



June 1995

ISM Newsletter

from the Head

Dear Parents,

The end of a school year is a time of farewells. We said goodbye to our graduating IB class at an impressive ceremony on May 20th. A packed Karibu Hall heard an inspiring address from Rev. John David Simonsen. Then in June it was the turn of S4. We shall see many of them back again in the IB class.

To those students leaving us, perhaps to return to their home country, we wish every success in the future.

We also bid farewell to a number of staff:

Basia Filzek has been Head of Primary for three years. Basia has overseen many changes in the Primary section and we thank her for the leadership that she has shown and wish her well in her next post in Kampala and in her future career.

Philippe and Greca Durant leave after a two-year contract. Philippe has brought *joie de vivre* in so many ways to the French department, has raised the profile of French life and culture in the school as a whole, and has been an energetic and valued contributor to our sports programme. Greca has been a caring and popular boarding parent who for much of this year has led the IB boarders single-handedly. Her culinary delights will long be remembered. We wish them both much success in Kuwait.

Ary and Diana Lyimo will be returning to Australia after seven valuable years at ISM. Ary has been a fine Physics teacher, a great contributor and leader in sports and other activities, while Diana served for some years as a teacher in the Primary section.

Sulabha Vaidya is returning to join her husband in the Indian subcontinent. Sulabha has been an exceptional and conscientious boarding parent and has contributed much to improving variety and quality in the food.

Martha Klokke completes her year as Dutch mother-tongue teacher and we have enjoyed her participation in the life of the school.

Radha Prakash has been the Primary librarian where she has performed valuable service; she leaves to rejoin her husband.

Ian Macartney will be leaving ISM for one term only on an exchange placement with his opposite number at International School Geneva.

Annette Wood will be transferring from Moshi to the new Junior Secondary Section at Arusha.

We also say goodbye to **Christina Pedersen** who has helped a great deal as a volunteer for the last two terms integrating well into the school community.

In addition, we're looking forward to welcoming a good number of new faces in August:

Mr & Mrs Coleman from Australia and New Zealand respectively, will be joining us from Sana'a International School in Yemen having previously worked in India. Mr Coleman will teach Biology and Environmental Systems and Mrs Coleman will be a boarding parent for the IB girls and will teach some World Studies.

Mr & Mrs Garbett are from Birmingham in England; before that they worked for some years in Malawi where Mr Garbett was Boarding Master

Term Dates 1995/96

Term I

Sun, August 20th	Boarders Return
Mon, August 21st	Classes Start

Sat, October 14th	Half-term holiday starts
Sun, October 22nd	Boarders return
Mon, October 23rd	Classes restart

Thu, December 7th	End of Term
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Term II

Mon, January 8th	Boarders Return
Tue, January 9th	Classes start
Thu, March 21st	End of Term

Term III

Tue, April 9th	Boarders Return
Wed, April 10th	Classes Start
Fri, June 28th	End of Term

at St Andrews School, Blantyre. Mr Garbett will be Head of Boarding and Mrs Garbett will be a boarding parent.

Mr & Mrs Hudson have been working in Walsall, England where Mr Hudson has been head of a junior school; he will be Head of Primary at Moshi and has previous experience in Yemen and Colombia. Mrs Hudson comes from Colombia and will be starting some Spanish teaching in the school.

Mr & Mrs Robert Jones are living and working in Wales at the moment, but have previous substantial experience in Zimbabwe; Mr Jones will be teaching French and his wife, who is French, will be helping in this area as well.

Mr & Mrs Wreeby are from Nyköping, Sweden and are returning to ISM for a third period of service having worked here on two separate occasions in earlier years. Mr Wreeby will be in charge of Physics and Mrs Wreeby will be a boarding parent.

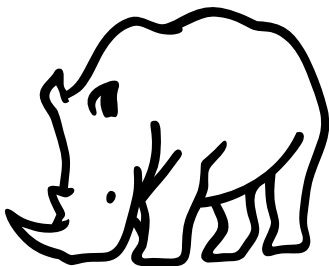
Mrs Wolsheimer will be coming as the new Dutch mother-tongue teacher for children in both Moshi and Arusha.

Mr Welling will be on a term's exchange from International School Geneva and will be teaching Geography.

Mr & Mrs Hawkins will be moving to Arusha, where Mr Hawkins will be head of the new Junior Secondary Section. He has recently been coordinating language development amongst middle school children in Bradford, England.

