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Dear Parents

16 April 2019

It seems we have only just got into a little routine and half term is upon us – and what a busy few weeks it has been. This Easter break is the holiest of Christian holidays because it is the mystery of our faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. I hope that this time with your daughters grounds them enough to return ready to tackle the challenges that still lie ahead.

1. Staffing matters

Iueshi Manikam (gr 10 & 11 life sciences, gr 10 physical sciences and gr 9 natural sciences) will leave on 24 May. Her replacement will join us in the beginning of the third term. We thank her for her service to the Inanda Seminary and wish her the best in her future endeavours.

Ntombifuthi Gwala has joined the isiZulu department as a gr 9, gr 11 & gr 12 Home language teacher. We welcome her to Inanda Seminary.

2. Term 2

2.1. Academic Awards Assembly

We held our quarterly academic awards assembly in the first week of school awarding those who had achieved merit or diligence or progress results in term 1 assessments. This time of focusing and recognising academic achievement in the school is highly prized and motivational for our members. The members were addressed by Grade Head Ms Marcia Ndlovu who reminded the girls about our academic theme – Resilience. Those who receive awards are able to add to their personal portfolios which are becoming increasingly important as they apply at tertiary institutions and for bursaries after school.

2.2. Open Day and Marketing

Our Open Day took place on 6 April. The speakers were members chosen to represent different aspects of the school. The 67 families represented were also addressed by a representative of the parent body, an academic staff member, the Executive Director and the Principal.

2.3. Inter-house fortnight

As is our custom, we had a fortnight of interhouse activity in multiple sports as well as choir and forum discussions over the first 2,5 weeks of this term. (At the time of print the final results were not known yet).

The highlights of this time were:

- The Interhouse School Gala took place in the last week of last term and Mshiyeni emerged victorious.
- Whole School Cross country where every member (and several staff) ran the cross country route for their houses – Mshiyeni winning the event.
- Interhouse Sports Day was held on Wednesday 17 April.

2.4. KZN Philharmonic Orchestra - We were privileged to welcome the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra to perform for the members and staff in the chapel

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hall. They performed pieces from the opera, Carmen and the conductor gave the members a brief description of the opera and also the different parts of the Orchestra. They concluded with a ABBA medley.

2.5. Dance School Sport League South Africa – Philasande Ndungane and Anele Gwambi made the KZN U/18 DSSL team.

2.6. Confirmation preparation classes have begun this term. Those attending the classes will receive a letter for parents. The Confirmation service will take place in the third term.

2.7. Chapel Theme the chapel theme this term has challenged all of us to DIG DEEP. Digging Deep is using God's Word and messages to inspire all of us to be more reflective of who we are in relation to others and especially in our relationship with the Holy Trinity.

3. General

3.1. Identity documents required for Matric Registration

Less than 50% of our current Gr 12 students still do not have their ID documents and the closing date for Matric registration is looming. Names are no longer allowed to be amended on a matric certificate so if there is a spelling error on the ID document/birth certificate or a surname to be changed it must be done before they formally register for matric. Gr 11 students that are over 16 years old need to urgently get identity documents in place for their Matric registration.

3.2. Gr 11 Job Shadowing

Please assist your daughter in finalising the details of this important part of their life orientation curriculum that will take place during the June holiday. The emphasis of the project is the process – looking, applying, approaching, arranging, being organised in advance, attending, reflecting, thanking, etc.

3.3. Winter Uniform

Students are permitted to wear tracksuits (R340), school scarves (R70), beanies (R40) at school from 1 May until Spring Day in September. All are available at the school uniform shop. Old torn tracksuits will not be permitted to be worn as school uniform.

3.4. Winter School July 2019

This serves as advance notice to parents of our Annual Winter School held for Gr 12 maths and physical sciences students. This takes place in the 3rd week of the July holidays (1-5 July) at the Seminary. There is no charge for this but it is essential that all core maths and physical sciences students attend.

4. Future Events Term 2

4.1. Parent-Teacher Interviews

Due to requests with overcrowding, Parent-Teacher interviews have been divided into 2 days. In addition to this, to ease the congestion at certain teachers, the first day has been divided into 2. It is an opportunity for you and your daughter to sit briefly (5 mins) with each of her teachers.

Tuesday 23 April Gr 8 – 8MN & 8NB 08:00-10:00; 8NG & 8NK 10:00-12:00.

And in the afternoon, **Gr 12 –13:00-16:00**

Saturday 25 May - Gr 9-11 - Times are 09:00 to 12:00 and then again from 13:00 to 16:00. (On both days, teachers will not see parents between 12:00-12:45).

On Sat 25th, please do not wait until the afternoon to arrive as it gets very busy. The queues are shorter in the morning.

4.2. Gr 9 Subject Choice Presentation - this specific meeting is held for Gr 9 parents on Parent-Teacher Interview Day 25 May. This is an information meeting regarding SUBJECT CHOICES for Gr 10 which will take place in the chapel at 12:00.

4.3. Interviews for 2020 Admissions (Gr 8,9 &10)

The second round of interviews for 2020 admissions will take place on Saturday 18 May. If you know of anyone interested please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible to confirm an interview date.

4.4. Gr 8 Market Day will take place on Friday 26 April. Ms Nkosi will be available on the evening of 25 April to collect goods from parents but please try as much as possible to get their supplies over this weekend. Also remember that they have to refund you for whatever your expense is them to calculate accurately their profit margins.

4.5. Mid-year exams

The mid-year exams will begin with the languages P3 on 21 and 22 May. The official exam period begins for Gr 10-12 on Friday 31 May and for Gr 8-9 on 6 June. The timetable has been shared with the members. Please ensure that your child spends time finalising her study timetable during this break.

4.6. Study times

In preparation for the mid-year exams the study times on Saturday will be adjusted. It will run from 08:00-10:00 and then 10:30-12:00. This will not affect visiting hours but be aware that they will not be allowed to use their phones during these times.

4.7. Parent Meeting

The quarterly parent meeting will be held in Edwards Hall at 10:00 on Thursday 13 June.

5. Outstanding forms

There are still a number of POPI, Social Media, Health Questionnaires, Annual Update forms outstanding. These are important in terms of the communication with parents and also the publicity of our school and the use of its resources. Please can these be attended to and returned.

6. Finance

School fees are payable in advance and no cash payments will be accepted. Fee letters will be sent home with your daughter if applicable.

7. Home-go Travel Arrangements

Please remember to check the school's Important Dates Calendar when making travel arrangements for Home-Go days. Our academic programme runs on Home-Go days up to 12:15. Flights should not be booked before 15:00.

8. Half term Return – Tuesday 23 April 2019

Please ensure your daughter returns on Tuesday 23 April. We would ask that Gr 8 return by 08:00 and Gr 12 by 12:00. No student should arrive after 16:00. Late students **will be turned away at the gate** as this compromises our security and your safety – **unless they have personally communicated with our campus Director Mrs Busie Mdladla.**

To all those travelling, I pray that God be your driver and bless you and keep you on your journey. May you all return home safe and sound.

Yours in education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KL Simons-Thebe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

KL Simons-Thebe (Ms)
PRINCIPAL – INANDA SEMINARY