



WATERFORD KAMHLABA

United World College of Southern Africa

Dear Parents,

Letter 9/2007

Mr. Nodder is currently on the second leg of his overseas visit at our sister college in the USA. Apart from a slight niggle on his knee he travelled very well. He returns to Swaziland a week on Friday afternoon.

Another busy and fulfilling week has passed at Waterford.

On Wednesday we celebrated Peace Day. While it was a shorter programme it was compact and very informative. Our guest speaker was Dr. Thesia Sebastian who is currently based at the Baylor clinic in Mbabane. She gave a very interesting talk on her experience as an Indian- American involved in medical rescue in a conflict zone in Pakistan (near the Kashmir border) after the earthquake in 2005..

On Thursday we had our interhouse track and field meeting with Henderson taking top honors on the track followed closely by Stern and Guedes. The winner of the event will be determined at the end of next week when all field events have been completed. Last night we had the privilege of watching the Al Gore documentary "An Inconvenient Truth." This has certainly sparked interesting debate and dialogue at the school. There have been different written views expressed about the documentary and these have been welcomed by the college and posted on campus for the students and the community to read.

Environmental Issues

For 15 years the Environmental Task Force has been battling alien species on campus. I am pleased to report that the last wattle tree was felled on the 21 March 2007.

Recycling

There are two large green bins located at the lower gate, (the Elangeni entrance.) Parents and friends are requested to deposit their glass and metal waste into these. All glass clear/coloured/broken/whole is welcome. All ferrous and non ferrous metals are welcome e.g. (tins from canned food and soft drink cans)

Entertainment

A reminder about our "Sunset Concert" in the amphitheatre this evening. It will be moved into the Michael Stern hall if the weather fails us. Please be there a @ 5.45 sharp

Congratulations to Busiswa Vilakazi and Njabulo Mndzebele who have been selected to represent Swaziland in this year's 17th Pan African Mathematics Olympiad to be held in Abuja, Nigeria from 8th April 2007.

Weekend Activities

A group of WK students involved in Young Heroes will be travelling to Mbalenhle primary school located in a rural village about 85 km south of Mbabane. Students will get a taste of life in the surrounding community in order to provide some understanding and motivation for the challenge. They will be visiting some of the homesteads and sharing lunch with some of the families from that area.

All our girls` soccer teams will be participating in a soccer tournament at Enjabulweni High school in Manzini.

Junior Cricketers travels to Malkerns country club to participate in a junior cricket festival.

On Sunday we are hosting the Waterford half marathon starting from Oshoek border post to finish at Waterford. Please come and take on the Waterford hill and join us in a morning of fun.

Next Saturday we have our first Governing Council meeting for 2007. Also on that day Waterford will also be hosting the annual interschool track and field meeting. Parents are invited to come and support.

Yours sincerely

B. Wells

Deputy Principal