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Dear Parents

1. Reports Term 1 2019

Please find enclosed your daughter's report for the 1st term. I include the **PASS REQUIREMENTS** to help you understand the report better. All assessments this term are based on Continuous Assessments and controlled tests.

GET Senior Phase – Grade 8 - 9

At the end of the year, progression is based on 40% Continuous Assessment (CASS) and 60% for the final examination

- 50% (level 4) in **Home language**
- 40% (level 3) in **1st additional language**
- 40% (level 3) in **Maths**
- 40% (level 3) in **THREE** of remaining Learning Areas
- **Global Studies** – this is art and culture, technology and arithmetic and considered as ONE subject for promotion purposes.

Gr 8 students had steel drum music lessons this term and have been allocated a mark which has been included in their Global Studies mark. Gr 9 will have steel drum classes included in Global Studies in Term 2. If a student has failed to meet ONE of the above requirements, we have written Progress on her report as it is not a clear PASS. If she has failed to meet TWO of the above requirements she has failed the term.

If a student failed to submit a compulsory assignment for assessment (despite extensions of time and reminders) the student signs a form acknowledging lack of submission and is given zero. A reduced mark is given for late submission as per the policy. (See student diary)

FET Phase – Grades 10 -12

At the end of the year, progression is based on 25% Continuous Assessment (CASS) and 75% for the final examination. No Condonation in FET.

The minimum requirements for a pass as per NSC requirements:

Higher Certificate NSC

- 40% (level 3) in 3 subjects one of which must be Home language
- 30% (level 2) in **THREE** other subjects
- Candidate can fail one subject

Diploma NSC

- 40% (level 3) in **4** subjects one of which must be Home language
- 30% (level 2) in **TWO** other subjects
- Candidate can fail **ONE** subject

Bachelors Degree NSC - B

- 50% (level 4) in **4** subjects one of which must be Home language **EXCLUDING** Life Orientation
- 30% (level 2) in **TWO** other subjects
- Candidate can fail **ONE** subject

2. Detail of T1 Parent meeting held 15 March 2019

Inanda Seminary:

Executive Director: JAT Tate M.Ed, B.Ed. B.Sc. HDE

Directors: AE Wentzel (Chair), BJ Dloomo, GCH Khumalo, LH Lambert, J-RDT Mazibuko, MW Nangu, D Ngidi, JAT Tate, M Zungu

Member of the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa; Member of the South African Extraordinary Schools Coalition;
Member of the Global Teachers Institute

- a. Principal's report
 - i. 2018 Top Ten Awards Assembly
 - ii. 2018 Matric results
 - iii. Staffing – Parents attending the meeting were introduced to the new members of staff as detailed in the previous newsletter.
Farewells: Mr Melusi Msomi (isiZulu HL) will be leaving after four years at Inanda Seminary. He will be joining the isiZulu Department at the University of Pretoria as a lecturer.
We celebrated one of our Teacher Interns (Sinoxolo Ndlovu) who is currently in the USA with the Global Teachers Institute participating in action research around reading for meaning and understanding.
 - iv. Looking back – Events like the matric dance, our special assemblies and school birthday were shared with parents present.
- b. Extra mural report
 - i. The results for League and competition results as well as the inter-house swimming gala
 - ii. Important dates in term 2
- c. Boarding Director's report
 - i. Reminded parents to use the correct channels of communication when it comes to issues relating to boarding.
 - ii. When visiting, if arrive before 14:00 then can park on the premises but parents were urged to not disrupt members until official visiting hours begin.
 - iii. It is requested that no medication be retained by any student. All medication must be declared to the matrons (including chronic medication)
 - iv. Study session during the testing period will in future coincide with Saturday School times - 08:00-10:00 and then 10:30-12:00.
 - v. Reminder about the correct uniform for summer in preparation for winter and also to ensure that short and tight skirts and blouses are replaced.
- d. Executive Director's report
 - i. Property – the new eNtokozweni Centre was opened at the School Birthday. This area will be used for classes, as well as a social and visiting area.
 - ii. Finance – a request that any matters of concern re fee payment be brought to the bursar as early as possible so pay agreements can be put in place.

3. General

Matric Dance – Our Matric dance took place on Friday 15 February during Mid-term. The dining hall was transformed into an elegant eating hall with hanging chandeliers and candelabra. The Public Relations grade 12 committee, led by Mah Busie was responsible for the décor and food enjoyed on the night. The images shared were evidence of the glamour and fun.

SRC/Class Captain Induction – The induction took place on Friday 22 February. The leaders were nominated and elected by their peers. The Chair of the 2019 SRC is Londeka Shabalala and the Vice-chairperson is Thando Thabethe.

School 150 Birthday – We celebrated the weekend over three days.

Friday - We commemorated the founders and our first principal, Mah Mary Kelly Edwards, with special service at the cemetery led by Rev Susan Valiquette who

had come out from the US for the occasion. We then enjoyed some cake on the lawn before all guests were invited to a historical presentation led by alum, Dr Lynette Hlongwane. We were then treated to a performance by the original members of the Choralaires, led by Darlene Aylard. A group of members then performed a production documenting our history but also the trailblazing nature of the Inanda Seminary. All guests were invited to a cocktail party thereafter.