ISM Rhino Support

You may remember that last term S1 joined "Save the Rhino International" for a few kilometres of their walk from Mombasa to Uhuru Peak in aid of rhino conservation. As a result of their involvement ISM gained an invitation to visit Mkomazi Game Reserve and learn about the efforts being made to conserve the Black Rhino.



The Mkomazi Project aims to protect and restore the badly degraded ecosystem which, together with the adjoining Tsavo National Park in

Kenya forms one of the largest continuous tracts of protected wilderness in East Africa. The Project includes the establishment of a sanctuary for the Black Rhino and the implementation of a captive breeding programme for wild dogs. Both species are in grave danger of extinction and the plan is to reintroduce them to their former habitats.

One quiet weekend at the end of May a lorry-load of ISM students invaded the camp of Tony

Fitzjohn, Field Director of the George Adamson Trust and Mkomazi Project. We received a warm welcome and were shown to a lovely shaded campsite which made a change from the usual bare spot in the dust. We enjoyed a game drive to the boundaries of the sanctuary and then on to the Kenyan border, a walk through the bush and along the airstrip (both accompanied by very helpful guides), an evening wildlife video at the campsite, a tour of the camp and wild dog pens and an informative talk from Tony. Future opportunities for field-work and outdoor pursuits are endless.

We decided to help the project by raising money to buy cement for a dam which must be built in order to supply the rhino sanctuary with water. The students have responded very well and have worked hard to raise money in various ways, selling cakes, pizza, ice cream, fruit cream, "roses for rhinos" and T-shirts and through discos and a fashion show. I would like to congratulate the students for the initiative and commitment they have shown.

However we have a long way to go to reach our target (400 bags - half of the cement that is needed) and we hope to get the support of parents, friends and relatives in raising the rest.

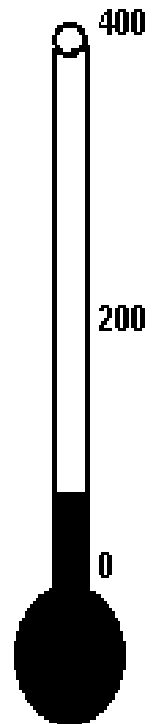
So, parents, during this long holiday please encourage your son or daughter to appeal to friends and relatives back home for small donations: a bag of cement costs about \$8. A few bags per student and the future of this beautiful animal in one corner of Africa will be assured and the project can go forward. Money can be paid into the rhino account of the school bank by students or via the accounts office.

Humankind has recklessly brought about the extinction of many living things on this planet. We are the guardians of what is left. Please help us to "save the Rhino" for our children's sake.

Thanks.

Annette Wood

Environmental Education Coordinator



P.T.A. Annual General Meeting

This year the Annual General Meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held at
7:30pm on Thursday, 7th September

On the agenda will be some changes to the PTA's constitution and the election of the new PTA Executive Committee. Be there and make your feelings and opinions heard.

IB Orientation (21st-23rd August)

The first three full days of term will consist of a special orientation programme for the IB1 students. This includes an introduction to the course, an overview of the CAS programme and guidance on a number of techniques of value to IB students such as essay writing. The students will make new friends and learn to work as a group as they also do two sessions of community service together. This orientation is extremely important and parents are asked to ensure that students arrive to start IB on the first day of school.

There will also be an IB1 residential weekend work camp based on Careers, Life Skills and Theory of Knowledge from Friday, 6th October to Sunday, 8th October.

S1 & S2 Orientation (21st August)

There will be a special programme on the first day of term to explain to students new in secondary how the secondary school operates and to introduce them to some of the ways in which they can achieve success in secondary and how to get help when they need it. All S1 and S2 students will need to attend this essential orientation.

Going to America?

Any student who may wish to consider further education in the USA or Canada will be required to take a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and/or SAT (Scholastic Achievement Tests). These tests are held at ISM and are usually taken by IB1 students in May and then again by IB2 students in November/December, although they may be taken by any students on the available dates. Payment for these tests (for ISM students only) may be made through the school office. Students should see the IB

Coordinator well in advance of registration deadlines to obtain advice and practice materials. Test dates for 95/96 are:

SAT I and II	November 4th 1995
TOEFL	November 18th 1995
SAT I and II	December 2nd 1995
SAT I and II	May 4th 1996
TOEFL	May 11th 1996

