

Westwood News



Westwood International School

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Our Mission Statement

Westwood International School provides a quality international education that enables students to meet future challenges as confident, socially responsible, life-long learners.

Our Vision

Inspiring Excellence – Instilling Wisdom.

FROM THE SCHOOL HEAD

Sweet Beginnings

Dear Students and Parents,

Wow, a whirlwind of pedagogical activity has been taking place over the past two weeks! Having seen almost every one of our lovely students in action this week and last, I am honoured to let you know how impressed I have been with the focus shown by our Primary and Secondary students.

On Wednesday evening, in our second 'Coffee Chat' of our new school year, a group of 8 of our parents together with our curricular Senior Leadership Team and IB PYP, MYP and DP Coordinators had a most productive discussion revolving around the IBDP 2017 Results. The conversation centred around many pedagogically important issues, in particular, communication and timelines.

To all parents of our lovely school, please expect further communication on these important matters in the coming days and weeks.

Our annual 'Sweet Beginnings', an introduction to our Primary and Secondary teachers, their classrooms and their curricula will be taking place next Thursday, 1 February, one hour earlier this year, from 5:00 pm – to 6:30 pm, to be followed by our PTA thoughtfully and happily having a braai for us all to which everyone is invited! As in past years, if you would like to bring pot luck salads and/or 'goodies', you are more than welcome to so do. Please ensure that if you do bring something, that the container is labelled with your name!

After- School Activities will begin next Monday, 29 January. Our After Care programme taking place at the same time as the ASA's will continue in 2018. Please see Ms. Esme's comments following in our Newsletter.

Coffee Chat

When: Wednesday, 7 February

4:30 – 6 p.m.

Where: School Foyer

Topic: Sharing of ManageBac: all Primary and Secondary Parents Most Welcome!

Mr. Matthew Kirby, Ms. Nidhi and Ms. Anandhi

I wish you all a most happy, and rain –filled week-end!!

Warmly yours,

Mr. Matthew

Matthew Kirby

Head of School

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome from the Primary Principal

Dear Parents, Students and WIS Community it is with great pleasure that I want to welcome each student and parent back at school for an exciting and very productive 2018.

I want to welcome to our new students who joined this term in Primary. Thank you for trusting us with your students, it is a privilege to engage with each one of them.

I trust that you will soon feel part of the WIS family and I want to invite you to approach me at any time should you need assistance or support.

During these 2 weeks I had the opportunity to observe and engage with extremely excited and motivated teachers. The most wonderful experience was visiting the classrooms and observing the implementation of inquiry based activities by the teachers and students as well as listening to the discussions and the sharing amongst teachers. I am sure you will see more of this deeper understanding and student driven inquiry in the activities that your children are engaged in.

As communicated, Afternoon Activities will start on Monday 29 January. Please ensure that all students enrolled in Afternoon Actives from Year 1 to Year 6, are registered for Afternoon Care. The form should be completed, signed and returned to the homeroom teacher on Monday. Please be informed that only children who are registered will be accommodated in After Care. The parents will be called to collect those students who have not been registered for After Care. If your child is not engaged in an afternoon activity please collect them at 13:15. After Care is only up to 16:00 in the afternoons. No supervision will be provided after that. Please collect your child no later than 16:00.

Please feel free to make an appointment whenever you want to see me. My first priority is and will always be the well-being and best teaching and learning of your child(ren).

Warmest

Esme de Jager Primary Principal



The year 2 C class plays interactive games on the first school day.

Active, physical and *interactive* activities for kids improve a child's fitness and well-being, so kids who are involved in physical *games* tend to have healthier bodies. Many *games* also improve physical attributes such as agility, strength, balance and flexibility.

