

ST CONSTANTINE'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 30, February 15, 2021

Karibu! Newsletter 30

What a productive half term we have had, with work experience for Year 10; Mock exams for Years 11,12,13 and Year 6; rehearsals well underway for our upcoming musical MATILDA and also 'Battle of the Bands', Middle School Model United Nations, 6th form open evening, swimming and competitive sports underway – including a successful team competing in the Kili Trails Festival sprints and half marathon - and active exciting electives and IDEALS activities including major fundraising for our Kisongo School kitchen project.

Congratulations and Good Work ! to all who took part.

Just a reminder that we have **Parents' Day on Monday 22nd February**, the first day back after our half term break. We strongly suggest you do not travel out of the country at half term and our staff are advised the same. As for the last Parents' Day, we believe with the protocols we have in place, we can put on a safe event. Please note this includes asking all parents to wear a face mask on the day.

Parents and carers have become brilliant at attending this event in the last two or three years, so please do come again. Parents' Day forms an important part of your child's education where teachers have the opportunity to report on your child's progress and attitude to learning. You can also ask questions, so you are much more informed. This helps you, help them at home, which is important.

We are aware that some parents had to queue for some time, for some teachers at the last Parents' Day. We are sorry for this, but ask that you please do not be put off. We have tried to plan the day as best we can to spread out the visiting times more evenly this time.

Enjoy the half term break – and we look forward to greeting everyone back on Monday 22.

Best wishes,

Tony Macfadyen
Head of School



We strongly suggest students do not travel out of the country at half term.

If you leave the country and do not isolate away from your child on return, they should also stay off school at least one week. (We will send work home).

REMEMBER: WE HAVE PARENTS' DAY MONDAY FEBRUARY 22 – FIRST DAY BACK.

PARENTS' DAY – FEBRUARY 22 – FIRST DAY BACK AFTER HALF TERM BREAK

“A face-to-face meeting gives a great opportunity for parents to receive more insight into a child's progress,” says Head of Secondary School, Mr Clement Nderitu. “Our candidate classes are approaching exams – Year 9, 11, 12 and 13 – and parents will be able to have a feel of how well prepared their children are, or what needs to be done to bring them up to examination standard.”

To make Monday 22nd an enjoyable start to your week, we have:



1. ADDED a free breakfast for you from 7.30 am (until 8.15 am) so you can arrive first thing, eat with us and be an early visitor to the teachers (whose doors open at 8am).

Please note, the first morning session remains one of the quieter parts of the day, so if you want to get round quicker, this slot is for you.

2. Peak times are generally mid-morning and mid-afternoon, but morning tea is available. We have also extended parents' lunch which runs from 12.30pm until 2.30 pm.

3. Seven (7) minutes is the maximum time per individual pupil conference – 10 minutes if you have two children with the same teacher. If you have three children, all with the same teacher, then 12 minutes maximum, is allocated. Please understand if a teacher has to call time on the conference.

Please remember if you need longer, you are welcome to schedule an appointment to discuss a matter in greater depth at another time.

4. Each teacher will put a maximum of 5 chairs outside their room. If the chairs are full, please find another teacher and come back to the full one later. If parents and teachers stick to the agreed time limits per consultation, then all parents can reckon on a maximum of a 30-35 minute wait from the 5th chair.

5. As always, nobody should join a queue after 4pm, please, but those already there at 4 pm will be seen by the teacher. We look forward to seeing you at this important day!



FOOD - GLORIOUS FOOD – HELPS BUILD KISONGO KITCHEN

We want to thank the primary parents for their contribution to a successful bake sale hosted by the Primary Student Council, with the support of the Secondary Student Council. Special thanks to our school chef, Mr. George Mavromustakis (front page) for his donation of brownies and donuts sold during the bake sale with all funds donated to our project.



The total bake sale profit across both Primary Main Campus and Town Campus was TZS 679,000/- and this will all go to the kitchen project at Kisongo Primary School.

Above are Miss Felister and Wamaka stocking up on nice hot donuts; Ellis Maganga (top right) from Nursery showing his scrumptious morning tea; and Ciara Mdenye, Holly Kasaine, Aaliya Sajan and Raghavi Paranthaman, from Reception, all enjoy the special treat.



Kili Trails Success !

The SCIS students braved the chilly Sunday morning of February 7 to take part in the 6km Swala Sprint during the Kilimanjaro Trails Festival. The run was for U13 age group.

Kili Trails is a weekend-long celebration of the outdoors on the lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro at Simba Farm. There was camping, food vendors, live music and nine different trail events. One of their primary goals is to instill in youth and families a love of exercise, fitness and the outdoors, and what better way to accomplish this than through trail running and mountain biking with friends!

