

# ISWB Bulletin Board

20 January 2023

ISWB Bulletin Board is a digital newsletter in which we celebrate achievements of ISWB students. It is also a platform to notify parents of upcoming events at school as well as share important notices or address matters of concern.

You are most welcome to mail any achievement of your child to me and I shall post it on the Bulletin Board.



## Message from the Principal, Mrs Meyer.

Welcome to the new school year 2023. A special welcome to all the new families who joined our ISWB family this year and welcome back to those of you loyal to our pursuit of excellence in education. We're excited to have you with us. The academic performance of our students during the 2022 Cambridge Examinations were outstanding and most of the graduates meet the university entrance requirements. We wish them all the best!

We are embarking on a voyage this year to make ISWB better and greater, as we build on previous knowledge gained and striving to make our world a better place.

Integration, respect, responsibility and inclusion have always been part of our values at ISWB. These values reflect in decisions we make and actions we take.

Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students and parents/guardians to help them feel valued, accepted and safe. We shall continue to guide our mission to provide a rigorous and joyful inclusive school environment. Our overarching goal is to encourage active student engagement to foster a lifetime love for learning.

We are excited to return to our normal school operations this year. We are aware that we shall need to continue to address unfinished learning by using an acceleration model to

fill in gaps in knowledge especially for those new students not familiar with Cambridge. Instruction will be focused on specialized skills and content needed to learn year level materials while providing the appropriate tools needed to grasp concepts.

Partnering with families is crucial to promote a healthy transition to school both socially and emotionally. We recognize that students may be feeling anxious with the start of a new school year and we will continue to place a strong emphasis on social emotional learning while focusing on building classroom community. We encourage families to stay connected and informed by following our announcements.

Mrs Henda Meyer



### *New member of staff*

*We would like to welcome Mrs Annalie La Grange to ISWB. Mrs La Grange will be teaching English First Language to the Year 5 and Year 6 students.*

## ISWB Events 1<sup>st</sup> trimester 2023

27 -29 January	Year 10(IGCSE Yr. 2) Leadership Camp
09 February	Senior School Awards Ceremony
17 February	Junior School Valentine's Dance
18 February	Senior School Valentine's Ball
24 February	Beach Clean-up
2/3 March	Stay Awake with Potjiekos & Talent Show
10/11 March	NAPSO Athletics in Keetmanshoop
15 March	In-house Debate Competition
6 April	KS2 Entrepreneurs' Day
26 April	KS2 & 3 General Knowledge Competition





Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the bell rings.

Good punctuality at school is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for students to form good habits for later life. Punctuality records form part of references passed onto employers or higher educational institutes.

Punctuality is important because it makes us disciplined. It also gives us the chance to become successful in life. It teaches us the essence of time and makes us aware of its value. Punctuality can make us very successful and achieve our goals faster than ever.

There are many ways to ensure your child is on time for school, from making sure their school bags are packed the night before to making sure they get up with plenty of time to eat and get ready.

People who are always on time are really people who arrive early every day--and acknowledge that things can go wrong to set them back several minutes. When things do "go wrong" these students arrive on time!

**Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**



**Did You Know... ?**

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

# PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

## Key Stage 1

(Reception 1 to Yr. 3)

Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 18:00

in the ISWB School Hall.

## Key Stage 2

Wednesday, 25 January 2023 at 18:00

Year 4 Home classrooms

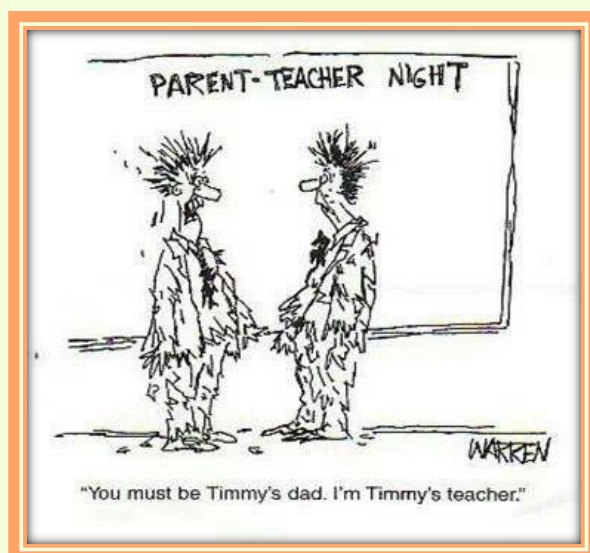
Year 5 ISWB School Hall

## Year 6

31 January 2023

ISWB School Hall

18:00





**Parents are urged to adhere to traffic rules and regulations when dropping off or picking up their children**

**Do not park on the yellow lines or in front of the wooden sliding gates**

**Students and parents need to make use of the pedestrian crossings on Hage Geingob Street**



# SCHOOL HOURS

## Key Stage 1

School starts at 7H30

Reception Year 2 and

KS1 Year 1: 13h00

KS1 Year 2 and 3: 13h10

## Key Stage 2, 3 and As levels

07h20 to 13h10

### WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



#### Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



#### Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



#### Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.

**Steps to take should your child be absent from school**

The school needs to know in advance should your child be absent for the day.

Contact the school by means of the following ways:

The administration: [admin@iswb.na](mailto:admin@iswb.na)

cell nr 081 641 4568

telephone: 064 20 3995

or

The register class teacher per [sms](#), [whatsapp](#) or [email](#)



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(Errors and omission can be expected)