



The Westwood WEB

Monday, 30st January 2012
Week 3, Term 1.

From The Deputy Head of School

Important announcement:

Health and Safety Matters

Pick up and drop off procedures

As you are aware, our car park has become increasingly congested during peak times. This is as a result of our increased enrolment. In order to ensure that all our students are safe, and to minimize the congestion, we ask that parents whose children are in Reception, as well as in Years 1, 2 and 3 use the flood plain adjacent to the school for pick-up and drop-off. Thank you for your patience whilst we review the pick-up and drop-off procedures at the school.

Reminder:

All students must be picked up by 13:30 at the latest unless they are doing afternoon activities.

Mother Tongue/First Language Instruction Programme

Research has shown the importance of maintaining a student's first language both for second language acquisition and overall cognitive development. At WIS we support the development of a student's mother tongue and ask you to ensure your son or daughter has the opportunity to continue to do so. There are many organisations outside school which support continuing first language acquisition and development. However, for those families who cannot find the classes they need we would like to help. To this end, we are pleased to announce that we have further extended our mother tongue language offerings and are now able to offer Setswana, Afrikaans, Hindi and Japanese. Mother tongue French classes will also be undertaken in collaboration with *Alliance Francaise*.

The school provides the venue, finds the teacher and processes the paperwork at no cost to parents. The timing of the class is then discussed between the teacher and the parents. The teacher's fee is shared between the parents of the students in the class.

If you are interested in having your children participating in the programme or 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 or 72272917 for further information.

TO ALL THE AFRIKAANS MOTHER-TONGUE SPEAKERS.

I will be offering Afrikaans to any learners from year 7 – 11 who would like to improve and work on their Afrikaans, speaking, writing and reading.

Classes will take place every Tuesday from 14h30 – 15h30 in room 18 A starting Tuesday 31st of January 2012.

Please be so kind to send me an email if you would be interested in this service, with your child's name and year and reason for participating in the program. Also if your child is unable to attend you are welcome to just send me an email or a message so that I am aware of any absences.

Please contact me for any further information on : le-ies@westwood.ac.bw

Kind regards

Leana Ries

Prevention of Theft (A Reminder)

Students and parents are reminded that expensive items must not be brought into school unless they are secured on the person. There is little that can be done if such items are left lying around or even left in lockers. Students are reminded that they are responsible for their property.

Students and parents are reminded that property should be suitably marked so that the rightful owner can be identified. While this will not stop theft altogether, there is a deterrent factor and at least lost property can be returned to the owner.

Channels of communication:

Parents are encouraged to keep in continuous contact with the teachers responsible for the instruction of their children. Questions pertaining to the instructional programme of a specific child will normally be channelled to the class or subject teacher in the first instance.

Parent information sessions

Do you have any questions pertaining to the programmes that we have on offer at WIS? Please make sure that you attend the regularly scheduled programme information sessions so that all your questions may be answered. Please refer to the attached calendar for the dates and times of these meetings.

If a parent wishes to have a formal conference concerning a student's progress outside of the periodic conferences scheduled by the School, we suggest that an appointment be made at a mutually convenient time. Appointments can be made through the school office or directly with the teacher.

Newsletter

The school publishes a fortnightly newsletter for all parents. In addition, an electronic bumper edition of the *Westwood Web* is published twice per term. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep the entire school community informed of all the activities of the various programmes on offer at the school, as well as for general announcements. If parents have special announcements of a general nature that may be suitable for a newsletter we would be happy to include them. See attached calendar for dates of publication.

Upcoming events:

Please find attached the calendar of events for Term 1.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Westwood Web (newsletter)	17	18	19	20 IB2 students submit EE draft	21
22	23	24	25 Sweet Beginnings	26	27 Civvies Day	28
29	30 Westwood Web	31 PTA Coffee Morn- ing for new parents @ 11:00am				

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 U16 cricket Westwood vs. GIS	2 U13 night cricket match @ Broadhurst	3 U13 night cricket match @ Broadhurst	4
5	6 MYP Information session for new parents Secondary Fun Sports Day @ WIS. Lollipop swimming gala @ Northside	7 PYP Information morning for new parents U16 cricket Al Nur vs WW	8 PYP Information morning for new parents U16 cricket Al Nur vs WW	9 U11 & U13 Cricket WW vs Northside	10 U19 Cricket Festival @ Thornhill School U13 Night Cricket Match @ Broadhurst	11
12	13 Westwood Web	14 Lollipop Gala @ WW @ 16:00	15 U16 Cricket WW vs MAP U19 Cricket WW vs Northside	16 U11 & U13 Cricket WW vs Northside	17 Southern School Swimming Trials @ Thornhill 09:00	18
19	20 Westwood Web Mid-Term Braek	21 IB DP information session	22 PYP Information Morning IGCSE Information session Primary Chess WW vs League @ WW	23 Bumper Edition of Westwood Web U11 & U13 Cricket WW vs Acacia	24 Civvies Day Mid-Term Braek	25
26	27 Westwood Web Mid-Term Braek	28 U19 Cricket WW vs Baobab	29			

