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Dear Parents

14 February 2019

1. **2018 MATRIC RESULTS**

Inanda Seminary has again obtained a 100% pass and was honoured at the Pinetown 2018 NSC Awards for achieving this three years in a row. 8 of our top 10 students obtained averages of 80% or more. 179 distinctions and 109 Bs were obtained. We had 3 students who obtained 6 As (Sanelisiwe Mngomezulu, Aphiwe Ngcobo and Thandolwethu Nkwanyana); 3 students who obtained 5 As (Yoko Nightingale, Asibonge Gumede and Ziyanda Masuku) and 51 students who obtained 2 or more distinctions (6 with four As, 17 with three As and 28 with 2 As) – an average of 2,4 distinctions per student. Our congratulations go to the Class of 2018 for these amazing results. We know this would not have been possible without parents and teachers who supported them throughout the year. We look forward to what the Class of 2019 will produce and look forward once again to your support.

2. **2019 THEME**

The theme for this year is ***'Let your light shine'*** – Matthew 5:16 (as printed in our Special Dates Calendar). In addition, the academic management felt the need to encourage resilience among our members. The academic theme is captured in a quote by Marian Wright Edelman, ***'You are not obligated to win. You're obligated to keep trying to do the best you can every day'***. This quote ties closely with our 2019 school theme and both are visible throughout the school.

3. **TEACHERS SUMMIT**

Our Annual Summit for academic staff began on 8 January with the focus on mentoring. We are a teaching school and mentoring is at the core of what we do. It is something we practice in relations to interns and new teachers, but it can also be seen as an important part of our role as teachers with our members.

4. **GRADE 12 LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

The grade 12 leaders returned on Wednesday 9 January. They were guided by the Naledi team who returned with the programme of self-discovery and collective responsibility which includes individual coaching. They were able to integrate our academic theme of the year – Resilience – into their programme.

On Friday 11 January they were guided through a Rite of Passage where they were surrounded by campus leaders and mothers as they made commitments as they embarked on their leadership journeys and on Friday 24 January during chapel, they again stooped down to wash the feet of a range of members from grade 8-12. Their candles were then lit by members of the Academic School Management Team symbolising our unity in their leadership journey.

5. NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New students were welcomed by the Community and Care Leadership Committee on Saturday 12 January together with Boarding and Pastoral Director Mrs Busisiwe Mdladla. The grade 8s participated in a three day programme to make them more aware of the academic and social demands of the Seminary. Other new students were guided by their peers and met with their relevant Grade Heads during the first week of school.

6. ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our Academic awards took place on Tuesday 15 January 2019. The awards at the beginning of the year are given to the Top 10 in each grade who excelled in the 2018 Final Results. The grade 12 Top 10 were also announced at this special assembly.

7. NEW MATTERS

7.1. STAFFING MATTERS

7.1.1. Academic staff

- Ms Precious Dunn joined us in the life orientation (LO) department as a physical education (LOPE) teacher and LO circles (LOC) teacher. Mrs Nomusa Jobe has moved from the Admin department to also teach LOPE and LOC. In addition, Mrs Jobe and Ms Dunn have been appointed as the Extra-Mural Coordinators.
- Ms Thandeka Mkhize is a recent graduate who did her teaching practicals at Inanda Seminary. She has been appointed as a life sciences and natural sciences teacher.
- Ms Zamavelase Mthembu joined us last year as an English First Additional Language (FAL) locum in the fourth term. Ms Mthembu is appointed to teach grade 10 English FAL and grade 9 LO. Ms Mthembu has also been appointed as the Extra-Mural Afternoon Manager. She will work closely with Ms Dunn and Mrs Jobe.
- Ms Sithembile Cele has been a maths teacher at Inanda since 2017. She is currently developing a maths remediation programme for the lower grades and has been appointed on a part-time basis to do this work in our school. Ms Cele has already implemented support programmes in the maths department and is exploring the idea of doing her masters in maths remediation.
- Ms Heather Collis joins us in the maths and sciences department. She is teaching GET maths and natural sciences.

7.1.2. Teacher interns for 2019

We welcomed two new teacher interns, Ms Pearl Msane and Ms Lindokuhle Myeni. Both of them will be mentored in the sciences department during the first term.

7.2. MATRIC DANCE

This will take place on Friday 15 February. Mah Busie Mdladla is once again coordinating this event and we wish all the grade 12s a special evening and encourage them to savour every moment of it.

7.3. ID DOCUMENTS

We still have Gr 12 students without this important document. Please could this be attended to urgently. It is also a reminder for our Gr 10 and 11 students to

note that this is needed for your matric registration. Why not use your half-term to go and get this done early – if you are already 16 years old?

7.4. VALENTINE'S DINNER

This will take place on Saturday 24 February. This is an informal event so please do not allow your daughters to pressure you into unnecessary expenses.

7.5. MARCH TESTING

March testing will begin for grade 10-12 on Tuesday 5 March and for grades 8-9 on Thursday 7 March. Please encourage and support your daughters as they prepare for these.

7.6. PARENT MEETING

The regular 1st term parent meeting will take place at 10:00 on Home Go day, 15 March 2019. Please make an effort to attend this as we share with your essential information regarding the school as well as issues of the term.