Saturday – Our birthday celebrations resumed on Saturday morning in grand style. We were visited by about 500 guests and alumnae and families. A tribute was read to Barbara Masekela (an ex-member) who could not speak at the celebration due to ill-health. We also enjoyed some anecdotes from Mavis Mitchell Lambert (nee Xulu) who was in the class of 1951. A further speaker was Esther Sibongile Sangweni (class of 1969) who together with 9 other alumnae formed the "Power of 10" group who saved the school when it was faced with closure in 1997. Our final speaker was Lindokuhle Ngwenya (class of 2010) who hailed Inanda as a space that grows people to reach beyond their own limitations. All guests were again treated to a performance by the Choralaires as well as our own choir.

Saturday also saw the opening of the newly-completed eNtokozweni - a place of joy. **Sunday** – The final event of the chapel was a service led by the great great grandson of one of our founders, Rev Daniel Lindley Hatch. He reminded us about their courage and inspired us to continue to be courageous in our efforts.

Monday – we hosted the South African Extraordinary Schools Coalition (SAESC) and had 50 educators from around South Africa attend our quarterly meeting which was a magnificent way to conclude our celebratory weekend.

4. Important dates Term 2 2019

Open Day – Sat 6 April 10:00 – talk/tour/tea. All welcome. Please pass this information on to those looking for enrolment in Gr 8-10 in 2019. (see below)

Interhouse Sports fortnight – the first two weeks of Term 2 (1-17 April)

Academic Awards Assembly – 5 April

Cross Country – the whole school participates in this 12 April 13:00

Sports Day – 17 April 08:00

Mid term break – this is early this term to incorporate the Easter weekend - Thurs 18 April 12:15 to Tuesday 23 April. Tuesday 23 April is a school day but not a teaching day. It is the day students are to return. Gr 8 should return in the morning and their parents are asked to attend Gr 8 Parent-teacher interviews (See below), and Gr 12 are asked to return from 12h00 and their parents attend Parent-teacher interviews from 13h00. Gr 9, 10, 11 may return through the day on Tuesday 23 April but must be in by 16h00. Evening study begins at 18h15.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Due to requests with overcrowding, Parent-Teacher interviews have been divided into 2 days. In addition to this, to ease the congestion at certain teachers, the first day has been divided into 2. It is an opportunity for you and your daughter to sit briefly (5 mins) with each of her teachers.

Tuesday 23 April Gr 8 –8MN & 8NB 08:00-10:00; 8NG & 8NK 10:00-12:00.

And in the afternoon, **Gr 12 –13:00-16:00**

Saturday 25 May - Gr 9-11 — Times are 09:00 to 12:00 and then again from 13:00 to 16:00. (On both days, teachers will not see parents between 12:00-12:45).

On Sat 25th, please do not wait until the afternoon to arrive as it gets very busy. The queues are shorter in the morning.

Gr 9 Subject Choice Presentation - this specific meeting is held for Gr 9 parents on Parent-Teacher Interview Day 25 May. This is an information meeting regarding SUBJECT CHOICES for Gr 10 at 12h00.

Home-Go Parent Meeting – Thursday 13 June at 10:00

5. Enrolment 2020

Enrolment is open for **Gr 8-10** in 2020 and interviews will commence from April 2019. If you know people that are interested in their daughters coming into the Seminary for 2020 please get them to apply early. Note no acceptance into Gr 11-12.

6. Uniform

Winter Uniform: Students are permitted to wear FULL Tracksuits (R 340) and school scarves (R 70) at school from after the middle of May until Spring Day (30 August). These items are available at the school uniform shop. Any old, faded, torn or defaced tracksuit will not be permitted to be worn as uniform.

Marking and labelling of uniform: Please refrain from marking their uniforms on the outside of shirt or tracksuit collars.

Gr 12 ties: The supplier has been struggling to get the correct purple. We have therefore been delayed with providing the Gr 12s with their ties. Please be patient with regard to this.

7. Gr 11 Job Shadow

Gr 11 students were given letters to distribute this holiday to potential organisations for their July Job Shadow work experience. This is part of their LO component for this year and we would ask parents to assist where possible in finding suitable places for their daughters to volunteer.

8. Registration Sunday

Please ensure your daughter returns on Sunday 30 March. We would ask that Gr 8 return by 11h00, Gr 9 by 12h00, Gr 10 by 13h00, Gr 11 by 14h00 and Gr 12 by 15h00. No student should arrive after 16:00. Late students will need to be turned away at the gate as this compromises our security and your safety – unless they have personally communicated with our campus Director Mrs Busie Mdladla.

9. Outstanding forms

There are still a number of POPI, Social Media, Health Questionnaires, Annual Update forms outstanding. These are important in terms of the communication with parents and also the publicity of our school and the use of its resources. Please can these be attended to and returned on Registration Sunday.

10. Matric ids

We still have too many Gr 12 students without this important document. Please could this be attended to urgently. It is also a reminder for our Gr 10 and 11 students to note that this is needed for your matric registration. Why not use your holidays to go and get this done early – if you are already 16 years old?

11. Home-go Travel Arrangements

Please remember to check the school's Important Dates Calendar when making travel arrangements for the mid-term break that will take place in the 3rd week after we get back to school, as well as any other Home-go days. Our academic programme runs on Home Go days up to 12:15. Flights should not be booked before 15:00.

In this time of Lent let us prepare for Jesus death and resurrection, the mystery of our faith. I trust that you are enjoying this short break with your daughters.

Yours in education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KL Simons-Thebe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

KL Simons-Thebe (Ms)
PRINCIPAL – INANDA SEMINARY