The New Secondary School Structure

As many parents will know we are changing the structure of the school from a 7 + 4 (Primary + Secondary) to a 6 + 5 structure. Your child's class name may therefore change, but his/her programme of studies will continue smoothly from this year to next. The chart below explains the name changes:

Old Name	New Name
P1	P1
P2	P2
P3	P3
P4	P4
P5	P5
P6	P6
P7	S1
S1	S2
S2	S3
S3	S4
S4	S5
IB1	IB1
IB2	IB2

Thus a student in P6 in 1994/95 will be in S1 in August; a student in P7 now will be in S2 in August 1995; and a student in S1 now will move to S3 in August. IGCSE examinations will now be taken at the end of the S5 year. The International Baccalaureate programme remains two years in length.

Is the Lunch Break too short?

Many parents of day students have difficulties transporting their children from and to school at lunch time. The PTA would like to encourage car-sharing, so that a number of parents can share the load of this task. Please contact the PTA Chair, Mr Ed Giddens, if you have any ideas that could help.

Did you know that day students may eat lunch in school? Tickets for school lunch can be purchased from the main office at least a day in advance for TSh 1200 which pays for a full meal of two or three courses.

Classes and Teachers for 1995/96

Many parents have asked to know who will be teaching their child(ren) next term. Here is a complete list for all morning classes:

Primary

P1 Ms Rebecca Gentle
P2/3 Mrs Patricia van Aarst
P4/5 Mrs Maddy Ng'maryo
P6 Mr Philip Hudson, Head of Primary

Art

S1-IB2 Ms Gez Hayward

Biology

S4 Mr Gerard Coleman
S5-IB Mrs Elly Nkya

Chemistry

S4-IB2 Mr Steve Street

Comparative Religion

S1-3 Mrs Annie Coleman

Economics

IB Mr Josiah Mchome

English

S1 Mr Peter McGain
S2-IB Mrs Laura Egan
S3-IB Mr Peter McGain

English as a Foreign Language

Sec. Mrs Iona Moraes

Environmental Systems

IB Mr Gerard Coleman

French

S1,S4 Mr Robert Jones
S2-S3 Mrs Carolyn Shaffer
S5, IB2 Mrs Carolyn Shaffer
IB1 Mr Robert Jones

Geography

S4 Mr Welling & Mrs Coleman
S5 Mr Welling & Mr Lloyd
IB Mr Tony Welling

History

S4-IB Mr Bob Messer

Integrated Science

S1-S2 Mr Gerard Coleman
S3 Mrs Nkya & Mr Garbett

Kiswahili

S4-S5 Mrs Anna Malya
IB Language B - Mrs Malya
IB ab initio - Mrs Nainkwa Mvungi

Life Skills

S1-S3 Mrs Debbie Canterford
S4-IB2 Mr & Mrs Canterford

Mathematics

S1 Mr John Lee
S2 Mrs Sheila Messer
S3 Ms Sandra Riches & Mr Terry Garbett
S4-S5 Ms Sandra Riches & Mrs Sheila Messer
IB Studies - Ms Sandra Riches
IB Methods - Mrs Messer & Mr Keiron White
IB Higher - Mr John Lee & Mrs Sheila Messer

Music

Pri. Mrs Sue Jones
S1-S5 Mr Teiron Jones

Physical Education (PE)

S1-S5 Mr & Mrs Canterford

Physics

S4-IB Mr Jan Wreeby

Special Needs

P-S5 Mrs Teresa Massawe

Theory of Knowledge

IB Mr Bob Messer

World Studies

S1 Mrs Debbie Canterford
S2-S3 Mr Tony Welling

The Secondary Tutors and Coordinators will be as below. Please contact these teachers through the Deputy Head if you wish to discuss your child's progress:

S1 Mr Robert Jones
S2 Mr Gerard Coleman
S3C Mrs Debbie Canterford
S3N Mrs Elly Nkya

S1-S3 Coordinator - Mr Glenn Canterford

S4E Mrs Laura Egan
S4S Mrs Carolyn Shaffer
S5M Mr Peter McGain
S5S Mr Steve Street

S4-S5 Coordinator - Mrs Sheila Messer

IB1M Mrs Anna Malya
IB1W Mr Tony Welling
IB2M Mrs Iona Moraes
IB2W Mr Jan Wreeby

IB Coordinator - Mr Bob Messer

from Primary

Thanks to all parents for your support throughout this year. In particular thanks to **Mrs Asher** for helping with a class trip, **Mrs Buhecha** for assisting Mrs Ng'maryo with Tapestry club, **Mr Sato** for providing lots of tree seedlings for P3/4's project, and to **Mrs Somaiya** for running an embroidery club.