PTA Corner

PTA will have a stall and host a braai during the sweet beginnings session. Please enjoy the following menu:

- Pap
- Garlic Bread
- Hot dog rolls
- Burger Buns
- T bone beef meals,
- Chicken meals
- Boerwors meals
- Vegetable gravy
- Chakalaka
- Green Salad

Other items to be sold at the PTA stall are;

- School logo shirts (small P95.00, All other sizes P100.00)
- Orders for uniform and stationery labels P200.00 – P250.00
- Cool time P5.00
- Backpacks for lower primary P125.00

PTA Upcoming Events/ Announcements

Term 1

- Boys Night Out and Girls Night Out

Term 2

- Bonfire/Movie Night

Term 3

- International Family Fun Day

PTA Shop is now open and we currently sell school shirts during the following times from the uniform shop: Mornings 7:00 – 8:00 and Afternoons 12:30 – 13:30

PTA sells Cool Time every Friday at home time from the front of the admin building

PTA meetings will be held once a month on every last Thursday of the month

FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are very pleased to announce that the Afternoon Activities for the first term will start on Monday the 29th January 2018.

All afternoon activities are available for students from Year 1 to Year 13.

Once your child has selected an afternoon activity please ensure they are committed and attend every session.

The aftercare facility is available for students from Year 1 to Year 6 and will be held in Room 5 for both the lower and upper primary students. Please complete the attached form indicating whether your child will be attending Aftercare or not. This form must be returned to the homeroom teacher on Monday the 29th January. All students must be involved in an afternoon activity or attend the Aftercare session if they are waiting for another activity. **Any Primary student caught walking around the school unsupervised will be escorted to the aftercare facility and his/her parents will be notified to come and collect them.**

Secondary Students will be sent to the library if they are not involved in an afternoon activity.

We hope you have an enjoyable term and find something of interest for your child on the schedule. Should you experience any problems or have any queries, please feel free to come and see me.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE TERM 1 2018

The Afterschool Care programme provides students with a secure environment after school hours. The programme has a well-defined schedule that allows students to have a snack, do homework and participate in afternoon activities.

This programme is open to children from Year 1 to Year 6 from Mondays to Thursdays.

Students will be supervised in Room 5.

Provision for Afterschool Care is available from 13H30 until 16H00.

If you wish your child to be part of the programme, please complete the following form and return it to the homeroom teacher by Monday 29th January. This form must be completed before your child will be allowed to attend the aftercare programme.

The school does not provide lunch for students staying for Afterschool Care; however food is available from the tuck-shop.

ANY PRIMARY STUDENT WHO IS WAITING FOR AN OLDER SIBLING TO FINISH CLASSES OR WHO IS NOT IN AN ACTIVITY DURING THE AFTERNOON WILL BE SENT TO AFTERCARE BY 13:30 HOURS. PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM ROOM 5

Please ensure your child is collected by 16:00.

Mrs. B Proctor

WESTWOOD CLIMATE MARCH



Last year we had our first ever Climate March at WIS, which was organized by an enthusiastic team of Climate Warriors. It was a wonderful activity that focused on environmental awareness as a whole school community and this is going to be an annual event.



This year we are planning our Climate March for early next term. I am looking for enthusiastic Climate Warriors to help organize the event this term during my activity.

Please join our Climate March Team if you are:

- Driven by your passion to go green!
- Keen to promote the use of renewable energy.
- Excited about encouraging behavior that will lead to a greener world.
- Willing to be fully committed to taking part in this afternoon activity.
- Good at planning and leading an event.

