

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Guardians

For your Information

IB World School to offer IB Diploma

At 5.30pm on Wednesday, I received official confirmation from the Director General that KISU has been authorized by the IB Organisation to operate as an IB World School and offer the IB Diploma Programme from September of this year.

Our Year 11 students will now be able to finalise their choices of the subjects offered and we can also inform other enquiring student/ families that we can officially enroll them as IB students.

I am now able to tell you that the IB sent two very experienced IB authorising visitors back in March. One had worked for the IB for twenty years. The other informed us that he was doing eight authorization visits per year.

At the final meeting I attended with the Secondary Coordinator, IB Diploma Coordinator and Head of Admissions, the Chairman began by saying that they would be recommending to Geneva that we be accepted. He concluded by saying that he had never visited a school so well prepared and, at that moment, his colleague added that he also wished to say the same – that he had never visited a school so well prepared. As you can see, I then asked if we could quote them after receiving the official authorisation!

There were many other positive comments made at the meeting including the work done by the IB Diploma Coordinator, Marie Kamure, the knowledge and understanding of the D.P. exhibited by Board Members ; the substantial and impressive funding of the preparations and the new school they visited ; the warm welcoming atmosphere they experienced and much else.

We were also proud to hear them make special comments of the Year 11 students they had a meeting with. They stated that they had been impressed by their maturity; that they came across as an intelligent group; that they found them also really knowledgeable of the Diploma Programme. It says much about our Year 11 students. When visitors who have met many groups of Year 11's say they were impressed, it is something to take note of. As indeed it is when such experienced visitors remark that the school was the best prepared they have ever visited. You can imagine that this is a boast we won't let go of for many years.

May Holiday Break

Please be advised that the school will be closed next week **Thursday and Friday 1st and 2nd May.**

Slip And Slide

Thank you from the Early Year's Department and Mr. Peterson for those who attended the Slip and Slide today! Sponsorship money should be paid to the Bursar. The money will be used to buy milk products for young children in an orphanage.

Kabira Royale Casino Night To Raise Funds For Comprehensive Team Sport Kits.

The PTA would like all parents to know that they are making a substantial donation to sponsor full basketball and field sports (football and hockey mainly) kits to the P.E department.

The donation consists of 3 million from present funds and 60% of profit from their PTA, Casino Night. The other 40% of profit will go to approved local charities.

I have to say that the students from 8 years and under to 18 and under teams of boys and girls, the P.E Dept, and many staff and parents are most obliged to the PTA for what will be a highly visible product of PTA work for a broad spread of students in our school.

The Casino Night will be held at the small pool area. There will be two roulette tables and card tables. There will be music! The price of 50,000 single or 90,000 couple includes the finger food. There will be a cash bar. All will be given 40,000 of chips to play with. No more can be purchased. There are a number of sponsored prizes. The person who finishes the evening with the most chips, wins the star prize, the second most number of chips wins the second best prize and so on.

Dress is formal, so bring out your Bond gear and ball gowns if you wish! There are only 150 tickets and no more will be made after they are sold. Tickets will be on sale from 2.15 – 4.15pm next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in school.

Class Photos

These are now on sale. The photographer took 5 photos of each class and chose 2. Each class has two photos displayed on the school notice board. You and your child can see them at any time. You choose which one (they are numbered as "1" or "2") next to the class name. You tell Sakeena in the Bursar's Office and she will take your order and 45,000/= for which you will receive 2 x 8" x 12" photos and 4 x 4" x 6" "grannie" photos.

Orders have been taken (as per last week's Newsletter) from Wednesday 23rd to Wednesday 30th April. Please order as soon as possible. Thank you.

Community Links

We are forming a committee consisting of teachers actively involved in community links and the chair and vice-chair of the PTA to decide which specific charities we wish to support and be linked with as a whole school community.

As a school we wish to support other children that our children may identify with. In supporting children, we wish to support the most disadvantaged. We wish to support with joint activity, services or material goods and not cash. We wish to support Kampala based links so that our students are able to visit.

We will meet as a group to research and eventually decide which limited number of Kampala children's charities to support. In this way we hope that our efforts will be less dissipated more focused, more effective and that the specific organizations will be known to all parents, staff and students as the charities KISU Supports. So when there is any fund raising all will know where the charity portion is going and with whom our students are linked. The committee will meet after the May break.

Mr. Carberry's Sports Corner

Well done to all those who participated in last weekend's basketball. Our team members were very focused and participated 100%.

Don't forget the Cross Country Run starting 8am at ISU. Rumour has it that KISU's mascot, Larry The Lion, is aiming to be first!

Best Wishes.



Graham Pheby
Principal