

AUGUST 02, 2024

The Phoenix

Waterford Kamhlaba UWCSA Weekly Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

By Jackie Otula

As we conclude a very busy term at Waterford Kamhlaba, we are proud to reflect on the remarkable efforts and achievements within our community. Our commitment to providing quality international education remains unwavering, and it is truly gratifying to witness the dedication of our students and teachers in the classroom, as they navigate through the academic program with seriousness and enthusiasm. The recently concluded Form 5 mock examinations are a testament to this commitment, serving as a crucial preparation for the final exams.

Beyond the classroom, our students have shown exceptional initiative and hard work in various student-led events, which have been heartwarming to see. In May, we showcased our innovative solar plant initiative during the annual MTN Bushfire festival. June saw the success of our annual Quiz Night, which brought together staff, parents, alumni, and friends of the College for an evening filled with engaging questions, snacks, and drinks. The growing popularity of this event is a delight, and we eagerly anticipate next year's edition.

Last month, we celebrated [UWC Africa Week](#), a significant and expanding student-led event that continues to grow in influence. Additionally, the 24-Hour Run event once again united us in a collective effort for charity, with funds raised supporting the College's community service program. Our Form 3 students embarked on the annual Nyatsela expedition, returning on Wednesday to a warm welcome party attended by parents and the WK community. Their successful two-week journey is commendable.

