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Dear Parents

19 September 2019

Executive Director reports: *I am delighted to commend to you our new Principal of the Inanda Seminary – Ms Thembi Ndlovu. Thembi has a long history with our school as a teacher (initially appointed in 1999), a grade head, a Head of Humanities Department and before accepting the position as Principal, Programme Manager of Khanyisa Inanda Seminary Community Projects. Thembi has a strong national footprint in education having run workshops and given presentations in the teacher development space for both the South African Extraordinary Schools Coalition, and the Global Teachers Institute. She is a passionate, committed educator with a heart for children to be offered the best instructional practice they could receive, including innovative learning opportunities to enhance access and opportunity for all. Her appointment was greeted with much jubilation by staff and students alike. It is a proud moment to celebrate for the Seminary in that we have grown and developed our own leader who has deep insight and commitment to Inanda Seminary. I would ask that you offer her your full support and prayers as she embraces the challenge set before her.*

Judy Tate

From the Principal's Desk

It gives me great pleasure to pen this my first newsletter as Principal of this school. It is indeed an honour to have been appointed to this position and I assure you, the parents and community of the Inanda Seminary, that I will offer my utmost to ensure our school remains the fine institution that it is.

Term 3 2019 has been full of activities – Heritage Day, Entrepreneurship Challenge, Sports Festival, Sport leagues, Gr 12 Matric Trial Examinations, and more. This short break is a time for refreshment, recharging, restoring, re-organisation and then a return for the final examination term of 2019. The examinations count 75% in the FET phase and 60% in the GET phase and so the strong focus of the 4th term is always ACADEMICS.

1. T3 ACADEMIC RESULTS

Gr 8-11 Term 3 reports will be emailed from Monday 23 September 2019. Hard copies will be available on Registration Sunday 29 September but must be collected by parents themselves. Thereafter they will be posted.

Gr 12 Final reports will be posted at the end of Week 2 in Term 4 after all the Trial Exam papers have been checked. Copies will be available to your daughters for bursary purposes.

2. STAFFING MATTERS

Inanda Seminary:

Executive Director: JAT Tate M.Ed, B.Ed. B.Sc. HDE

Directors: AE Wentzel (Chair), GCH Khumalo, LH Lambert, J-RDT Mazibuko, CS Mkhize, D Ngidi, JAT Tate, M Zungu

Member of the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa; Member of the South African Extraordinary Schools Coalition;
Member of the Global Teachers Institute

We bade farewell to Ms Kim Simons-Thebe (Principal) at the end of August 2019, and we thanked her for her service to the school from October 2016. We wish her everything of the best in her new post at St Alban's College.

3. HIGHLIGHTS QUARTERLY PARENT MEETING

a. Academic

National Science Week: The theme for this year was **facing the harsh realities of climate change.**

isiZulu Week: A range of informative presentations and performances were delivered by the members. It culminated in an isiZulu version of our News Beat on Friday.

English Literacy Week: Books by female writers. We were privileged to have one of our ex-members as a guest speaker Gugulethu Radebe (Class of 2013). She shared her experience of being an author with the school

b. Sporting Highlights

Dance Sport School League (DSSL): Anele Gwambi and Philasande Ndungane made the provincial team and represented KZN in Western Cape from 20 – 23 June.

Touch Rugby: Lungile Machi has been selected for the KZN team to play in Cape Town from 19 – 23 September.

Indigenous Games: Amahle Ngubane has been selected for the KZN team to compete in Limpopo from 19 – 28 September.

Softball Squad: Sandisiwe Hadebe, Simphiwe Mathe, Gcinile Mkizwana have been selected for the KZN Softball Squad.

