28th October 2024

NEWSLETTER # 8 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

Please see the newsletter for the latest updates.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 29th – IBT English
Wednesday 30th- IBT Science
Thursday 31st – IBT Math & close Mid-term break at 12 o'clock

November
Tuesday 5th – Open Mid-term
Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th November Grade 4 and 5 Class Trip
Saturday 23rd- Chess Mbabane Open

December
Tuesday 3rd -LE Play 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 4th – UE Matinee 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursday 5th – UE Play 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Friday 6th – Close Term 3 at 11 a.m.

Trips
The Grade 4 and 5 students will be going on their class trip from 6th November to 8th November. They will visit: Hlane, Mbuluzi Game Reserve, Jabula Camp at Luphohlo and Sibebe Resort. They will camp at Mbuluzi for one night and have a one-night sleepover at school in their classrooms. This trip will also focus on outdoor activities, leadership and teamwork. We trust this trip will be as fulfilling as the Grade 6 and 7 trip.

Chess
We will be holding the first in-house championship made up of four Montessori teams, on Wednesday the 30th, from 11:15 a.m. We are looking forward to this event.

A chess team will play in the Mbabane Open on November 23rd. Details will be sent to parents.

Orientation Day
Orientation day was a success. It was lovely having all our new children on campus for the day.

IEB -IBT Exams
Grades 4-7 will be writing the annual IBT - International Bench Mark Test run by the IEB - International Examination Board.

The IBT is internationally recognised and gives the school an international benchmark with multiple schools worldwide. These exams are well recognised and highly recommended in preparing students for the formalised testing structures of entrance tests and high school testing situations. Teachers and students prepare for the exams from the beginning of the year. The exams are written in October of each year. The exams are marked in Australia, and the results will be released in March/April of 2025. Please go on to the IEB website for further information.

Exam Dates:
Tuesday 29th October - English
Wednesday 30th October – Science
Thursday 31st October - Math

School Plays
Lower Elementary will be presenting – Annie
Upper Elementary will be presenting – The Sound of Music

Students are excited about the plays and focusing on their practice during Music and Drama classes.

Lost and Found Items
We have a number of items going home with the wrong students. Could parents please assist us in checking labels on clothing items? Please ensure that items that do not belong to your child are returned to school.

Bullying
The school takes any form of bullying seriously and strives to maintain a welcoming, secure and happy environment for all. The school has existing and established disciplinary measures and procedures to support students in following our mission statement and code of conduct.

We are committed to ensuring that discipline is managed in a manner that promotes each child's overall development and well-being. Our goal is to collaborate with parents to support the children effectively. Should any student or family feel any concerns with regard to bullying behaviour, please contact teachers and the office, to ensure the situation is handled swiftly.

Mid-Term - closing fun day
In order to celebrate mid-term Upper Elementary classes have decided to hold a dress up day. This is not a Halloween celebration, children may dress as a character or book theme, or wear civies on the day.
Lower Elementary will be holding a rainbow picnic day.

Fees
The school relies entirely on fee income, and timely payments are essential for smooth operations and financial sustainability. We remind parents with outstanding fees to please settle their accounts promptly.

Termly payers should have settled their accounts. Monthly payers: payments are due before the 7th of each month. We encourage parents to please pay accordingly to avoid disruption to learning. Learners with outstanding amounts and no current arrangements with the school cannot return to school after the mid-term break.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you need to.

Kind regards

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