

THE PHOENIX NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

We have come to the end of a very hot week here in Mbabane, with temperatures rising up to as high as 37 degrees celsius. Students are encouraged to drink water and stay hydrated. Last Saturday we had the Form 5 class of 2023 graduation ceremony on the WK campus. It was so spectacular! Once again, we congratulate our students and thank their parents, guardians and donors on this achievement. Graduation is the culmination of years of hard work and resilience. Congratulations!

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PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE (CONTND)

It is always heartwarming to see the various projects in which our students are involved; the impact-oriented education they receive at WK helps them to seek solutions to real-world problems in our communities. That is the essence of a UWC education. Our students learn how to inspire change through courageous action and selfless leadership, taking part in experiences and community activities, so that they are prepared to build with confidence and lead with compassion.

Lastly, please continue to help us spread the word about the Deputy Principal Pastoral [vacancy](#) at the school. Also, could you please refer any prospective candidates to [this video](#) to help them catch a glimpse of how working at WK looks?

Congratulations to our IB1 students for completing their TOK exhibitions. TOK enables our IB students to effectively navigate the world of knowledge and become comfortable with the idea of inquiry. It was a great pleasure witnessing the wide array of authentic, often personalized objects, carefully chosen with their real world contexts in mind. We wish them the very best in their journey of inquiry.

We still have one more week before we wrap up the year. As we slowly draw closer to the end of the year, we reiterate our appeal for empathy; in our leadership, in our homes, in our classrooms and in our campus. Let us be kind to one another and always remember that kindness comes at no cost.

Have a great weekend.

FORM 5 GRADUATION – PICTURE GALLERY







DELF EXAMINATIONS – CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students for obtaining their DELF diplomas:

DELF A1

- Harrison Banda
- Ella begg
- Emily Lebede
- Sonya
Lutamaguzi
- Hannah Miskelly
- Karl Mukuru
- Solomon Tugume

DELF A2

- Evelyne Babirye
- Morong Lin
- Thembi Loga
- Jonathan Makmot
- Katleho Mokhele
- Ntandoyenkosi
Nxumalo
- Rebecca Opio

DELF B1

- Gloria Kang'a
- Lisha Lovely
- Lindo Mathebula
- Sandziselwe Xaba

DELF B2

Abigail Ochanda

These exams are administered by the French Ministry of Education through the Alliance Française de Mbabane as the approved centre in Eswatini. DELF is run in June and November.



SAWS/AWARE CAS

During school assembly on Wednesday students who were part of the SAWS/AWARE CAS for this year received certificates for taking part in the AWARE CAS.

The AWARE (Animal Welfare and Rabies Education) community service was established by Waterford in 2013. AWARE partnered with The Swaziland Animal Welfare Society (SAWS) to provide volunteers for their shelter. AWARE also collaborated with SAWS and the Swaziland Veterinary Association to host several spay and rabies clinics across Eswatini. In Eswatini, veterinary care is considered too expensive for many people, resulting in low priority for animal welfare.

SAWS relies entirely on donations as it receives no state funding and is always in need of volunteer services. AWARE organizes two to three clinics per year (except in 1920/21) where 50-60 animals are spayed or neutered, and 100 receive rabies injections and free veterinary services. To date, thousands of animals have benefited from the program.

Rabies Educator training is provided to students involved in the program. During the term, they assist SAWS by spending time with the animals, exercising, and socializing with them after receiving their Rabies vaccines. During the clinics, students help the vets in surgery and manage the aftercare recovery room, administering vaccines and vitamin injections.



COMPOSTING TOILET

Yesterday was a historic day in WK's environmental history as our first composting toilet was open for use. It is built by the composting team following the tried and tested prototype at the Gubha centre in Malkerns. After the trial period, we hope to construct more, as well as create a "Circular Restaurant " which will also include a cooking and eating area.

HEALTH-CARE DURING THE HOLIDAYS BY CAMPUS NURSE

It has been a long but wonderful year! One of the health hurdles the school clinic had to face was the outbreak of Influenza A in Term 2, and the bouts of flu-like symptoms secondary to the weather. Students have shown resilience and recovered from different ailments.

We have noted that some students return to school with the same ailments they had in the previous term, therefore, we are appealing for parents/caregivers to take their children, especially borders, for a medical assessment if they had been unwell or sustained injuries, to ensure they are in good health. Parents/caregivers should also ensure children adhere to medication for any chronic ailments, as we did by administering and following up on defaulters, in order to ensure adherence.

Please also ensure your children receive vision, dental, and other check-ups prior to returning to school at the start of the new year 2024. Lastly, please ensure that you have a refill of chronic medication that should last for half a term or more, as some of the drugs are in short supply or unavailable in Eswatini.

