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ISM Newsletter

(Moshi Campus)

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From the Head

Dear Parents,

Now that the new school year is under way I am pleased to get in touch with you again and let you know what is going on in ISM.

It's been a great start for Moshi campus with a fine bunch of new students and teachers and promise of a wide range of exciting events.

So read on!

Geoff Lloyd

LEMA ROAD - ADOPT A POTHOLE!

By the time you read this, repairs on Lema Road should have started. ISM, local residents and others are cooperating with the Moshi Municipal Council to make Lema Road a less shattering experience. But the money may run out before the end of the road is reached. This is where we ask for your help: if every family using the road contributed **TSh10,000** or more, then together we can smooth one of life's little wrinkles. Money can be paid in at the ISM office and we'll see it's spent well.

Remember:

September is *Be Kind to your Car* month!

1998 Examination Results

Congratulations to candidates who sat examinations in IGCSE and IB.



IGCSE

The 1998 International General Certificate of Secondary Education results show:

- **the equal highest average grade achieved at ISM since IGCSE was introduced across all subjects in S5; 1998 candidates achieved an average point score of 5.0 (1997 4.8, 1996 5.0, 1995 4.4, 1994 4.2), where G=1, F=2, ..., C=5, B=6, A=7.**
- **the highest percentage of students ever achieving the highest grades of A-C; (1998 67%, 1997 62%; 1996 64%, 1995 55%, 1994 48%).**



IB

International Baccalaureate

The 1998 IB results show:

- **an overall diploma pass rate of 90%;**
- **students obtained a satisfactory grade of 4 or higher in 93% of all subject results;**
- **59% obtained a good score of 30 points or more (the highest such percentage in the history of ISM);**
- **23% obtained an excellent score of 35 points or more (the second highest in the history of ISM);**
- **top ISM score (congratulations Peter Bangsund) was 41 points (only one student in the history of ISM has ever scored higher).**

Secondary enrolment up - boarding full!

Sunday, 23 August was the culmination of weeks of planning as ISM opened its gates to boarders old and new. All our five boarding houses are now full or nearly full, with eighty boarders in total.

Overall enrolment in Moshi campus is also up, and our secondary classes are well filled.

A new IB1 has started work, and this year the first pioneers on the ISM Business Diploma are pointing the way with an exciting new course combining IB subjects and Pitmans International examinations: business studies and information technology are important parts of the curriculum here.

Overall ISM has over 450 students, of whom 240 are on Moshi campus.

All this points to a secure future for Moshi campus, which will continue to offer a full education from kindergarten at age 3 through to IB and University entrance.

New teachers settle in

Our new teachers seem new no longer. We're all getting to know each other and appreciate the gifts and experience they are bringing to ISM. A checklist:

- Mr Neil Fletcher (Kijana boarding, library, world studies, lifeskills);
- Ms Kitty Janssen (Dutch - all ages, both campuses);
- Ms Maura Murphy (Head of World Studies, also lifeskills where Ms Murphy is a qualified careers guidance counsellor);
- Ms Sandra Schnurpfeil (Kimbilio boarding assistant and German);
- Mrs Sunita Somaiya (Kimbilio boarding parent and Gujarati);
- Ms Sue Russell (Head of Physical Education and Sport, also lifeskills);
- Mr Hans van der Velden (Kilele boarding and physics);
- Mr Ben Wiggins (PE and geography).

Still to join us is:

- Mr Terence Driscoll, Information Technology, who is completing a contract at the University of Greenwich in UK.

Our new staff represent five different nationalities and between them they have worked in eleven different countries on four continents.

Playgroup and Kindergarten

Our Moshi campus kindergarten class, mainly for children aged 3 and 4, still has a few vacancies. Fees are much lower than for primary classes and no enrolment fee is payable. Mrs Martine Jones, Kindergarten Leader, can tell you more.

Meanwhile we are pleased to announce the **ISM Playgroup** - every Thursday from 14.00 to 16.00, open to all children under two and a half years. There is no charge but all children must be accompanied by an adult.

***The Playgroup opens on Thursday,
10 September at 14.00.***

The new Tanzanian telephone directory is unclear about ISM numbers. The school switchboard reaches all offices and boarding houses and is now staffed up to 21.00 each day 7 days a week.

The school numbers are

55004

55005

51850

our fax number is 52877

our Arusha campus number is 057-8091

Other numbers listed in the directory should not be used.

Find us on the Internet: our web page at <http://www.ecis.org/ismoshi> is visited up to sixty times a week; already one of the best school sites around, we hope to update and modernise as the term proceeds.

Reminder of school term dates:

Term 1 ends Friday 18 December, half term break from 12.45 on Friday 17 October, with classes resuming at 07.30 on Monday 26 October.

Term 2: boarders return on Tuesday 19 January, classes start the following morning, and term ends on Friday 26 March.

Term 3: boarders return on Monday 12 April, classes start the following morning, and term ends on Thursday 24 June.

PCM

The Parent Committee in Moshi is pleased to announce that the Annual General Meeting of the PCM will be held on Tuesday, 17th November. Further details will follow later.