



ST CONSTANTINE'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 27 - JANUARY 5, 2021

Hello everyone! Karibu Edition 27, the first for 2021.

Welcome back to all students, parents, teachers and support staff from me and your Heads of Secondary – Mr Clem Nderitu and Primary - Michael Murray. This year is going to be special. We have some exciting new activities, as we forge ahead to achieve success, despite the Coronavirus.

Our safe and hygienic practices will continue as we constantly monitor their effectiveness and make necessary alterations quickly if required. We have already been successful in minimising risk and keeping all students as safe as possible. All students returning to school should be carefully monitored for any symptoms of Corona virus/ Covid-19 and we will continue to run an adapted weekly schedule as in Term 1, for a minimum of 2 weeks, including pods in Primary classes, staggered and separated lunches and breaks. We will keep you all informed of developments if there are to be any changes as the term proceeds.

Our teachers began yesterday with CPD (Continuing Professional Development - the term used to describe learning activities to develop and enhance their abilities) and are solidly invested in the success of your child and their ongoing education. We also continue to work hard to prepare our Year 6 students for their CIE examinations in April. Formal examination prep, in addition to the daily classroom learning, starts Monday 11 – Thursday 14 January with Pre-Mock examinations; Monday 1 – Wednesday 3 February – Mock examinations; Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 March – Post-Mock examinations; and final examinations are expected to take place early in Term 3 – exact dates to follow once we have confirmation from Cambridge. We have a busy time ahead 😊

*Best wishes,
Tony Macfadyen,
Headmaster*



REMINDER:

All students who left Tanzania in the holidays must quarantine away from school for a minimum of 7 days from the date of their return to the country. For example: A child returning to Tanzania on Friday 1 January would need to quarantine until Saturday 9. Temperature checks and regular handwashing will continue.

In regard to uniforms, all students will still be in their PE Kits as before leave (see information page 5.)



Cover page (top left) Renita Richard made a personal monster and used it to learn body parts. She created her monster independently, from a YouTube video, and shared her newly acquired vocabulary with Ms Lynette's Year 4 class.

ROUND UP OF ACTIVITIES from END OF 2020 YEAR:

SCHOOL SPORTS DAYS:

The stresses and challenges of 2020 ended with a couple of fun Sports days when students and teachers could relax and enjoy the fresh air, after a busy academic term. All levels took part from the newest little school entrants to the seniors, including those working towards graduation in 2021.



Top left: Little Emmett was determined to score a point by lobbing a wet sponge at Mr Budd; Middle left: A determined start for the Upper Primary 800 metres; Middle right: The Delphi Primary students cheer on their team mates to ensure a winning position; Above: Athens - the overall winners - with their impressive trophy relaxing in their victory; seniors Didi – proudly a Sparta supporter - just edges ahead of Layan in Athens, another final year student readying herself for the race of life and career.

Mr Claud's Year 5 Class:

Pictured left: Jimmy Mwangi and Myra Namulala represented the whole Year 5W by surprising Mr Murray in his office when they showed up with veggies that they grew during IDEALS. The Year 5 students gave them to him on behalf of all the teachers, because there weren't enough veggies for them all.

Mrs Marandu's Year 3 Class:

Selemo Kgwagi, Aaron Kinabo, Nassim Din with Ms Milkah below, enjoying fruit kebabs. The Year 3s put their English theory into practice by following a recipe with a list of instructions how to make them. They identified the features of the text including the "title", "what you need" and the "steps in order" and then looked for the imperative "bossy" verbs such as "cut, put, place, separate, dip" to complete the task. The fruit was dipped into yoghurt and they certainly made the taste buds tingle with the delicious seasonal fruit.



KISONGO PRIMARY KITCHEN:

Assistant Primary Round Square Coordinator, Ms Felister Chikoti, toured the upcoming Kisongo Primary School kitchen with the school's Headmaster, and our project-liason fundi, Issa Bakari. The project has been entirely funded through donations from the SCIS community and is now entering its final phase.

"This project has really showcased the power of what the SCIS community can achieve when we pull together to help others in our local community. We are aiming to finish this project during Term 2 and then who knows where we will go next. The sky really is the limit!" said Mr Murray, Primary Head.



PLC 2020

Our hardworking teachers are continually upgrading their skills to ensure the most modern methods to advance students throughout the school.

PLCs comprise a small cross-curricular group of staff who meet to explore learning and teaching with the aim to trial new ideas in the classroom. These result in action research taking place about what matters most - improving teaching and learning, promoting achievement for all. One of the areas discussed was Assessment for Learning, where they explored the advantages and disadvantages of Assessment for Learning to both teachers and students.....then they relaxed and celebrated together before rounding off the 2020 year.



As the teachers returned yesterday, it was straight into work with the first of their CPD 2021 for both Primary and Secondary teachers.

Pictured right, Mr Murray welcomes the Primary team back and explains the advanced computer learning they can undertake; while below, Mr Nderitu ensures his team are ready for the new year ahead. "Our CPD on the first day of returning to school focused on Fragile



Learners; Identifying them, how to identify them and discussing what needs to be done in terms of supporting them," he said.

