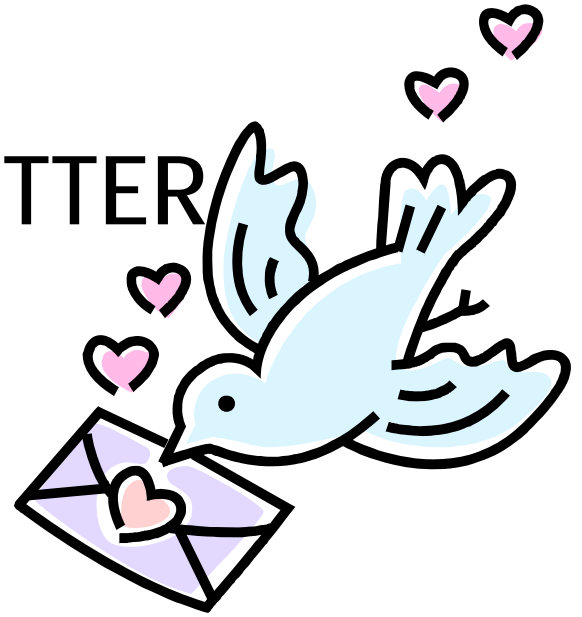




PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



14th March 2008

Dear Parents/ Guardians

For your Information

School Closes For Term Break – Last Day Thursday 20th March

School Reopens Wednesday 2nd April For All Students.

Clubs Not On Next Week

As there is an IB pre authorization visit next week in which a number of staff are involved, and we close Thursday, there are no clubs.

Clubs Will Resume On Monday 7th April

Car Park Safety

We are trying to avoid an unnecessary accident in the car park. Students are not allowed to wait there. They must wait until their driver calls them by mobile phone to come or in the case of primary students, the parent or driver comes into school to collect their children.

Secondary Expectations Behaviour: Classroom Distraction/Disruption

I have written a good deal about expectations as our secondary school is growing into a full range secondary with a surge in the population. This, I promise, is the final part in terms of behavioural expectations and this is in regards to classroom participation. In our system we encourage participation in class either with hands-on experience or verbal contributions. Classes are small and students can contribute freely on many occasions without necessarily asking permission to speak. Verbal participation and contributions are encouraged where appropriate. However, students are advised that inappropriate contributions such as banter between students and social chit chat unrelated to the topic at hand are considered undesirable. Such distractions can disrupt a lesson. Students are advised that most students go to lessons to focus on their study and that all parents expect that no students may disrupt the studies of their child. Teachers also feel exactly the same. Teachers are advised that they will be supported in rejecting disruptive behaviour.

Lates

The number of students arriving late has surged recently. Could parents please ensure they arrive on time-in particular secondary students whose late arrival really disturbs lessons.

Buses

Could I please ask all parents to cooperate with the school bus driver and assistant who travel with them. Please ensure that your children are ready on time and in place in the morning. If you have any complaint about any drivers please call the office and speak to Rose and she will follow it up with me. I should say that our drivers who drive during peak times morning and evening have had no accidents of any kind and I have only had one complaint from a parent. The teachers' assistants whose responsibilities include monitoring the driver's safety consideration as well as students' behaviour on the bus confirm that the drivers are very safety conscious.

Saturday Swimming Gala

There will be a Swimming Gala at Aga Khan from 9.00am to 3.00pm this Saturday. Go Lions!

Music Performers At Assemblies

KISU would like to start showcasing students' musical talents at assemblies. If your child takes music lessons, either here at the school or elsewhere, and you would like them to get a chance to practice their performance skills in front of an audience at assembly, either you can send a note or your child can inform Ms. Meyer for secondary or Mr. Peterson for Primary.

Ski Trip Deposit

On the heels of what was an extremely successful—and slightly longer than expected—ski trip, we are now taking deposits for next year's trip. If you and/or your child(ren) would like to go on next year's trip, you need to reserve your space with a 200 US non-refundable deposit. Please note that there are only approximately 25 spaces available so please see our Bursar at your earliest convenience!

Clubs

Clubs for Term 2 are now complete and we are now busy organizing clubs for next term. Thank you for the huge response to date as many of the children had returned their forms to the school by this past Tuesday! Any forms received by the P.E. department on Monday March 17th or later can not be processed at this time but can be considered after the first round of placements.

Music Assembly

Thank you to all parents who attended our Primary music assembly this morning and congratulations to Mr. Bbosa for organizing an exciting and fun event. KISU students did a great job of displaying their singing talents to all in attendance. It was excellent. Well done to all!

Coming Up:

Next week promises to be a busy end of term. Please note the following important events and changes to planned events:

March 17th-21st: Semaine de francophonie (French Week)

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day (thank goodness our school colours are green!)

March 18th: 11 and under boys and girls Hockey vs. Aga Khan at Lugogo Field (3:15 start)

March 18th: Year 3 and 4 Production

March 19th: Year 6 Interhouse Basketball (1:45 start)

March 20th: Year 5 Interhouse Basketball (1:45 start)

World Swim Against Malaria T-Shirts

When we return from break we will be launching into our next big school drive: 'World Swim against Malaria!' KISU swimmers of all ages and abilities will be combining swimming kilometres collected during class and club time in an attempt to match the road kilometres from Kampala to various destinations throughout Uganda. Starting now and ending on April 14th, we will be selling 'World Swim against Malaria' T-shirts for 15,000 Shillings. If you would like to purchase one for you and/or your child, please collect a form from the P.E. office at your earliest convenience. Payment can be made at the Bursar's office and will then be transferred to organizers of the event. We thank you for your support in this worthy cause!

Library

I would like to thank all the parents for their generous donations to the school library. Please remember to return all Library books before you go for your holidays. See you next term.

Picking Up Children Without Informing The Office

Yesterday it seemed like the whole school was searching for a child who was lost. The child did not show up for the bus, though we knew he had attended. Parents were called but there was no answer. Eventually we established that the child had been picked up by a parent. Please let the office know when you do not wish your child to go on the bus. Please inform the office when any mobile phone number for any reason changes.

Next Year's And Next Term's Calendars

One calendar attached is for next term. The other calendar is for the next academic year. Next year's calendar at present is being sent to show you the basic holiday pattern. Later you will receive an update with events marked in.

Best Wishes



Graham Pheby
Principal