7.7. HOME GO DATES AND TIMES

We run a full academic programme until the last day of school at 12:15. Please refer to the school calendar when making transport arrangements for mid-term and Home go days. This is particularly important at the end of the term when the members write tests/exams on the last day.

7.8. HALF TERM RETURN

Please ensure your daughter returns on Sunday 17 February by 16:00. Late students will be turned away at the gate as this compromises our security and your safety. Those travelling from Gauteng and Eastern Cape have permission to return by 07:00 on Monday 18 February provided they inform Mah Busie Mdladla of this arrangement. Please do not return your daughters later than this as they will miss an important **CASS test which begins at 07:30 on Monday.**

7.9. SCHOOL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Preparations are underway to celebrate our 150th Birthday. Please find the Invitation and 150 Brochure attached. We have a wide range of memorabilia on sale as well as our **Coffee Table book** created to commemorate our 150 years. In addition to this, we have a number of gifts that you can buy for the school. The Weekend Programme is as follows:

Fri 9h00 - Service at cemetery – Rev Susan Valiquette presiding followed by tea on Lucy Lindley Lawns

Fri 12h00 – Opening Children's Wilderness Park Lot 698

Fri 16h00 – History talk by alumnae, Dr Lynette Hlongwane

Fri 17h00 – Choralaires

Fri 17h15 – Music and drama presentation by school

Fri 18h00 – Cocktail party Edwards Hall

Sat 10h00 – Birthday celebration – chapel

Sat 12h30 – Lunch on Lucy Lindley lawn

Sun 9h00 – 150th Chapel Communion Service – Rev Dan Hatch presiding followed by tea

7.10. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - DISCIPLINE

We try as much as possible to follow a restorative discipline approach to be able to encourage positive behaviour. However, this is not always the case and parents are encouraged to once again go through the detail in the Code of

Conduct to ensure that you and your daughter are familiar with the contents thereof. The parent, the school and the member are all legs of the same pot. We need each other to continue to keep the pot upright.

Have a good (albeit short) break with your daughters.

Yours in education

KL Simons-Thebe (Ms)
PRINCIPAL – INANDA SEMINARY



has pleasure in inviting you to our

150th School Birthday Celebration

Date

Saturday 2 March 2019

Time

10h00

Venue

Dr Lavinia Scott Chapel

Guests of Honour

The Alumnae and Staff of '150 years'

Guest Speakers

Barbara Masekela

Esther Sangweni

Lindokuhle Ngwenya

Please join us for lunch on the lawn at 13h00

RSVP

Essential for catering purposes

Before Friday 15 February 2019

In addition, please confirm other weekend function/s you will attend

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150th Birthday Weekend 1-3 March 2019

Date: Friday 1 March 2019

Graveside Service

Time: 09h00

Place: Inanda Cemetery

Preacher – Rev Susan Valiquette School Chaplain (2000-2017)

Birthday Tea 10h30 - Lucy Lindley Lawns.

Opening Inanda Children's Wilderness Park

Presiding – eThekweni Durban Green Corridor

Time: 12h00

School History Presentation

Time: 16h15

Place: Chapel Hall

Presenter: Dr Lynette Hlongwane

A presentation of her doctoral thesis - **The Role of Inanda Seminary in the Education of African Girls in South Africa: Graduates' Views.**

Choralaires

Time: 17h15

Place: Chapel Hall

Presenter: Choralaires of 1969 under original Choir Mistress Darlene Woodburn (Aylard)

School Production – Trail Blazers

Time: 17h30

Place: Chapel Hall

Presenter: Dance, Drama, Music through the years

Alumnae Cocktail Party

Time: 18h30

Place: Edwards Hall

Date: Saturday 2 March 2019

150th Birthday Celebration

Time: 10h00

Place: Dr Lavinia Scott Chapel

Guest Speakers - Barbara Masekela (Matric 1960); Esther Sangweni (Matric 1969); Lindokuhle Ngwenya (Matric 2010)

Lunch – Marquee on the Lucy Lindley lawns

Time: 13h00

Date: Sunday 3 March 2019

School Birthday Dedication Service

Time: 9h00

Place: Dr Lavinia Scott Chapel

Preacher – Rev Daniel Lindley Hatch – Great Great Grandson of School

Memorabilia to be sold to commemorate the 150th Birthday

ITEM	
Pens	R20
Pin badges	R30
Water Bottles	R45
Coffee Mugs	R50
Peak	R25
Cap	R50
Key rings	R40
Lanyards	R20
T shirts	R70
Umbrellas	R100
Scarves	R250

Coffee Table book – Inanda Seminary 150 Years R 300

YOUR GIFT TO THE SEMINARY

If you would like to offer a gift to the Seminary we would love some picnic benches for our new parents visiting area being built.

We have selected those made with recycled plastic both for being environmentally friendly and for their hardiness.

The price below includes a plaque to be fastened to the bench indicating who gave it to the school or who it is given in memory of.

4 - seater picnic table and benches – R 4360

6 - seater picnic table and benches – R 5240

8 - seater picnic table and benches – R 5850

Benches

1,2 m R 2 250

1,5 m R 2 500

1,8 m R 2 800

You can also use the following link to assist us in purchasing some of these benches:

<https://lovingthyneighbour.org/receiverdonate?id=33E1DEBB-2E94-11E9-840A-001E67B2A9F8>