



### From the Top of the Head

At the end of this week, we will be one month away from Christmas - time does indeed fly by.

#### End of term arrangements - High School

High School students finish exams on Monday 28 November and normal lessons will resume on Tuesday 29 November. While the last weeks of any school year are without the usual pressures, they still form an integral part of the academic year. Staff have been instructed to go through exam papers with their students during this time and, in the case of Year 10 and 11 students, to continue with teaching. An end of year programme has also been arranged. Parents are requested to support this by ensuring students come to school as usual during this time. School ends at 14.00 from Tuesday 29 November for high school students.

#### Primary School

Although primary students are usually easier to get to school during the last few days of term, primary school parents are also requested to ensure that their children attend school until the end of term on 9 December.

#### Last Day of Term

Please note all staff will be attending the end of year function, and will thus be leaving the premises by 11.30. Please make arrangements to collect your children before this time.

#### Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to Ms Connie Skelton, Mrs Christine Dreyfus and Mrs Cathy Hartley who will be leaving us at the end of the year, and wish them every happiness in their new ventures!

We are also most indebted to Ms Olivia Le Roux and Ms Leigh-Anne Kay who have so ably taken over the reigns for Mrs Sarah Page and Mrs Bronwen De Roo whilst they have been on maternity leave. Both Ms Page and Mrs de Roo will soon be re-

joining the staff, and we welcome them back to ISCT.

We have had a busy time finding replacement staff for those who are leaving. I am glad to report that we are fully staffed for 2012 and the following staff will be joining us in January.

Mr Mark Anderson joins us as Chemistry Teacher in the High School; Mrs Ruth Gibbon joins us as French Teacher in the High School; Mrs Martine Britz joins us as French Teacher in the Primary School; Ms Lynette Martin joins us as Classroom Assistant in Key Stage 2.

#### Operation Shoebox

The foyer area of the school is beginning to look like Santa's workroom with all the brightly wrapped shoeboxes, that many parents have sent in, packed with gifts for less fortunate children. The last day for these to be sent to school is Wednesday 30 November, in order for the gifts to be distributed in time. Thank you for your wonderful support of this project!

#### PTA Fun Day

Hopefully you have set aside Saturday 3 December to come and enjoy the PTA Fun Day. It promises to be a day of fun and food and is a fitting way to see out the school year. The proceeds of the fun day will benefit all our students, so your support of this fundraising effort would be greatly appreciated!

#### End of Year Events

As the year comes to end, the number of functions increases. Please note details of the various end of year prize givings and other events which are on the term planner and school communicator so that you don't miss out.

We wish all our families a restful holiday, safe travelling and time to slow down the pace a little! Staff return for Term 1 on Thursday 12 January 2012, and the term begins for students on Monday 16 January 2012.

Regards, David Hunter, Principal



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## STAFF FEATURE

Find out more about the staff at ISCT right here!



**Brenda Rhodes** (Admissions) was born in Zambia and finished her schooling in Johannesburg. After serving as cabin crew for SAA and Comair worldwide, she and her husband Tony moved to London where she worked in Events Management. Brenda loves cooking, hiking and the beach, and would one day love to ride the Argus (come on B, you can do it!)



Gerome Johnson is Head of Maths in the High School. He came here as a student teacher (he studied Maths, Chem & Stats at UCT) and liked it so much he never left! He has been @ ISCT for 10 years. Gerome is married to Sanchia, and has a little baby boy, Taye. He enjoys swimming, running & dancing. When asked what he'd still love to do in life he said 'I'm already doing it!'

Calling all students from Year 6-11!



Don't forget to enter the **Alphabet photography competition**

\* entries close 30 Nov \*

# Operation Shoebox...

# Deadline 30 November!

## INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS

Please note that all individual music lessons will continue until the 8th December 2011.

# PTA Fun Day

## Saturday 3 Dec

## see you there!



**End of year dates and information:**

		3 Dec	PTA Fun Day
25 Nov	KS1 & 2 Sports Day	5 & 6 Dec	Nurs & Rec Parent Interviews
25 Nov	Year 12 dance @ Kelvin Grove	5—7 Dec	Year 6 Fun Days
28 Nov—1 Dec	Year 2-6 SATS week	5—8 Dec	KS3 Activity Week
28 Nov—2 Dec	Library stocktake	6 Dec	Year 7-10 Prize Giving
28 Nov	HS exams end	7 Dec	Thumbs Up Treat Day
29 Nov— 8 Dec	HS closes @ 14:00	7 Dec	KS1 Concert & Picnic
30 Nov	Parents' Thank You Tea	7 Dec	Year 9 Dinner
30 Nov	Year 10 class dinner	8 Dec	KS1 Prize Giving/KS2 Prize Giving
30 Nov	Operation Shoebox ends	8 Dec	Year 11 to Blue Rock
1 Dec	PS Extra Murals end		
1 Dec	World AIDS day		
2 Dec	KS1 & 2 & Year 7 Orientation Day		
2 Dec	Open Day for current Year 2 parents		
2 Dec	Year 6 & 7 braai		

**Last Day of School arrangements**

Reports and SATS results are issued to children at school on 9 Dec.