Our U14 action netball and U16 softball girls came 3rd in their league.

c. Chapel Highlights

This term chapel service was Audacious Women of the Bible. A challenging theme for such a time as this in our beloved country.

d. Gr 9 Subject Choice Day

This is one of the most important day in the calendar for our Gr 9 students. Their choices will be included with their reports for parents to discuss with their daughters. The academic staff have not yet added their recommendations on the choices selected. This is done after FINAL November examinations. Please note the prerequisites in place for certain subjects.

e. Excursions

Gr 8 natural sciences excursion – the annual excursion to the Mangrove Swamps and Bird park exposed students to a unique and vulnerable ecosystem;

Gr 9 social sciences excursion trip – the annual excursion to the Holocaust Memorial Centre proved to be very informative for the students studying this period of history. Unfortunately, they were not able to go up the sky car at Moses Mabhida Stadium due to routine maintenance;

Gr 10 hike – unfortunately this was postponed due to poor weather. It will take place in Term 4 – see below;

Gr 11 Spirit of Adventure – an opportunity for problem solving, leadership, collective working amongst other things. This is always helpful when it takes place before the Gr 11 classes make their Leadership Committee choices.

4. EVENTS TERM 4

a. Rites of Passage

The Gr 8 Star gazing which was postponed, will take place on 4 October.

The Gr 10 hike which was postponed will take place on 5 October.

b. At Home

Please find your invitation to this important occasion, which combines our Gr 12 award ceremony and our Old Girls day. Our guest speaker this year is Old Girl Khanya Mahlare who is the Executive Director for the Department of Institutional Advancement in UNISA. Parents are invited to attend the At Home but are asked to please RSVP for catering purposes.

c. ISAA – Inanda Seminary Alumnae Association

A meeting of the Old Girls will be held at 9h00 BEFORE the At Home. If you are an Old Girl please spread the news, come, and support this organisation – your school needs you.

d. Matric exams

These exams begin 3 weeks into next term on Wednesday 23 October and end on Tuesday 26 November with English. Concentrated final revision classes are held during the first 3 weeks of Term 4.

e. Matric Dedication Service

This together with a special tea for matrics and staff takes place on Thursday 17 October.

f. Gr 8-11 November exam dates

These begin Wednesday 6 November and finish on Wednesday 20 November. Students may leave at the end of writing their exams and results will be emailed/posted to parents during the first week in December.

g. Gr 12 SBA (School Based Assessment)

This counts 25% of the final matric results and is finalised in the first 2 weeks of Term 4. It is required that all Gr 12 students are present at school for this time.

h. Matric Marking Centre

We are once again an NSC marking centre from 27 November - 15 December.

5. NEW MATTERS

a. Visiting hours

Reminder that no visitors or dropping off of parcels can take place after 16h00 during the week. It is important that parents/guardians adhere to these guidelines to ensure maximum security of our space.

b. 2020 School Fees

At the meeting of the Board of Governors on Friday 16 August the Budget for 2020 was approved. The **fees for 2020** are R 70 000 per annum or R 17 500 per term or R 7 000 per month. You will find a letter from Mr Wentzel the chairperson of our Board of Governors in this regard.

Please note banking details below:

Inanda Seminary

Standard Bank

Branch Code: 043626

Account number: 052409902

c. Enrolment 2020

Currently places are available in Gr 8, 9 and 10. Together with this newsletter there is a reply slip which needs to be returned indicating whether your daughter is returning to the Inanda Seminary next year. All current students are required to fill out this **compulsory return form** indicating whether they will be returning in 2020. A full term's 2020 fees will be charged in lieu of notice should you remove your daughter without

giving this terms notice. Please assist us in this regard as we plan and prepare for 2020.

d. **Term Dates 2020**

TERM 1:	Monday 13 January 2020 – Thurs 26 March 2020
Half Term:	Thursday 13 February 2020 – Sunday 16 February 2020
TERM 2:	Tues 14 April 2020 – Thursday 11 June 2020
Half Term:	Thurs 7 May 2020 – Sunday 10 May 2020
TERM 3:	Monday 6 July 2020 – Thursday 17 September 2020
Half Term:	Thursday 6 August 2020 – Monday 10 August 2020
TERM 4:	Monday 28 September 2020 – Fri 27 November 2020 (exams end Thurs 19 November 2020)
Half Term:	No Half Term in FOURTH TERM

6. **RETURN TERM 4 2019**

Please return to school on time **Sunday 29 September.** We require **all students to be here by 16h00.**

Enjoy this time with your daughters

Yours in education



A.T Ndlovu (Ms)
PRINCIPAL – INANDA SEMINARY