



JANUARY 2012

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CAPE TOWN NEWSLETTER

From the Top of the Head

Dear Parents

Welcome back and I wish you all of the best for 2012. I would also like to welcome all our new students and their families. I hope you soon feel at home at ISCT. We have made a good start to the year; enrolments have increased and there are a number of applications pending. Please communicate with Brenda Rhodes if you intend enrolling a sibling in the next 12 months; we do not keep places open for siblings unless requested to do so through the formal application process.

By now you may have heard about the staff Flash Mob that surprised our students on Monday morning. The staff had a lot of fun preparing this last week, and from the looks on the faces of the children, as much fun was had in the all-to-brief 4 minutes of flash mob during assembly. Photos of the staff and the students' reactions are on the ISCT Facebook page and the video will be uploaded there shortly. We are hoping it will go viral—please help us by spreading the news!

Last year I mentioned the new staff were joining us in 2012—I would like to officially welcome Mr Mark Anderson who joins us as Science/Chemistry Teacher in the High School; Mrs Ruth Gibbon, as French Teacher in the High School and Mrs Martine Britz, as French Teacher in the Primary School. Ms Lynette Martin, who you may have seen around school last year, takes up a permanent position as Classroom Assistant in Key Stage 2. We will attempt to introduce the staff to you through the newsletters during the year. Michelle Kingwill will take up the Year 5 position as Mrs Harrower goes on Maternity leave at the end of February.

Finally, please make sure that we have your updated contact details if they have changed at all. We would also like all families to use the School Communicator—contact reception if you have not received a CD to download this.

Regards, David Hunter
Principal

Parking bays

Parking is at a premium as the school grows bigger. Please help us by adhering to the following:

- Use the **Stop and Drop** system in the morning and afternoon if you are not planning to leave your car.
- Please park **outside the school gate** if you need to leave your car. Entrance is through the pedestrian gate and across the zebra crossing.
- Bays marked **“S” and “B”**: please do not park in these, even when you are planning on staying in your car, as these are to remain available at all times for Staff and Busses.


We appreciate your co-operation in this regard.


PTA


Our Parent-Teacher Association is a small but active body that organizes many fun- and fund-raising events throughout the school year. ISCT values their commitment and input immensely and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work during 2011.

Please would you consider joining them and helping out in 2012? They would value your support in any way you can help. Perhaps you can bake? Do you have useful contacts that they can use? Have you organized Golf Days or other events? Are you good at designing newsletters? Can you drum up support and enthusiasm? Would you just like to get to know other parents better? Here is your chance!

Speak to Megan @ reception if you are interested.

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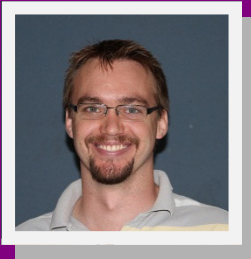
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STAFF FEATURE

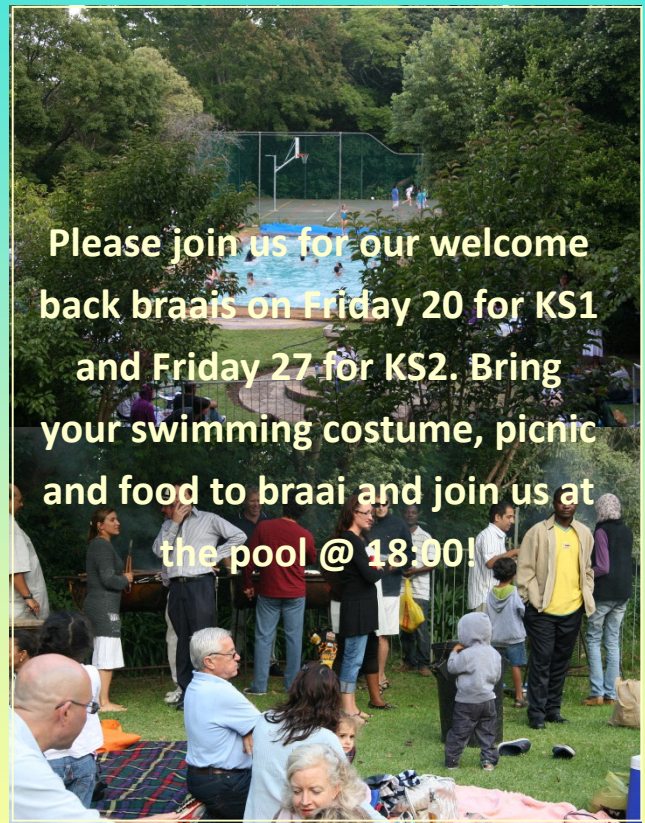
Find out more about the staff at ISCT right here!



