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PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

By Jackie Otula

With just one week left before the official end of the school year at Waterford Kamhlaba, we reflect not only on our accomplishments but also on the challenging moments we have navigated together as a resilient community. This final stretch may be associated with fatigue, but it will not hold us back! Every day, we are inspired by our teachers and staff who work tirelessly to support, inspire, and uplift our students. From enhancing the learning experience to making residential life memorable, their commitment and energy bring a vibrant spirit to our campus. It is truly a privilege to work alongside such an enthusiastic and passionate team.

Our students, too, continue to amaze us with their eagerness to lead, learn, and make a positive impact. Their kindness, curiosity, and leadership make Waterford a special place. Whether in classrooms, on the sports fields, or in community service projects, they bring our values to life. Watching them test their skills, challenge ideas, and grow as individuals is heartwarming; We are fortunate to learn from them every day. It is a gift to have such an incredible student body.

Last week, we celebrated the IB2 Class of 2024's [graduation](#), a joyous milestone marking the culmination of their time here. Tomorrow, we gather again to honour our Form 5 Class of 2024 at another graduation ceremony. It is a great pleasure to welcome families and friends to join us, and for those who cannot attend in person, the event will be live-streamed—[please tune in!](#) These graduations remind us of the hard work and dedication invested in each student's learning journey.

This week's newsletter also brings updates from our CAS and TOK departments and includes helpful travel information for end-of-term arrangements. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend as we wait to end the school year!

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A STEP TOWARDS AWARENESS AND EARLY DETECTION

On October 30th, 2024, the [Young Women's Empowerment Consortium \(YWEC\)](#) at WK hosted a significant Breast Cancer Screening Day. This initiative aimed to raise awareness and promote early detection of breast and cervical cancer within our school community. We are pleased to share the results of this initiative, which was met with a strong response from our students and staff. Ninety-one individuals participated in the screening event, including 84 females and seven males who accessed the breast health screening services offered. The initiative was part of a broader goal to encourage regular screenings and to educate young people about the importance of early detection and prevention.

According to the Eswatini Breast and Cervical Cancer Network (EBCCN), breast cancer is the most common cancer among women globally. Although the disease is primarily associated with females, it is important to note that less than 1% of breast cancer cases occur in males as well. While breast cancer is rare in younger women, the increase in cases among those under 30 is concerning. In Eswatini, the youngest breast cancer patient was diagnosed at just 21 years old. These statistics highlight the need for awareness and early intervention, even among young people.

Lena Preko, Program Manager of the Eswatini Breast and Cervical Cancer Network (EBCCN), emphasized the importance of early detection: "Early detection is key to surviving cancer! Regular screening can find breast cancer before symptoms appear when it's easier to treat, and the chances of survival are higher."

We hope the awareness raised through this event will encourage a lifelong commitment to health and well-being for the broader WK community. We would like to thank EBCCN for their support in providing the screening services, and to all who participated for their commitment to their health and to raising awareness about breast cancer.

TERM 3 FORM 4 COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

On November 7, 2024, 85 Form 4 students participated in a community service day, giving back to local causes across the country. Divided into five groups, the students visited various locations, each making unique contributions. One group visited an elderly person's home in Luyengo, donating groceries and helping to clean and maintain the homestead, bringing care and companionship to the residents. Another team of 16 students traveled to Mangozeni, where they supported five elderly homesteads, providing groceries and assisting with cleaning.

The other group of 23 students visited Lusito Child Care Center in Mangozeni, where they brought treats, reading materials, and engaged the children in lively activities like singing and dancing. They also supported a local soup kitchen, helping to prepare and serve lunch. Meanwhile, 20 students made a lasting impact at

Zuzani Goshen Women's Shelter by painting a mural and planting flowers and vegetables, creating a more sustainable and welcoming environment.

Another group of 16 visited Likusasa Letfu, a youth employability skills center in Matsapha, where they helped create a website and crafted educational toys from recycled materials, promoting sustainability and creativity.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the local organizations, including Eswatini Hospice at Home, Likusasa Letfu, Lusito Child Care Center, and Zuzani Goshen Women's Shelter, for their support in making this day a success. Form 4 Community Service Day highlighted the impact of small acts of kindness, instilling valuable lessons in compassion and teamwork. We look forward to fostering these efforts and continuing to inspire social responsibility in our students.



TOK EXHIBITION

We are delighted to share that our Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition, held on Wednesday, was a huge success! Our IB1 students exhibited their thoughtful objects and prompts. This initiated deep discussions on how they treated their prompts. The school community was highly engaged and fascinated by the critical thinking that went into the exhibition component of TOK focused on knowledge and its implications. Thank you to all the students, staff, and various stakeholders who contributed to making the event meaningful and memorable. We are proud of our IB1 students' hard work, commitment and creativity.



TRAVEL LINKS - END OF TERM 3

Students requiring transport must sign up using the links below so that the college may assist.

Please be advised that despite us pleading with families not to book flights and make other transport arrangements for students on days that school is still in session, we continue to get many requests to transport students on these days. This has been very disruptive to the school day as well as our transport department. As a result we have had to make a decision that we will no longer assist with transport other than the official travel dates, such as when there are no classes.

Khombindlela Bus Company

While the College does not conduct cross-border journeys, it has collaborated with the Khombindlela Bus Company at the beginning of the year, midterm breaks and holidays and is willing to assist with bookings via the Travel Links. The charge is E650.00 per trip and will be charged to the student account provided fees have been paid up and your account is not in arrears. Please note that if you sign up for Khombindlela and do not cancel in time, you will be charged anyway as the size of the vehicle is determined by the number of bookings. Students must take care of their personal belongings as the college cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen items. Please note that Khombindlela Transport departs from school and brings students back to school.

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You do not need to contact Mr. Mavimbela if you complete the google form. We will share the details with him.

[WK to Johannesburg \(Departing at 6:00am\) \(Khombindlela\)](#)

WK to Private shuttle and Private Shuttle to WK. Parents and students are reminded that booking and payment for private shuttles remain the responsibility of the family. Students requiring school transport to the shuttle and transport back to school must complete the google form below. Transport requests will only be honored using this system.

[WK to Private Shuttle](#)

[WK to KMIII International Airport](#)

[WK to GOBA Border \(Departing at 7:00am\)](#)

Please note that the college is unable to assist with transport requests by individual email. All transport must be booked using the google form.



School merchandise is available at the reception and will also be on sale during tomorrow's Form 5 graduation ceremony.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 16 November: F5 Graduation
- 21 November: Lessons end
- 22 November: Term ends
- [2024 Calendar](#)
- [2025 Calendar](#)



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