



# The Westwood WEB

Monday, 12th September 2011  
Week 1, Term 3.

## From the Head of School

Welcome back! I trust that everyone had a great holiday. We give a warm and special welcome to new students and parents to Westwood. Also at this time, please join me in welcoming the following new additions to staff: Keaboka Modise, Mataji Sharma, Aldo Brincat and Dima Shedid.

**Keaboka Modise** will be replacing Khalid Mahdi as the Maintenance Manager for Westwood. Keaboka, a former Design & Technology teacher, has many years experience working in schools and has specialized in carpentry.

**Mataji Sharma** joins us as a Learning Support Teacher for middle and secondary school. Mataji comes from the Philippines. She has been the Middle Years Program Coordinator at the Arendal International School in Norway and Kokaikanal International School in India. Mataji is also an experienced Languages, Humanities, ESL and Diploma teacher. Mataji holds a Masters of Arts (Educational Psychology) from the University of the Philippines and Masters in Teaching English from Filamer Christian College. She holds a teaching license in Social Studies (middle school/secondary level) from the Philippines.

**Aldo Brincat** has been hired for the third term to help with Drama. Aldo served as the Head of Department (Drama) at Maru-a-Pula Secondary School and comes to us with a wealth of experience in drama and musical productions. In 2004, he was invited to be an Artist in Residence at Kearnsey College.

**Dima Shedid** has been hired for the third term to help with the Reception to grade 2 music programme. She will be working closely with Alex Mwesa, the music teacher. Dima is Lebanese and holds a Bachelor of Preschool and Primary Education from Notre Dame University Louaize.

**Phyllis HILDEBRANDT**  
Head of School

## From the Deputy Head of School

Welcome to those parents and students who join us for the first time; welcome back to our existing students and parents. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break and have returned refreshed and ready for a busy next few months of learning and growing.

The third term is always a busy time and this year is no exception. Among other things, in the primary school we have our PYP Exhibition, Lower and Upper Primary production and sports days. In the secondary school, we have students preparing for the IGCSE and IB Diploma examinations, as well as the IB Diploma Art Exhibition. Auditions for Aldo Brincat's production of Cinderella for the secondary students will be held on Saturday, 17 September from 10:00 – 15:00.

Below are some important updates, reminders and previews of school events.

### Mother Tongue Programme

As part of the school's commitment to promoting intercultural understanding, we are looking at ways of maintaining and/or developing our students' home languages while they are at the same time learning the school language of English. There is much research to show that gaining and maintaining proficiency in one's mother tongue helps in the learning of other languages. It also engages students in the language, literature and culture of their home country. Furthermore, maintaining the mother tongue facilitates students' transitioning back into the school and society of their home country, should they return there.

To this end, we will be piloting our Mother Tongue Programme from this term.

Depending on the interest of the families involved, and/or on the availability of a tutor, the programme will be offered:

- to primary and secondary students
- 1x/week after school
- by suitable teachers in small groups

at a cost according to the size of the group.

If you are interested in having your child/ren participating in the programme/if you know of anyone who can provide mother tongue classes, please contact the Modern Languages Head of Department, Madame Kampunzu at [pakampunzu@westwood.ac.bw](mailto:pakampunzu@westwood.ac.bw) or 72272917 for further information.

### **WIS celebrates the International Day of Peace**

The Student Representative Council will be organizing a special assembly for International Day of Peace on Tuesday September 21st. The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. Along with being designated by the UN as the International Day of Peace, September 21 is also a day of Global Ceasefire. By acknowledging a unified day without violence, a Global Ceasefire can provide hope for citizens who must endure war and conflict; it proves that worldwide peace is possible. A cessation of hostilities for 24 hours can also enable relief workers to reach civilians in need with food, water, and medical supplies.

### **International Schools' Assessment**

On Tuesday, October 11 and Wednesday, October 12, Westwood will be administering the International Schools' Assessment (ISA) to students in Years 3, 5, 7, & 9.

#### **What is ISA?**

The ISA is an annual assessment programme that has been specifically developed to measure skills in mathematical literacy, reading and writing of students in international schools.

#### **What information will I receive as a parent?**

We will pass on all information about your child to you in the form of an individual report. Results of this assessment will be available in February 2011.

#### **How will WIS use the results?**

We will analyse all data about the general patterns of performance and use these as another of the ways in which we monitor and modify our educational programmes that we offer at WIS.

### **Upcoming events:**

Saturday, 17 September – Zumba dancing at WIS from 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday, 21 September – World Peace Day assembly

Wednesday, 21 September - IB Diploma Information Evening

Monday, 26 September – Afternoon Activities begin

Wednesday, 28 September – IGCSE information session

Week of 26 September – Setswana Week

Thursday, 29 September – Independence Day Celebrations

Friday, 30 September – Public Holiday.

**Amanda WILLIAMS**  
**Deputy Head of School**

### **Zumba @ Westwood International School**

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00

**Entrance Fee:** P50.00

Bring your hats and water bottles! Refreshments will be sold.

Two hours of Zumba incorporating movements and steps from dance styles such as Latin dance moves, belly dancing and hip-hop.

All proceeds will go to the Kagisano Society Women's Shelter Project.

Donations can also be made in the form of cash, food (tinned), first aid kits, cleaning utensils and bedding

The Women's Shelter will be selling some of their own crafts too.

Dear Westwood Community,

For our IB CAS project, we are teaching twenty teenage girls at the Gamodubu Orphanage how to sew quilts.

This will allow them to learn a new skill and within a few lessons, they will be able to sew beautiful hand-made quilts which can then be sold and the proceeds of which will go to Gamodubu.

The aim of this project is to not only teach them a new skill that they can benefit from, but also to motivate them to do something while they are at Gamodubu, which is productive and creates unity within the group.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could donate any fabric (preferably cotton) and any sewing equipment. Please leave them in the **carton boxes left in the front office**. We will also go to each class individually to collect material on Wednesdays and Fridays

Your donations need not be extravagant and **old pillow covers, bed sheets, blanket covers, curtain material, handkerchiefs, and any old clothes and fabric** that is in a good condition are welcome. All fabric can be mixed and matched to make wonderful handmade quilts. Other items such as **needles and thread** will also be appreciated.

Thank you for your support

Gorata, Megan and Neetika  
IB2

# AUDITIONS!!

FOR ALDO BRINGCAT'S  
stage production of

**"CINDERELLA"**

**17th September - 10 am**  
@ Mantlwaneng Theatre  
Westwood International School

Calling ALL Amateur  
Stage Actors, Dancers, Singers and Musicians!\*

There are numerous roles on offer  
and excerpts from the script will be available.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your commitment is essential.  
Rehearsals will be flexible but daily. Cinderella  
runs from the 9th December to the 24th December.  
You must be available for this period.

Please call 3971809 for more information.

\*Must be 13 years and older.

# CINDERELLA



**THE MONITOR**