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 World Book Day U11 & U13 Cricket WW vs Baobab @ WW	2 U9 Cricket Festival @ Broadhurst U13 Southern Schools Cricket Trials @ Cricket Club 13.30	3 U9 Cricket Festival @ Acacia (Jwaneng)
4	5 Lollipop Gala @ Thornhill 16:00	6 IGCSE and IB DP Three-way conferences U16 Cricket League vs WW Chess WW vs Baobab U9 Cricket WW vs Thornhill	7 U11 & U13 Cricket WW vs Thornhill	8 ISSA Mafikeng U15 Cricket Festival (3 days) U13 Night Cricket Match @ Broadhurst	9 North vs South Gate @ Thornhill 18:00/09:00 ISSA Interschool Athletics Field & Tract Events BSPCA Dog Show @ WIS	10 U9 Cricket Festival @ Acacia (Jwaneng)
11	12 Westwood Web	13 Southern Schools Swimming @ Thornhill 16:00	14 U16 Cricket Crescent vs WW Primary Chess WW vs Crescent @ Crescent	15 WIS Concert U11 & U13 Cricket WW Vs Broadhurst	16 Indian Cultural Evening ISSA Interschool Chess U13 Night Cricket @ Bhurst	17 ISSA Interschool U16 Cricket Tournament
18	19	20	21 Secondary production	22	23	24
25	26 Westwood Web	27	28	29 Secondary production Reports due	30 Secondary production Civics Day ISSA Interschool Gala North vs South U13 Cricket	31 Secondary production North vs South U13 Cricket

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Year 7-9 Student- Led Conferences Work Placement	3 Reception-Year 6 Student-Led Conferences Work Placement	4 Work Placement	5 End of Term 1 Bumper edition of Westwood Web Reports home	6 Good Friday	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

From the Music Department

Westwood introduces the school orchestra this Wednesday 14:30. Interested parents should contact the music teachers for further details such as acquisition of instruments, one on one tuition, etc.

Instruments on offer will be:

Strings-Violin; viola, cello and double bass
Woodwind-Flute; oboe, saxophone, clarinet,

bassoon, Brass-trumpet, French horn, tuba, trombone.

Alex Mwesa

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Music teacher

From the Science Department

We proudly inform the Westwood Community that the Science Department have acquired the first set of data loggers (software, data logger and sensors) to be used in the integration of ICT in the Experimental Work of all the Science Subjects: Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Environmental Sciences and Societies. A big **THANK YOU** to The Office of Overseas Schools of The United States Department of State for its continued support to Westwood International School and particularly for making this acquisition a reality.

Mr. Emilio Martinez Guindo

H.O.D Science

IGCSE Results 2011:

The IGCSE results for the October-November 2011 session were received on the 23rd of January, 2012.

29 Students entered the examinations in a number of subjects, with a minimum of 6 subjects and a maximum of 9 subjects. Of the 29 students that wrote the examinations, 19 students obtained grades of a minimum of a C in at least 6 subjects or better.

Our top students are:

Lyamuya Candid Mpho Mafikiri with 5 A*, 2 A, 1 B, 1 D

Chen Yiwei with 5 A*, 1 A, 2 B, 1 C

Khalil Caroline George Khalil with 4 A*, 3 A, 1 B

Makin Kim Karabo with 3 A*, 4 A, 2B

Betts Phillippa Joan Tendo with 3 A*, 4 A, 1 B, 1 C

Withey Vivienne Ellen with 3 A*, 3 A, 1B

We are equally pleased that most of the results were in line with the teachers predictions based of Term 2 and Term 3 results of 2011.

Congratulations to all the students who passed the IGCSE examination, an important milestone in their education. Please be informed that the original statement of results is now ready for collection. The original certificates are expected from Cambridge by mid April or early May.

Anandhi Lakshminarayanan – IGCSE Coordinator.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Results 2011

Congratulations to all Diploma graduates. Results were released on the 5th January and students were able to access them electronically on the 6th Jan. Our top students are:

Aleksa Knexevic – 43 points; Neetika Nath – 33 points; Ethan Wilson- 33 points; Zandri Rademan – 32 points; Daniel Hill – 32 points; Gorata Chengeta -31 points.

12 candidates successfully passed the Diploma Programme with an average of 30 points and an average grade of 5.

We are also extremely pleased that in the majority of cases predicted grades that were issued in October 2011 accurately reflected students' actual grades as do their Term 3 and 4 results. This is something we have been working at improving over the years and with the majority of Diploma teachers being appointed IB examiners the gap between predicted grades and actual grades have been narrowing.

Munira Mall—IB Coordinator

FROM THE P.E. DEPT.

Reminder to Parents re: Civvies Day

Please ensure your child has their PE Kit on Civvies Day if they are scheduled for PE that day.

Afternoon Activities start today for Year 1 - 13. Years 1 -10 must return their activity selection forms to the school. Reminder: Children from Reception – Year 6 who are not partaking in Afternoon activities must attend After School Care until they are picked up from the school.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Feb. 1 – U/16 Cricket – Westwood vs. GIS

Friday Feb. 3 – U/13 Night Cricket Match @ Broadhurst

Tuesday Feb. 7 – Secondary Fun Sports Day
Lollipop Gala @ Northside 16:00

Wednesday Feb. 8 – U/16 Cricket Festival @ Thornhill

Friday Feb. 10 – U/9 Cricket Festival @ Thornhill
U/13 Night Cricket Match @ Broadhurst

PTA NEWS

Thanks to all who attended and helped out at this year's Sweet Beginnings! It was wonderful to meet you all.

Tuesday, 11:30 (Front office) – New Parents Welcome session

If you would like to find out more about our school and the PTA, please join us. We look forward to meeting with you!

First PTA Meeting of 2012!

Wednesday, February 1st, 6:30 pm (Library)

Please bring your ideas and energies to our first PTA meeting of 2012. We hope to see lots of new faces!

Regards,
Marlize Verreynne
PTA Chair

2012 STAFF REPRESENTATIVES ON SCHOOL COUNCIL.

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