"Our Secondary teachers are keen to work together and very focused on contributing ideas that will improve teaching and learning."





THE BOARDERS ARE BACK !

Yesterday, the first of our boarders returned. Here Tanzanians Andreas Kiwhele Y7 and La-Trell Lusala Y5 unpack with the help of Mr Adam and Matron Neema, while Enoch Elumba Y12 and Gabriel Elumba Y10 are Congolese brothers living in Japan, but happy to be back with their friends at St Constantine.



Paid After-School Clubs

Ms Christina will send out specific information regarding paid clubs at Town Campus. For Main Campus, the following will be offered, each from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Payment is for 10 (ten) sessions:

Mondays – Taekwondo – 160,000/-

Tuesdays – Skating (minimum 8 students for activity to run) – TZS 120,000/-

Wednesdays – Chess TZS 60,000/-

Thursdays – Ballet (minimum 5 students for activity to run) – TZS 140,000/-



Please follow the instructions in the specific clubs email (this will follow asap) in order to sign up.

- Please note:*
1. Clubs will begin in Week 2 – there will be no after-school club sessions in the first week of term.
 2. There will be no after-school sessions in the weeks beginning Monday 8th and Monday 15th February, due to activities week and half term.
 3. Activities which do not reach their threshold will not run and you will be fully reimbursed.



MUSIC:

Mr Kalule has sent details of our paid peripatetic music programme for Term 2 families. Please ensure sign-up is completed ASAP, ahead of the programme beginning on Friday 8th January (Main Campus) and Thursday 7th January (Town Campus).

Uniform and Appearance

Primary School students will continue to wear PE uniform for the remainder of this school year. The uniform shop is now open and all PE items are in stock. As Term 2 is our warmest term, we expect students to wear PE skorts/shorts only – no blue tracksuit bottoms or blue school trousers.

Please continue to comply with the general principles of uniform and pupil presentation – including policies related to hair colour (no unnatural colours) and earrings (simple studs only). We have sweaters and fleeces available in the school shop, so there is never a need to wear home sweaters or fleeces. Home raincoats are allowed on rainy days. Please ask if you have any queries about what is acceptable.

Lower Primary students (Nursery to Year 2) should wear their swimming costume underneath their PE uniform on swimming days and pack underwear/undershirt to change into afterwards. Upper Primary students (Year 3–6) should carry their swimming costume in their bag. All Primary students should pack a towel, slippers or sandals, and a shopping bag to carry wet items home.

WHAT'S ON AT ST CONSTANTINE

January

Monday 4	Boarders return
Tuesday 5	Term 2 begins for students
Thursday 7	Primary Peripetatic music lessons begin Town Campus
Friday 8	Primary Peripetatic music lessons begin Main Campus
Monday 11 – 14	Pre-Mock exams Year 6
Monday 11	After School Primary Clubs start – TaeKwonDo (TKD)
Tuesday 12	School closed for Public Holiday Zanzibar Revolution Day
Wednesday 13	After School Primary Chess club starts
Wednesday 13	Friday 22 – Mock Exams Yrs 11,12,13
Monday 18	Work Experience Yr 10 for one week

February

Monday 1- 3	Mock Exams Year 6
Monday 1 – 5	3 rd Primary Assessment week all year groups
Thursday 4	6 th form information evening Yr 11 students and parents
Monday 8 – 12	Primary School Activities' Week (no after school clubs from February 8-15)
Friday 12	School closes for half term at 3pm
Sunday 21	Boarders return
Monday 22	School reopens after half term

March

Monday 1 - 5	Book Week
Wednesday 3	Primary Parent-Child Learn Together morning Main Campus
Thursday 4	Primary Parent-Child Learn Together morning Town Campus
Monday 8 – 10	Post Mock Exams Year 6
Monday 8 – 12	4 th Primary Assessment Years 5 and 6
Friday 12 - 13	Secondary School Musical Production
Monday 22 – 26	4 th Primary Assessment Nursery – Year 4
Friday 26	School closes for Easter holiday 3pm

April

Sunday 11	Boarders return
Monday 12	Term 3 begins for all students

Swimming

A reminder that this is a swimming term and that all students will be swimming a minimum of twice per week, during PE lessons. It is an expectation that children take part and do not sit out. Please plan so that your child is always ready with a swimming kit on the appropriate days.



Nursery & Reception Town Campus – Friday

1TC – Tuesday	2TC – Wednesday
1MC – Mon & Wed	2MC – Mon & Thu
3W – Tue & Wed	4E – Tue & Thu
5E – Tue & Thu	5W – Mon & Wed

Nursery & Reception Main Campus – Wed & Fri

3E – Mon & Thu	6W – Wed & Fri
4W – Tue & Thu	
6E – Mon & Wed	

This term our annual Primary School Battle-of-the-Bands (Y4-6) returns after it was cancelled last year due to the virus. Keep a look out for details of date and time!