form 3 day students continued the work of painting classrooms at the Msunduzi Primary school, work that had been started during the IB Orientation. On Saturday it was the turn of the Form 3 boarders to continue this work. Two classrooms were repainted by the Form 3s.
- On Saturday a group of Form 5 students accompanied Mr Bongani Nxumalo to Nkambeni (about 120km from Mbabane), where Waterford students are building a room for a grandmother. She is looking after four orphaned grandchildren and together all they have for shelter is a 3m x 5m stick and mud hut, which leaks badly when it rains. This is the students' 2nd visit, the foundations are dug and the first three rows of cement bricks laid.
- On Saturday a group of IB1 students accompanied Mr Michael Andoh to a site above the Sidwashini SOS Children's Village, where WK Community Service programme is providing the financial resources and Waterford students some of the labour to build a modest but new house for a widow with seven children. Our students were joined by a group from SOS and the children of the widow in demolishing a collapsing structure in order to create the space for the new home. Even the small children had a role to play in flattening the earth with their feet.

These projects and many others are made possible through funds donated by former students and friends of WK and through funds raised at the annual Community Service Fete.

Swimming

This Thursday is the annual Interhouse Swimming gala. There are rumours that some students do not intend attending school this day. Please understand that Thursday is a normal school day up to 12.40pm and that attendance is compulsory.

Kathryn Millin (Form 2) has achieved the distinction of being selected to represent Swaziland at the SA Level 3 Gala in East London and the FINA World Swimming Championships in Australia, both in March. We congratulate her.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Nodder
Principal