VOLUME 04 | ISSUE 25

Newsletter Highlights

Principal's Weekly Message

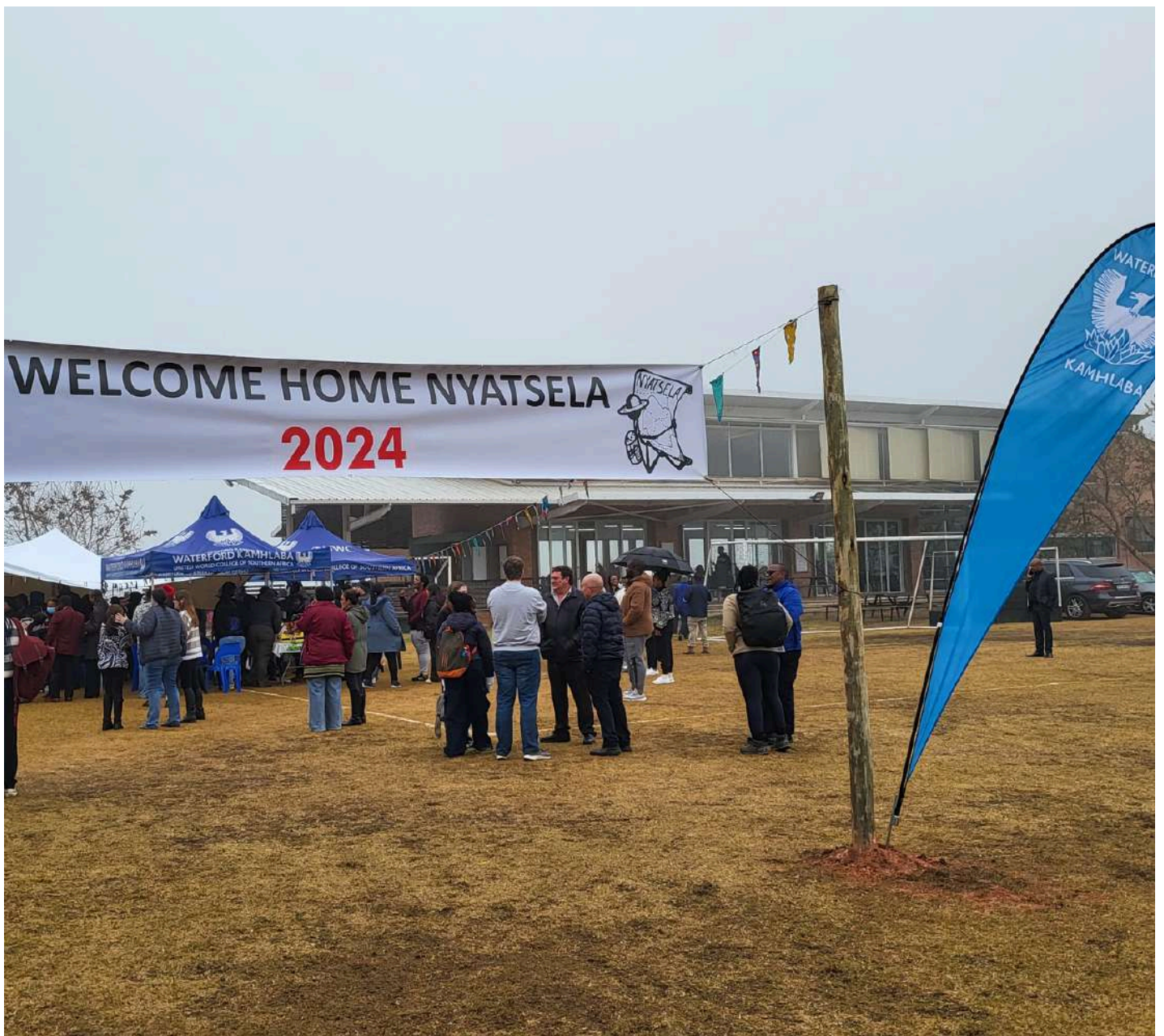
UWC African NC Regional Meeting

Sporting Activities

Pictures From YWEC Launch

The annual Eswatini Careers Fair, held last week, has grown tremendously over the past 17 years, offering invaluable career-related information to high school students across Eswatini. We also celebrated the launch of the Young Women's Empowerment Consortium (YWEC) at WK, followed by the opening of the IBDP Visual Arts Exhibition. Our term was enriched with numerous other activities including sporting events, SRC elections, CAS initiatives, and vibrant music and drama performances. As we close the term, we look forward to the annual BraveGirl Camp, another student-led initiative aimed at empowering young girls in Eswatini.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible students, whose energy and drive continuously inspire us. Their achievements are a source of pride for us all. We also thank our dedicated staff, whose tireless efforts ensure the College's success, and our supportive parents, alumni, donors, partners, the Governing Council, and friends of the College. Your unwavering support is instrumental in our progress. We wish our students and teaching staff a well-deserved holiday. See you all in the third term, ready for new challenges and successes.



PICTURES FROM YWEC LAUNCH



UWC AFRICAN NC REGIONAL MEETING

Over the mid-term break in Term 3, WK will be delighted to host the UWC regional meeting for African National Committees. These events occur every 3 years with the last one held on our sister UWC campus – UWCEA in Arusha, Tanzania, just before the pandemic. 33 of the 34 African NCs have registered to attend along with Heads and Admissions directors from the other 17 UWCs and UWC HQ staff. Between October 11 and 13 meetings facilitated by the UWC International Office and Committee of National Committees (CNC) will focus on organizational health and development across a number of focus areas including capacity building, promotion, wellbeing, selection, fundraising, safeguarding and communication. We look forward to welcoming all these UWC stakeholders to our campus for the first UWC gathering since the UWC Congress in February in Thailand.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

This past weekend, Waterford's table tennis, pool and rope skipping teams competed at a tournament hosted by U-Tech with exceptional results. Our pool team played well and placed second, bringing home silver medals for Waterford.

Our under 16 table tennis team played incredibly well, especially since they had only recently started playing the sport and this was their first competition. In U16 girls singles, Baoyi Yu came first, winning a gold medal and for U16 girls doubles Tibusiso Xaba and Ndagha Mulungu placed runners up overall. In U16 boys doubles, Theo Hill Infante and Chawe Dlamini came third in their category. We also had an Under 20 team that competed and came back with amazing results. In U20 girls singles, Jabin Jaman brought home gold for Waterford and Xiaying Cui came runners up and for U20 girls doubles Renyi Liu and Fang Yu received silver medals for coming second place. For our boys, in the U20 singles, Prince Nyato placed second and Brian Mulu won bronze and for the U20 doubles, Agustya Gopaldas and Fabrice Ntakirutimana won gold.

Our rope skipping teams also played incredibly well. In the Under 16 girls category, Boayi came first, winning a gold medal and Marang won bronze. For the Under 20 girls, Morong came runners up and Ruomiao won bronze and for Under 20 boys Mlindi placed third, receiving a bronze medal. Waterford also came second in the mixed team relay.

Well done to Coach Sabela, Mr Martin, Coach Jermaine and all the players who participated this weekend!



IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 September: All residences open after lunch
- 2 September: Public Holiday in Eswatini (Umhlanga)
- 3 September: Lessons start
- 6 September: Public Holiday in recognition of Independence Day in Eswatini (no classes)
- 11 October: Half Term starts
- 15 October: Half Term ends
- 9 November: IB Graduation
- 16 November: F5 Graduation
- 21 November: Lessons end
- 22 November: Term ends
- [2024 Calendar](#)
- [2025 Calendar](#)



HELP US IMPROVE OUR NEWSLETTER (FEEDBACK)

Help us improve our newsletter (Feedback) We kindly ask for feedback concerning this newsletter. The purpose of the weekly newsletter is primarily to inform parents about anything and everything school-related, from school activities on campus to management decisions, news, schedule changes, updates, event, and other community developments. We kindly ask for your feedback or ideas in terms of how to improve the newsletter – we would like to know whether or not it is helpful and how best to improve it. Send us an email: communications@waterford.sz