Ruth Gibbon (HS French Teacher) hails from Northern Ireland where she studied French Language and Literature at university. She has taught English and French in England, Ireland and Indonesia. Ruth moved to South Africa in June last year as she has married a South African. Her interests are running, sport, reading and theatre. Welcome to ISCT Ruth!



Mark Anderson (HS Science & Chemistry) joins us from Zimbabwe, where he was born, although he studied a BSc at UCT—he has taught in Peterhouse and has also been in a pastoral position in a church in Zim. He is impressed with the growth and direction in which the school is going, since he was last here a student...AND....Mark is the unofficial record holder of the most commercial bungy jumps @ Vic Falls!



Please join us for our welcome back braais on Friday 20 for KS1 and Friday 27 for KS2. Bring your swimming costume, picnic and food to braai and join us at the pool @ 18:00!

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES:

Dear Parents, please note the days and times of ISCT's Uniform Shops :

Jamboree (New Uniform) :

Tuesday 13:00 - 15:30 and Thursday 13:30 - 16:00

Email orders: linda_jamboree@cybersmart.co.za

Tel: 021 761 6208 and 072 784 4627

Nearly New (Second Hand Uniform) :

Wednesday 13:00—14:30

Uniform requirements for students are available at: www.isct.co.za under 'Downloads'

ADVANCE NOTICE:

PTA AGM & PARENT FEEDBACK

Thurs 9 Feb @ 18:00 in the Loggia

to be followed by:

PARENT TALK ON DRUG AWARENESS @ 18:45

by Drug Awareness Agency (DAA)



Just a reminder that the Nursery class collects corks, bottle tops, card offcuts, old birthday/Christmas cards, ribbon, etc for use in art - please drop off at reception or at the Nursery Classroom!

Dates to diarise (times on Term Planner)			
		Thur 2 Feb	BTF & PLC meetings
Fri 20 Jan	KS1 Braai	Tues 7 Feb	Maynardville evening
Mon 23 Jan	All extra murals begin	Thur 9 Feb	PTA AGM & Parent Feedback
Mon 23—Wed 25 Jan	Year 7-9 camp	Fri 10 Feb	Year 12 Valentine's Picnic
Mon 23 Jan	Cambridge results released	Tues 14 Feb	HS Valentine's Day programme
Wed 25 Jan	New Parent Coffee morning	Wed 15 Feb	Extra exam time workshop
Thur 26 Jan	PTA meeting in library	Fri 17 Feb	PS South Africa Day
Thur 26 Jan	Year 12 Mentor evening	Mon 20 Feb	Half Term
Fri 27 Jan	Year 12 Treat Sale	Tues 21&Thu 23 Feb	Year 1 Speech, Hearing & Lang Screener
Fri 27 Jan	KS2 Braai	Tues 21 Feb	PTA Pancake Sale
Mon 30 Jan—Wed 1 Feb	Year 10 camp	Wed 22—Fri 24 Feb	Year 5 camp
Wed 1 Feb	KS3 Time Management Workshop	Wed 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Thur 2—Fri 3 Feb	Prefect Exchange with Chesterhouse	Thurs 23 Feb	Newsletter #2 out

PARTY ROCKIN' IN THE SCHOOL!!!!

The Staff had a HUGE surprise planned for the unsuspecting students on the first day of term. They had practiced a Flash Mob the week before. What promised to be a hot, boring assembly turned out to be an event to will be hard to forget by both staff and students! Have a look at www.isct.co.za or www.facebook.com/internationalschoolofcapetown for more pics and video!