I need an enthusiastic, devoted representatives from year 4 - DP2 to collaborate and plan this special event.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Nilsson

CHOPS CALENDAR – PRIMARY SPORTS – TERM 1 2018

| DATE | CRICKET |
|---|---|
| Wednesday 7 th February | U9 Cricket – Westwood vs. Thornhill |
| Thursday 8 th February | U11/U13 Cricket – Westwood vs. Thornhill |
| Wednesday 14 th February | U9 Cricket – Westwood vs. Northside |
| Thursday 15 th February | U11/U13 Cricket – Westwood vs. Northside |
| Friday 16th February | U9 Cricket Festival – B & C teams |
| Wednesday 28 th February | U9 Cricket – Westwood vs. Crescent |
| Thursday 1 st March | U11/U13 Cricket – Westwood vs. Crescent |
| Wednesday 7 th March | U9 Cricket – Westwood vs. Broadhurst |
| Thursday 8 th March | U11/U13 Cricket – Westwood vs. Broadhurst |
| Friday 9th March | U13 Southern School Cricket Trials – 14:00 U9 Cricket Festival – B & C teams |
| Tuesday 13 th March | Final U13 Southern School Cricket Trials – 16:00 |
| Wednesday 14 th March | U9 Cricket – Westwood vs. Baobab |
| Thursday 15 th March | U11/U13 Cricket – Westwood vs. Baobab |
| Friday 23rd March | U9 Cricket Festival – B & C teams |
| Friday & Saturday 6 & 7th March | North vs South U13 Cricket Tournament in the North |

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| Wednesday 14 th February | Westwood vs. Crescent @ Westwood |
| Wednesday 21 st February | Westwood vs. Broadhurst @ Broadhurst |
| Wednesday 28 th February | Westwood vs. Baobab @ Westwood |
| Wednesday 7 th March | Westwood vs. Raserura @ Westwood |
| Wednesday 14 th March | Westwood vs. Bothale @ Bothale |
| Wednesday 21 st March | Westwood vs. Northside @ Northside |
| Saturday 17th March | Chess Tournament |

| DATE | SWIMMING |
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| Tuesday 6 th February | Lollipop Gala @ Broadhurst 16:00 |
| Tuesday 13 th February | Lollipop Gala @ Thornhill 16:00 |
| Saturday 17th February | Swimming Trials @ Thornhill |
| Tuesday 20 th February | Lollipop Gala @ Westwood 16:00 |
| Tuesday 6 th March | Relay Lollipop Gala @ Thornhill 16:00 |
| Friday & Saturday 16th & 17th March | North vs South Gala in the South |

SECONDARY SPORTS CALENDAR – TERM 1 2018

| DATE | CHESS |
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| Tuesday 6 th February | Westwood vs. LKC @ LKC |
| Tuesday 13 th February | Westwood vs. GIS @ GIS |
| Tuesday 20 th February | Westwood vs. Rainbow @ Westwood |
| Tuesday 27 th February | Westwood vs. TLC @ TLC |
| Tuesday 6 th February | Westwood vs. Bothale @ Westwood |
| Saturday 3rd March | ISSSA Chess Tournament @ GIS |

| DATE | ATHLETICS |
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| Friday 16th March | ISSSA Field Events @ TLC |
| Saturday 17th March | ISSSA Track Events @ UB Stadium |
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| DATE | CRICKET |
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| Wednesday 31 st January | Westwood vs. Rainbow |
| Wednesday 7 th February | Westwood vs. GIS |
| Wednesday 14 th February | Westwood vs. Al Nur |
| Wednesday 21 st February | Westwood vs. MAP |
| Wednesday 28 th February | Westwood vs. Legae |
| Saturday 10th March | ISSSA U19 Cricket Tournament |

| DATE | SWIMMING |
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| Saturday 7th April | ISSSA Swimming Gala @ Clifton, Francistown |

| DATE | TABLE TENNIS |
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| Saturday 10th March | ISSSA Table Tennis @ Legae |
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Dates for your Diary

| <u>Dates to Remember</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Monday, 29 January | Afternoon Activities Begins |
| Thursday, 1 February | Civvies Day |
| Friday, 2 February | Secondary Sports Day |
| Wednesday, 7 February | Coffee Chat, 4:30 – 6 p.m., School Foyer |
| Thursday, 22 February | Civvies Day |
| Friday, 23 & Monday, 26 February | Mid Term Break |

