



11 January 2019

Dear Parents,

Hamjambo! Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and were able to 'recharge' your batteries ready for this term's learning and activities in the Junior School. We welcome our two new students and their families, to the school.

As we begin this new term, I would like to introduce you to the new Junior School Music teacher Ms. Alice Adhiambo, who joined us in November 2018. Attached is her profile. We thank Mr. Francis Nyadida the Choral Director and Ms. Stella Wangu the Head of Expressive Arts, for covering the music lessons last term.

Enrichment Programme

After school enrichment activities will begin on Monday 14th January. Attached please find further information from the Enrichment Coordinator, Ms. Hope Baraka. I am also sending a polite reminder that students are to be collected from school on time, at the end of classes or enrichment activities, as there is only a limited time for after-school supervision.

Year 1 Open House - Friday January 25, 2019

The Year 1 Open House will be held on **Friday 25 January, from 7.45am – 11.00am**. This is where we invite students and parents interested in joining the Academy in the next academic year, to visit the school. If you have family or friends who are interested in learning more about the Academy and the world of IB, please let them know of this event. The contact numbers for the Admissions Department are: 0737 696 930 and 0736 200 008.

Semester 1 Student Reports

On Thursday 31 January, via the online platform Managebac, you will receive your child's Semester 1 progress report. Please share this report with your child. We will have 3-Way Conferences on Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 February, for you and your child to meet with their Homeroom Teacher and single subject teachers, to discuss their progress to date and set goals for the rest of the academic year. However, if you have any pressing queries or concerns and would like to discuss the report earlier, please contact your child's teacher or call the office to arrange an appointment.

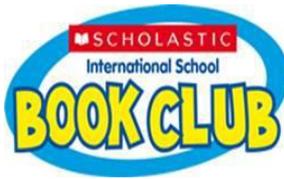


Library News (from Mr. Justin Msagha)

This year we will focus on exploring new ways to serve our students better. Indeed, the positive transformation of the physical space in the Library has greatly impacted on the students' reading culture as they enjoy reading in the new look arrangement. We received new shelving for our books; three large movable shelves and a small one for the picture books. More new tables which will be arriving very soon, which will be a major boost in our service delivery in the Learning Commons.



International School Book Club



The Scholastic International School Book Club (ISBC) will soon release a new catalogue for January 2019, which will be another great opportunity for you to purchase quality children's books at discounted prices. The books on offer are carefully chosen to get children reading for pleasure and to keep them reading through their teenage years. For every 1US\$ that parents spend on these orders, ISBC donates 20% in FREE BOOKS back to the school, which go into the Library. We received over 50 free books in the last offer! Thank you for your support.

Junior School Arts Week Production – *Kalulu and his friends*

What an amazing production it was, on Friday 07 December! This was a wonderful example of what can be achieved when we all work together to bring a project to completion. A huge thank you to the teachers and students who worked on making the costumes, props, scripts, dance routines, art works, songs and our parents who came together on the night to support the final preparations. It was also an opportunity to utilise our outdoor environment to stage the production; encompassing the Junior School playground and surrounding play area a team effort. Well done everyone!





Arts Week Production - Kalulu

Our Parent/Teacher Partnership Literacy Development

Here are some ways you can support your child’s Reading development at home:

- Read to your child as often as possible
- Ensure your child is exposed to a wide range of reading materials. i.e. newspapers, letters, magazines, comics, puzzle books.
- Accept your child’s efforts without criticism
- Encourage your child to look at the title and cover of a book and guess what it might be about
- Encourage your child to read to younger siblings.
- Encourage your child to retell stories. Involve the family in swapping stories.
- Encourage your child to explore a topic they are interested in asking ‘Who’, ‘What’, ‘Where’, ‘Why’, ‘When’
- Encourage your child to talk about books he/she has enjoyed or disliked. Foster thoughtful criticism and comment.

‘We believe that any educational endeavor must prepare young people for the world that lies ahead and its inherent uncertainties. It is clear that what students know is no longer the most important measure of the quality of education. The true test is their ability to engage with what they do not know and to devise solutions; using their capacity for inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving.’

His Highness the Aga Khan - IB World Magazine, October 2018.

Dates for your diary

JANUARY 2019			
Monday	14	Enrichment Programme begins	
Friday	25	Year 1 Open House	7.45am – 11.00am
Thursday	31	Semester 1 Reports to Parents	
FEBRUARY 2019			
Tuesday	19	Three- Way Conferences (No classes)	8.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday	20	Three- Way Conferences (No classes)	8.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday - Friday	21 - 22	Half Term Holiday	
Monday	25	School resumes	
Thursday	28	Book Fair (TBC)	8.30am – 4.00pm



MARCH 2019	01		
Friday	01	Book Fair (TBC)	8.30am – 4.00pm
Friday	01	Inter-House Swimming Gala	8.00am – 12.00pm

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Best regards,

Annia Dear
Principal, Junior School

Attachments:

1. Enrichment Letter - Term 2
2. Staff Profile – Music Teacher
3. Year 1 Open House Flyer