KS1 closes: 10:30

KS2 closes: 10:45

HS closes: 11:00

**No aftercare  
on 9 Dec**

**please return  
all library books  
immediately  
for stock take!**

## Uniform matters:

Parents please note:

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 January from 9:00—14:00.

Tel Linda: 021 761 6208



The Nearly New uniform shop will be open on WEDNESDAYS next year, from 13:00—14:30. It will be open on Thursday 12 January as well.

Tel Michelle: 074 295 4727

### We value our cleaning and ground staff and we are sure you do too...

We are accepting cash donations in lieu of foodstuffs this year, and will convert these into gift vouchers for our cleaning and grounds staff as an extra 'thank you' for all the behind the scenes work they do in keeping the grounds and building in a good state. If you would like to contribute, please give to Megan at Reception or Monique in the Accounts office.

### Some Alumni news!

We were delighted to hear news of a number of ISCT Alumni! Do you remember...?

Janie Slabber: is graduating from Stellenbosch University on the 9th December. She is getting a BA degree with 3 majors, Psychology, English as well as Political Science (cum laude!).

Simon Doyle: Simon completed his AS levels here in 2001. He then spent two seasons playing cricket overseas, one in the UK and one in Australia. He is now at Stellenbosch University in his second year of his B Sc Sports Science, getting to grips with university level studies, after 2 years of playing cricket! He has ambitions to work in the field of bio-mechanics or similar and still playing cricket for the university.

Tumi Gabaraane: is in the final stages of BSc Mechatronic at UCT.

Josh Siame: is graduating from UCT with a BCom and will study further next year.

Julia Marian: Julia Marian (now married), who completed her AS levels at ISCT in 2004 and then went on to study Medicine in Bucharest, has been awarded the National Endocrinology Congress Young Researcher Award for her thesis that was entered in the National Endocrinology Journal.

**Other achievements: Vincent Hart, (AS 2011/A levels 2012), went to Bucharest last week to play for the Belgian under 18's rugby team in the pre-selection games for the European Championships, to be held next March in Madrid. They played 3 games ( Portugal, Georgia and Romania) and won 1. Vincent scored the winning try in the game against Romania. Well done Vinnie!**



Josh Siame and Tumi Gabaraane on a recent visit back to ISCT, pictured with Katherine Bennet, Director of Studies.

# Au Pairs/Sitters available!

Laura Botha (Head Girl 2010) would like to offer her services as a holiday au-pair/childminder. She has her driver's license, First Aid Level 1 Certificate and has completed her first year at UCT Medical School. She would be available for once off/casual lifting/ au pair work or on a regular basis as needed.

She can be contacted on 082 651 4493 or [laura.botha@live.com](mailto:laura.botha@live.com).

Janie Slabber (AS 2008) is offering temporary au pairing or babysitting services for the next six weeks. She has experience in both areas including; babysitting for various families for approximately eight hours a week for the last three years as well as working with Kirsty Paxton (ex ISCT teacher) at the President Hotel's Kids Club every December and January for the last two years. I am passionate about children, flexible and friendly. I am able to facilitate children in arts and crafts, sport etc.

She can be contacted on 0795025731 or [jslabber27@gmail.com](mailto:jslabber27@gmail.com).



## Recycling news this Term:

ISCT has come such a long way this year! We have saved hundreds and hundreds of cans, thousands of kilograms of paper and far too many bread tags to count! We have been saving our planet one can, tree and bread tag at a time. Thank you to all the parents who have helped encourage the recycling at our school. With still a few weeks left of the term, we wonder which Keystage 1 class will be claiming the trophy? Last term it was Reception B, this term however it seems Year 2 L got off to an early start so we will have to wait and see!

## *Sporting Chance*

### SUMMER HOLIDAY COACHING CLINICS *CRICKET, SOCCER & FIELD HOCKEY*

12 – 16 DECEMBER 2011

&

5, 6, 9 & 10 JANUARY 2011

#### Venues:

Kelvin Grove, Newlands

Constantia Sports Complex, Constantia

Kenridge Primary School, Bellville

Beaumont Primary School, Somerset West

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