Our notable successes included all the SCIS students finishing the 6 km run, despite the unfamiliar hilly and unknown terrain.

Boys category:

Ethan Murray, who came 3rd overall and had the best time this season of 27.23 minutes, mulls over his win (front page).

Elijah Marandu and Owen Marandu came in 7th and 8th positions respectively (see Elijah pictured left with Ethan Murray).

Girls category:

Magdalena Waitara came in 9th overall AND was the **first girl to finish** the 6km run. Rosemarie Petro came in 13th overall and was the **third girl to finish**, while Mirabelle Lyatuu came in 15th overall but was the **6th girl to finish** the 6km run.



Rosemarie Petro - above



Above right - our successful Under 13 team: Back Left to Right - Magdalena Waitara, Mirabelle Lyatuu, Rosemarie Petro, Darice Tindamanyire, Ben Silas, Owen Marandu, Johnson Uher and Ruth Bertilsson.
Front - Left to Right - Alexia Shirima, Andre Shirima, Elijah Marandu, Ethan Murray and Adrian Ochieng.



6th FORM INFORMATION EVENING

Last Thursday, parents and students had the opportunity to discuss our exciting range of Post 16 courses – A-level and BTEC – offered from August 2021. Subject teachers provided detailed information to assist those going into their senior years with their choices, and visitors received a 6th form prospectus and application form.

The evening began with a short presentation from Mr Macfadyen, Head of School, and then Year 11 students received their Mock IGCSE examinations results, before meeting with the teachers. For those who missed out on the evening, please contact Mrs Sarah Macfadyen for information about 6th form opportunities. sarahmacfadyen@scis.sc.tz

Pictured top right is Mr Namulala – Head of Creative Arts – with Mr Adjolohoun and his son Abraham. Below right parents discuss the many options their children have to study towards their future careers.



THE FOOD THEME CONTINUES

The use of the Swahili language is paramount during class and teacher, Mr Kimei, introduced the topic of food through inviting students to show how they help with different activities at home. The topic was "Everyday Activities" so cooking simple foods was an ideal choice. Here the students are presenting their research on foods from other continents as well, showing dietary choices outside of Africa. In their presentation, which was all done in Swahili, they explain how to prepare an American Burger and the reason why that food is very common in America.

The Round Square Discovery through the topic, illustrated an Appreciation of Diversities, by equipping students with new knowledge about foods from different places. Other groups chose to present foods from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, and Canada. Pictured are Allan Chamanga, at the board, Saning'o Lesikar, Seif Seif and Subhaan Panjus, all in Year 7.



AROUND THE SCHOOL:

Team Building:

We all know that team building is essential for students during their learning. Chalvi, Abihud and Dilum enjoyed building games that promote collaborative critical thinking with Mr Claud during IDEALS lessons.

Customer Service Skills:

Neema Sadiki and Hope Mbasha (below) - both in Year 10 - demonstrate good customer service skills through role play; while Brighton (right) demonstrates good customer service skills by remaining calm and apologetic when Allen is posing as an angry customer. Communication skills and problem solving is a topic in Travel and Tourism where the Year 10 students are taught by Mrs Macfadyen.

**#communicationskills #problemsolvingskills
#12roundsquarediscoveries**



French:

"We are encouraging students to use language out of the classroom and Sheila -Year 9 gave us a feeling of what she can do with her vocals. Inspired by the group Kids United, she sang 'L'oiseau et l'enfant ' for Mr Muchela's French class.

[Sheila French Video \(1\).mp4](#)



The Year 7 students have also been working on building their confidence to speak in French at Miss Lynette's class, along with other skill development activities. Left Pranay Gumalla and Carlson Eno are debating – in French - whether it's better to be a boarding school student, or a day scholar.

Battle of the Bands – Year 5:

