



NEWSLETTER CYCLE 2: APRIL 2017

Administration: Mr. C. Mabuti

As we come to the end of Term one, a lot of work has been covered in the classroom which should serve as a foundation for further development in Term 2. Students and especially the Matric class should strengthen the foundation by going over their school work during the holiday. When school re-opens it will be Day 4 on our school time table.

Discipline

We have a positive approach to discipline at Sisekelo which primarily does not uplift punishment but rather lays emphasis on educating the learner into knowing how to make the right choices. Punishment is a reaction to the behavior itself with the intention of causing discomfort or pain and is not aimed at education. This is negative discipline. Be that as it may, we have a “zero tolerance” approach to discipline and a fair and caring process is followed to assist erring pupils.

Grade 11 University Tour

The Grade 11s embarked on a tour of universities in Gauteng to gain exposure to tertiary institutions and use the occasion to get clarity on their career paths as well as the pass requirements for the various courses of study.

Project Week

As part of the school’s efforts to provide education beyond the classroom, students took part in several educational tours from 09 – 13 April.

Grade 8: Undertook a trip to Babanango near Vryheid and went through various activities aimed at teaching different life skills facilitated by Outdoor Education.

Grade 9: They went to Ballito near Durban where they participated in various team building and leadership training activities facilitated by Venture Club.

Grade 10: Undertook an educational excursion to Giba Gorge in KZN which included a boot camp and other educational outdoor activities.

Grade 12: The class stayed at school working on their Portfolio projects

Work shadow Program

During Project week, the Grade 11 students were attached to any organization of their choice to work as interns in the various fields of their career choices. This is an important experience as it enables students to have a “feel” of the profession they may want to pursue in future.

Sports

The following were the major sporting highlights for the term:

- Rugby: Sisekelo played two outstanding games against Enjabulweni and Waterford and beat both teams. Sisekelo Tigers are 2017 Rugby Champions!
- Independent Schools Swimming Gala: was hosted by Sisekelo at Mayaluka. Sisekelo was placed in position 2 out of the 6 schools. **Siyabulela Mabuza** won the U/20 Boys Victor Ludorum for his individual brilliance on the day.
- Girls Soccer Festival at Mhlambanyatsi: The girls played very well making it through to the knockout stage. The U/18 girls were placed in 4th position overall and the U/14 girls in 3rd position. Well done!

- Inter-Schools Athletics at Mavuso: Out of the 10 schools present, Sisekelo was placed in 3rd position. **Bongiwe Shongwe** won the U/16 Girls Victrix Ludorum. And an overall of 68 medals were won by the school.
- North South Cricket Festival at Sisekelo: Three schools competed and Sisekelo was placed in 2nd position

Francophone Week

Our French students took part in a Francophone week of celebrations organized by Alliance Française in Mbabane. Sisekelo was one of the several schools in the Kingdom that were invited to the celebrations. Our students came back with book prizes and t-shirts for their presentations. Congratulations to the French department.

Grade 12 Midyear Examinations

The Midyear examinations for Grade 12s begin on 12 June 2017, barely a month after we reopen for the second term. Hence, for the Matrics, this break is merely a “study holiday”

Marketing

A great “thank you” to our past parents, current parents and alumni who assisted the teachers during our marketing. The exercise was highly successful and a large number of applicants showed up for entrance tests.

Term 2 Opening Dates

- Tuesday, 09 May : Boarders Return
- Wednesday, 10 May : School Resumes

ACADEMICS

The school would like to congratulate the following students for their excellent performance in Cycle 2:

GRADE 8

Mavimbela Carol
Shongwe Yenzokuhle
Makadzange Kevin
Dlamini Temahlubi
Ginindza Sandzisilwe
Khoza Thandolwethu
Nkwanyana Songezo

GRADE 9

Dlamini Nosisa
Sukati Sisekelo
Dlamini Sandzisile
Dlamini Sengeto
Mamba Mlibatisi
Ndwandwe Phiwayinkhosi

GRADE 10

Malubane Cebisakonkhe
Dlamini Siphephelo
Dlamini Talisa
Gamedze Temalotjwa
Gombarume Wisdom

GRADE 11

Mndzebele Nakekelo
Gama Vukani
Nxumalo Simlindile
Ngcobo Gcinile
Zikalala Wenziwe
Dlamini Uyanda

GRADE 12

Tsabedze Funekile
Sihlabela Mfihlakalo
Kunene Sihlelelwe
Mamba Sikanye
Samantha Sande
Pato Sikhanyiselwe

We thank the teachers and parents for their continuous academic support given to our students.

B. Khumalo
Deputy - Academics