GIVING TUESDAY

Next Tuesday 28 November 2023 is #GivingTuesday, a day that is about giving back and giving thanks. People across the globe will give in time, talent, and treasure to their chosen charity on this day. For our community, including parents, past and present, friends, and alumni, Waterford Kamhlaba has always been their chosen charity as they give to WK. Through your kind generosity, you have enabled us to deliver quality international education that is values-based and impact-oriented to young people regardless of their ability to pay.

We thank all our donors who continue to support the College through their generous gifts. This year, we embarked on a campaign to raise funds for scholarships, sustainability, IT connectivity, and infrastructure, and we appreciate all those who donate towards these initiatives. As we count down to #GivingTuesday, we wish to thank our donors for supporting us. To donate, visit [this](https://www.waterford.sz/contribute/gift/) web page.

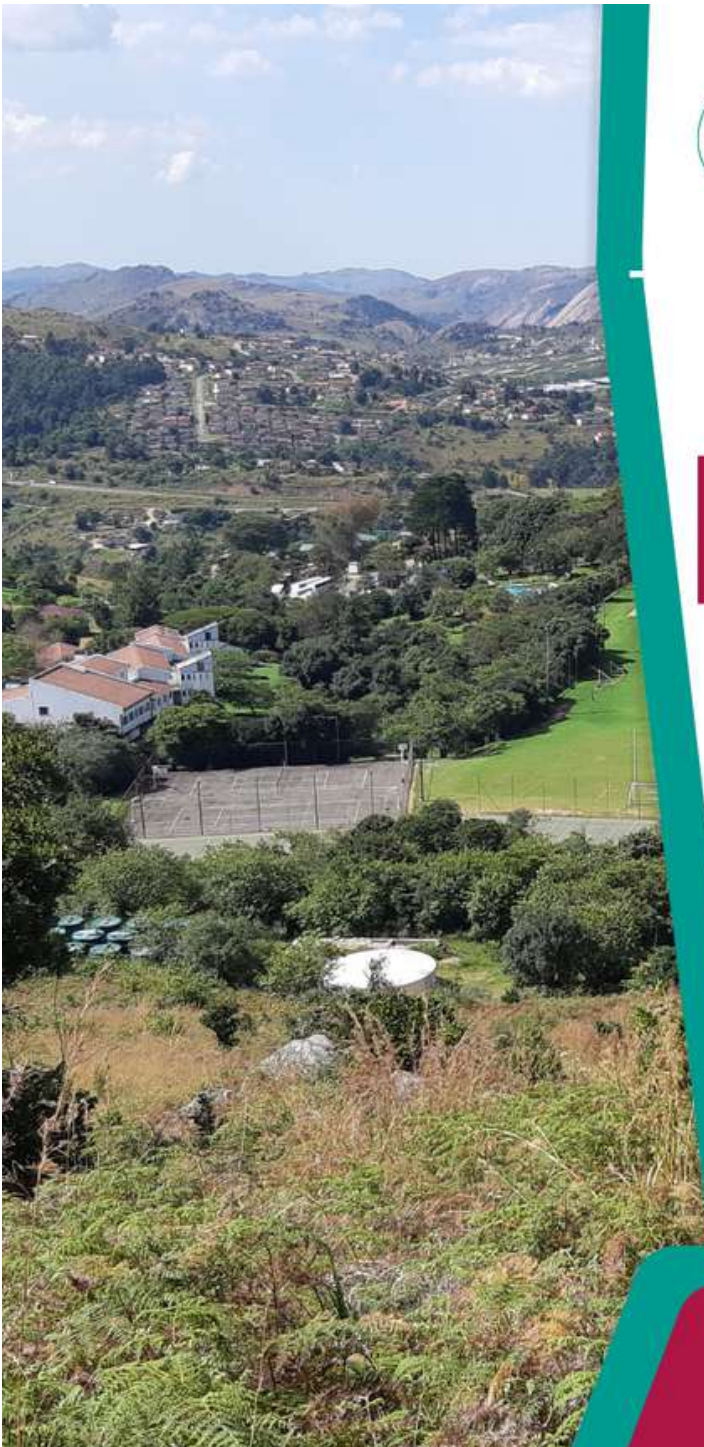


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IMPORTANT DATES – THIRD TERM

- 30 November: Lessons End
- 01 December: Term Ends

FEEDBACK

If you have any questions and feedback, please don't hesitate to send an [email](#) to the principal. If the question is of broad interest, it will be published (with the permission of the writer and without the name) in the newsletter. Parents are also encouraged to be in touch with their child's tutor or residential head for any matters about which they may need assistance with.

Kind regards
Jackie Otula
Principal