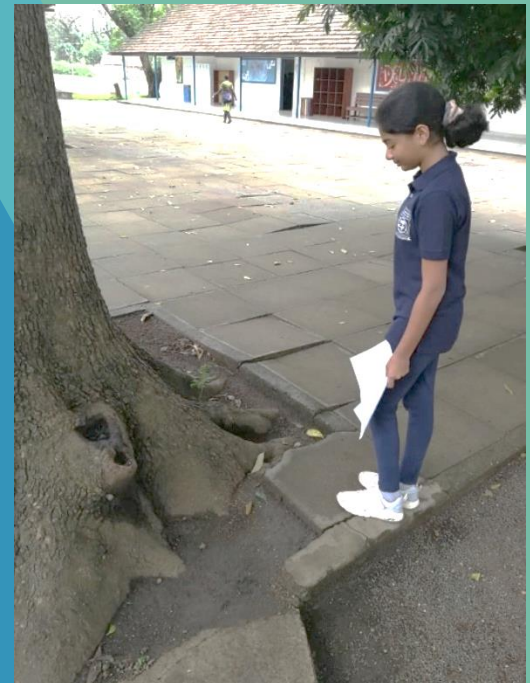
Elijah Marandu, Myra Namulala, Aron Osmond, Chalvi Kpaossou and Christian Joseph are practising hard for the upcoming competition, Battle of the Bands, much to the enjoyment of all those in ear-shot of the music room.



Geography:

In Mrs Macfadyen's geography class, Year 8's have been studying the different types of weathering. The students explored the school site looking for examples. Left - you can see Montel and Elian, who have found evidence of chemical weathering, while Parina (right) has found evidence of biological weathering.

[#roundsquarediscoveries](#)
[#inquisitiveness](#)



New Zealand Art & Craft Exhibition elective:

The up-coming Art and Craft Exhibition to be held in New Zealand in August, is an elective ably led by Year 13 student Nefertiti. She is pictured right with Erica, Alia, Taruni and Nouriel, all of whom have taken responsibility for one aspect of the exhibition and craft sale – from freighting the paintings and souvenirs, to the especially choreographed Tanzanian dance and music. This will be performed during the month-long extravaganza showcasing Tanzania and St Constantine International School.



Any parents who wish to become involved should contact our Marketing Manager leonietrubshoe@scis.sc.tz

Activities week coming up:

The following activities are on offer for June 2021

- Ngorongoro Crater – Year 7
- Fish Eagle Point [Tanga] – Year 8
- Savage Wilderness – Kenya – Year 9 - 13
- Mount Kilimanjaro Climb – Year 9 - 13
- IDEALS - week – Year 7 – 13
- Zanzibar - Year 11 – 13

Each student will be expected to take part in one of the activities on offer. Once they have made their choice for the activity week, parents are asked to please use the options form in the brochure to inform the school. Some trips have a maximum number of places and so will run on a first come, first served basis. Equally there are some trips that require a minimum number of students to sign up, for the trip to run. In both cases, you will be informed as soon as possible if you and your child need to choose an alternative trip.



Matilda, the musical:

Another group of students practising hard, are those rehearsing for the school musical – **Matilda**. The students are diligently working during electives and after school and every spare minute in between preparing for next month's performances of our 2021 show. Deven Jotangia, Evelyne Nyika and James Tholo are the heart of the drama and intrigue in this scene below, while the dancers are checking on the beat. Micha Carene and Sheila Muteheli have their own lines to learn (see picture next page).



**Look out for the bookings and performance dates:
Friday & Saturday March 12 and 13.**



WHAT'S ON AT ST CONSTANTINE

February

Monday 15 – 19	School Closed for Half Term
Monday 22	Boarders return
Monday 22	Parents' Day (school closed for all students)
Tuesday 23	School Re-opens for all students
Wednesday 24	2 – 3.30pm Secondary Inter-House Swim Gala
Wednesday 24	Chess Tournament
Friday 26	1 – 3 pm Upper Primary Inter-House Swim Gala

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)
Friday 5	NTSAA Swimming Gala at Kennedy House U7 - U13
Friday 5	PSHE day
Saturday 6	NTSAA Cricket Festival at Arusha Meru U9 - U11)
Monday 8 – 10	Post Mock Exams Year 6
Wednesday 10	PSHE day
Monday 8 – 12	Primary School Assessment Week Years 5 and 6
Friday 12 - 13	Secondary School Musical Production MATILDA
Friday 19	5:30-8pm Primary Family Social Evening (Town Campus) featuring Years 4-6
Friday 19	from 6-7pm Battle of the Bands
Saturday 20	NTSAA Hockey Festival at SCIS U9 - U11
Monday 22 – 26	Primary School Assessment Week Nursery – Year 4
Wednesday 24	Secondary Fashion Show
Thursday 25	Lower Primary swimming showcase
Thursday 25	Lower Primary Show (Main Campus)
Friday 26	1.30pm - School closes for Easter holiday

April

Sunday 11	Boarders return
Monday 12	Term 3 begins for all students.
Monday – Friday 19 -23	Checkpoint exams – Mathematics, English and Science

June

Monday – Friday 21- 25	Years 7 - 10 Activities week
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