



Dear Parents

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year.

### Parent Teacher Conferences – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

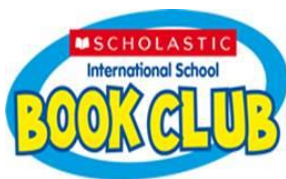
The Junior School will hold Parent Teacher Conferences on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. This is to discuss your child's progress to date and set goals for the rest of the academic year. Attached is further information on the conferences which includes the process to schedule your appointment.

### External Enrichment

We are pleased to inform you that the externally run clubs - Skating, Tae Kwon Do and Tennis will resume next week. The coaches will invoice parents directly and payment should be made to them and not to the school as was previously done. If you wish your child to join any of the activities they can register with the coach next week, or please send in message to Ms. Becky at the office.

| Activity    | Day / 2.45 – 3.45pm  | Coach              | Contact      |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Skating     | Tuesdays             | Andrew Maina       | 0725 021 912 |
| Tae Kwon Do | Mondays & Thursdays  | Hanningtone Omondi | 0721 394 132 |
| Tennis      | Tuesdays & Thursdays | Peter Rakuom       | 0721 396 829 |

### International School Book Club Orders



The Scholastic International School Book Club (ISBC) has sent us a catalogue of their book offers, for this term. The books are especially chosen to get children reading for pleasure. For the equivalent of every 100 Kenya shillings that parents spend on the Book Club orders, ISBC donates 20% in free books of our choice back to the school, which go into the Library. Your child has received an ISBC catalogue today. If you wish to buy some of the books or learning resources, please return the order form and payment in **cash only** by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, which is the deadline for orders. Due to a change in the Finance processes we will not issue a receipt generated by the Finance office. Mr. Justin Msagha, our Teacher Librarian, will receive and process the orders. You will receive a copy of the order form, stamped and signed, to acknowledge payment. Once the books arrive your child will receive them with the original order form.



### Parent volunteers

We welcome parents who may be interested and available to volunteer some time to assist us at school. We need help with cataloging new books in the Junior School Library to meet our target in getting the bulk of new books ready for the students borrow. If you would like to be involved, please inform Ms. Becky or Ms. Annia.

In the classroom, the teachers welcome parents to come in and be a guest speaker for particular areas of learning. We would also appreciate your ideas or suggestions to venues for field trips, which are linked to the Units of Inquiry. Kindly email any ideas you may have to your child's Homeroom teachers, or to the office.

### Student absence

To ensure correct information for student absence from school, please inform you child's Homeroom teacher or the office the reason for the absence. All absences are required to be documented for official purposes.

### Punctuality

It is wonderful to see the majority of students arrive at school on time. However, there are still quite a few who are late to class and to assembly. The bell rings at 7.40am which is the official start of the day. In the classroom, the mornings begin with quiet reading, diary time and taking attendance, which is an important start to the day. Being late to class not only interrupts the individual student settling down, but the general class as well. An early arrival also provides the students with time to chat and socialize in the morning.

### Junior School Calendar

Sent along with this newsletter is the Junior School Calendar for 2019-2020. Note the dates for events at school, throughout the year. Whilst we endeavor to keep the dates the same for major events, please be aware there may be changes due to other circumstances.

### Dates for your Diary

| <b>SEPTEMBER 2019</b> |         |  |                  |
|-----------------------|---------|--|------------------|
| Monday - Friday       | 9 - 20  | SRC Election process                     |                  |
| Saturday              | 28      | Inter-School Swimming Gala               | 8.00am - 1.30pm  |
| <b>OCTOBER 2019</b>   |         |  |                  |
| Friday                | 4       | Parent Teacher Conferences               | 8.00am - 4.00pm  |
| Saturday              | 5       | Parent Teacher Conferences               | 8.00am - 12.45pm |
| Saturday - Sunday     | 5 - 6   | Inter-School Swimming Gala – NBI         |                  |
| Monday - Monday       | 7 - 21  | School Break                             |                  |
| Tuesday               | 22      | School resumes                           | 07.40am          |
| Saturday - Sunday     | 26 - 27 | CASA Level 1                             |                  |
| Monday                | 28      | Enrichment begins                        |                  |
| Thursday              | 31      | Parent Workshop - Digital<br>Citizenship | 8.00 - 9.00am    |
| Thursday              | 31      | Portfolio Checkpoint                     | 9.00am - 2.40pm  |
| Thursday              | 31      | Parent Workshop - Digital<br>Citizenship | 5.00pm - 6.00pm  |



Thank you to you all for your good wishes and support during our first month or so starting the new academic year. I'm looking forward to working with you all to ensure your child enjoys a very successful year in the Junior School.

Asante sana.

Kind regards,

*Annia Dear*  
Principal, Junior School

Attachments:

- Parent-Teacher Conference Letter
- Junior School Calendar

