



# WATERFORD KAMHLABA

## United World College of Southern Africa

9<sup>th</sup> March 2007

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Dear Parents

### Parent Staff Association

The PSA AGM is scheduled to begin promptly at 5.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in the Michael Stern Assembly Hall. Tea will be served from 5.15pm. The current PSA Committee writes:

Dear Waterford Parents

The Waterford PSA is comprised largely of interested parents who want to become involved in the life of the school and in so doing learn more about the school they have chosen for their children. Any parent is free to join the association.

Although the PSA is largely a fund raising organization, there is much more to it than that. As a member of the PSA you really begin to understand how the school functions. Meetings give you enormous insight into the way things work at Waterford. At each meeting, as well as a Treasurer's report and various other reports, the Principal presents a report. It is always an interesting and honest report on which the PSA members are free to comment and question. Parental input is vital and really appreciated at these meetings and open discussions are held on many subjects. As a member of this association you really feel that your opinion is important and that you are a valued part of the school in all of its aspects.

There are usually 2 to 3 major fundraisers a year for which a great deal of work needs to be done. Help is needed in the preparation phases of these functions and on the actual days themselves. As with all organizations many hands make light work and so it is with the PSA. The money raised at these functions is then spent on projects around the school, following consultative discussions with both staff and students.

PSA members take it in turn to attend the Governing Council meetings held several times a year. This is a real privilege and gives one amazing insight into what Waterford is all about and all the incredibly hard work that is done behind the scenes. A PSA report is also presented at these meetings.

As a group we meet 8 times a year at 5.30 in the evening in the Principal's office. The Principal always attends the meetings, as does the teacher representative. At the first meeting of the year we elect the chairperson, secretary, treasurer from amongst the parent members present.

The PSA is a team of wonderful people and it is a fascinating way to learn more about Waterford and in so doing to be a real part of it. It allows you to feel that you really belong to the Waterford community, something that may seem daunting when you child first starts at the school.

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It is often difficult at the high school level to be as involved as you would like in your child's education, but by being a part of the PSA you are able to do this, as well as being able to make a difference to the school!!

We hope to see many of you at the Annual General Meeting on the 13 March and that you will consider joining the PSA this year, either as a member or as a helper when extra hands are needed.

Yours sincerely  
Waterford PSA

### Forms 1 and 2 Parents' Evening

Following the PSA AGM, parents of students in Forms 1 and 2 are invited to meet their children's teachers in the classroom block, from 6.15pm to 8.30pm (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March). The evening for parents of children in the higher forms and IB is held in Term 2.

### Special Events

Our senior girls and boys basketball teams are taking part in an international basketball tournament at the American International School of Johannesburg. The tournament started today.

Volleyball, tennis, squash and chess teams and 4 WK cricket players are involved in matches at Enjabulweni School, Manzini on Saturday. For students requiring school transport, a bus leaves WK at 7.15am sharp (the bus has to return to WK by 9am for the town run). Packed breakfasts and lunches will be provided.

An **International Jazz Event** takes place at WK at 5pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. **Lionel Loueke**, an outstanding jazz guitarist from Benin, now based in New York, will be performing. Entrance is E10 for WK students and E30 for parents and staff. Tickets to the public are E40. Lionel Loueke's visit has been made possible through the support of Alliance Francaise.

WK is privileged to host another world class performer in **Gcina Mnhlophe**, who is scheduled to run a workshop for Drama students on the afternoon of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Gcina Mnhlophe, from South Africa, is one of the top storytellers in Africa, if not in the world. We have requested that she address a special assembly before lunch on Wednesday so that the whole school can gain from her presence. She is performing at House on Fire on Wednesday evening and WK has arranged school transport for those boarding students wishing to attend. Tickets for the evening performance at House on Fire cost E60; boarding students wishing to attend have been allowed to put this on account.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Nodder  
Principal