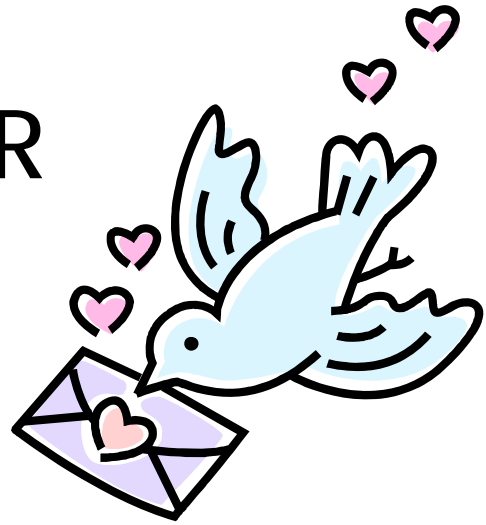




# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



20<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians

For your Information

## Text Messaging/ On Line Chat

In western countries harassment and bullying on internet chat lines such as MSN and mobile texting is a well known phenomenon for which parents and schools have been working out strategies for some time to combat.

Recent comments from two parents have alerted me to the fact that we are not in a mobile/internet desert. Comments so far have concerned what you might term as young adolescent naive girlfriend boyfriend chat. This is not uncommon in any secondary school break times etc, but MSN and mobile texting extend/increase its incidence and take it into the family home and at all hours. Research has shown that the most vulnerable ages are from 11-15 years peaking somewhere in the middle and that the more mature students have left this well behind.

Some strategies I have heard employed: -

Restrictions against on line chat with school friends - being restricted only to on line chat with overseas family or friends. Placing the computer of a young person in a central location in the home and checking on line chat lines are not open during homework research.

Checking text messages of the mobile phones of younger children and thinking of it not as spying but of taking responsibility for the protection of a young minor. Restricting airtime for use only for family business. Not giving airtime – using mothers phone to phone a friend about homework for instance. There are many other strategies of course –but it is worth monitoring for this age group particularly in the middle of that age group.

## The New Building

It is really taking shape and is very impressive. I have already taken some parents around. If you wish to have a guided tour please call Rose at the Office and nominate either 10am on Saturday or Sunday and I will meet you in the car park and drive you down.

## Francophone Week

I didn't get to see many of the important events as I have been very bus this week particularly on Monday. However, I understand that our French teachers and students made a very interesting time for all and their material has brightened up the environment considerably.

## Newsletters

Occasionally I get requests for emailed newsletters. This is not possible for a number of practical reasons. However, there is one way of receiving it. If your son or daughter does not bring it home and you have access to the internet, the newsletter is sent to the website manager who has it on the website latest by Saturday.

## Year 6 Outdoor Education Trip

We are in the final stages of planning for this trip and will have a meeting with Year 6 parents within the first two weeks of term in order to introduce the trip to parents. Apologies for not including this information in the calendar sent to you last week.

## Head lice

In the termly head lice check, only one case was found in the entire school. The particular child had already been treated and the mother of that child had already acted most responsibly in informing the school.

## Year 3 And 4 Production

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 students who put on a 'funtastic' performance this past Tuesday night. A special thanks to all those parents who helped their children memorize their songs and lines at home.

## Ski Trip

WOW! In just 4 days we have had over 10 students sign up for next year's ski trip. Spots are filling up so if you would like to go, please see Abu (the school Bursar) at your earliest convenience.

## Sports Calendar: Important Swimming Events

A calendar of sporting events will go out at the beginning of next term. To start the term, we have two major swimming events: our annual Swim Gala (April 16<sup>th</sup>) and 'World Swim against Malaria' (April 4<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>). Deadline for purchasing a t-shirt for the beginning of the event (delivery on or before April 4<sup>th</sup>) was today. If you and/or your child would like a 'World Swim against Malaria' t-shirt, you have until April 14<sup>th</sup> to collect an order form from the P.E. office and make your payment to the Bursar.

## Sports Results

Congratulations to our under-11 Field Hockey teams who both won their games this past Tuesday. Our girl's team won a hard-fought battle 3-1 while the boys came from behind to win 3-2. Well done!

## Lost And Found Items

We have a number of items in our lost and found. As well, we have a 'Lost and Found' monitor in Year 5 who returns items once a week to students throughout the school; however, many of the items are not labelled and can therefore not be returned to their rightful owner. Please make sure you label your child's items where possible and check the 'Lost and Found' to see if you recognize any of the water bottles, shoes, shirts, jackets and other items.

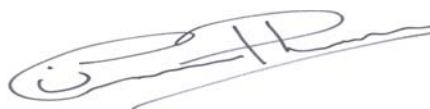
## Individual Music Performance

At KISU we believe in giving opportunities to upcoming musicians to perform in front of an audience because this builds their confidence, boosts their self-esteem, and enhances their performance skills. In addition, the assembly performances will help in preparing performers for our forthcoming end of term 3 Music Recital as well as the international music examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) scheduled for June 2008, for some pupils. For this reason, next term we will encourage as many of those that take private lessons to perform for our assemblies. If your child takes lessons outside the school, and you would like them to perform in assembly next term and also be part of the Music Recital, please contact Mr. Benon Kigozi, who is responsible for drawing up the performance schedule starting with term 3.

## Year 11 "The Lions Roar"/Commendations

I would like to commend our Year 11's for the latest issue of "The Lions Roar" which you will receive today. I should also take this opportunity to inform you that visiting IB personnel made a point of expressing how knowledgeable the Year 11 students were about the IB Diploma and how they were impressed by their maturity and positive attitude. Well done to them.

Best Wishes and have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



Graham Pheby  
Principal