Also many thanks to **John Lee** who has done sterling work with P6/7 this last term.

We would particularly like to invite parents of children in primary to the class parent meetings to be held in the second week of next term. Please note the dates in your diary:

- **P6** **Monday, 28th August**
- **P1** **Tuesday, 29th August**
- **P3/4** **Wednesday, 30th August**
- **P4/5** **Thursday, 31st August**

Basia Filzek
Head of Primary

Sports News

It has been a relatively quiet term for sports with many of the outdoor facilities unusable for much of the term due to the heavy rains. However, there was an addition to our facilities with the opening of the **climbing wall** on the east wall of Karibu Hall. This has proved to be popular with students of all ages and we thank **Mr Keith Robson** for his help with this.



Preparations are underway for next term already. The main focus will be swimming which has increased in popularity recently. For the secondary students there will be the chance to compete in the **Kenya Swimming Championships** in November - the first time the school has had this opportunity. For the primary and lower secondary students, ISM will be hosting an **Inter-Schools Swimming Gala** which will involve teams from IST in Dar, Morogoro International School, ISM Arusha Branch and hopefully a school from Kenya.

Congratulations to **Mawenzi** house who are this year's inter-house competition champions. Within the two age categories, **Mawenzi** were also the junior champions, and **Kibo** were the senior champions.

Good luck to all three houses next year.

Outdoor Pursuits

As with the sports, this has been a relatively quiet term due to both examinations and the rains, but we still had two excellent trips.

Kifinika Crater: twelve students and four staff stayed for two nights at Mandara Hut on Kilimanjaro and enjoyed a day's walk to Kifinika. *"We expected to get very wet, but the rain kindly stayed away except on our visit to the crater where we were obliged to turn around and leave only a few minutes after we arrived."*

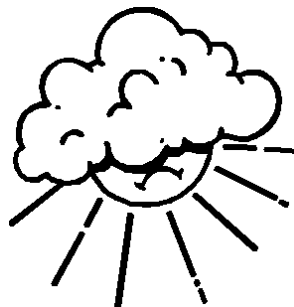
Little Meru: twelve students and four staff took the steep route up and the shady route down with two nights at Miriakariba Hut. Highlights: our favourite guide, magnificent views, cordon bleu macaroni, angelic singing, sparkling waterfalls and no angry buffalo.

Next term we have booked seven weekends for trips of varying difficulty from 1st Hut to Socialist Peak. If your child is at all interested to explore the beauty of our very special mountains, make sure that he/she watches the breezeway notice board for the schedule - **Sign Up Early!**

What happened and what was left on 20th April

On 20th April there was a heavy rain here in Moshi. It rained for hours non-stop very heavily and many people lost their homes, crops, animals and farms.

What surprised me was how things were here in school. First Mama Nkya's house was flooded and she was unable to come and teach us that day. The swimming pool as well as the tennis courts were also drowned in mud but thanks to many people and the hard labour day things were cleaned out. Things were well until 27th April when it rained again for long but not as hard as before. This made it seem as though the work which we had already done was in vain. So our class of S3 with Sandra went to the tennis courts to measure the depth and mass of mud on the tennis courts. You will be surprised to read that the mud was 25cm deep and the total amount weighed as much as 800 Land Rovers!!! Kilua Magari (S3)





Library

The Library would be very grateful for any magazines that you may have which you no longer need. These can be placed either in the school library or distributed around the dormitories.

Please note that the library will be closed during July and subsequent opening times will be posted.

Creativity, Action, Service

Despite the departure of the *wazee* of CAS, the IB2s, and the interruptions due to examinations, we have run a full programme this term including two new activities - experimental but successful.

One group of seven students read English Literature texts on to audio-tape for blind students at Marangu Teachers' College. The tapes will provide the start to an audio library there.

Another group of five Business Studies students investigated the marketing opportunities for four rural women's craft groups. We quickly learned that their products were not different enough from other products in Moshi to corner a significant market, but we sold a lot for them and hopefully gave them some useful feedback, as well as marvelled at the way in which the time spent to make those crafts was not reflected in the price.

We shall certainly invite those groups, along with many others, to the

Craft Fair

on Saturday, 2nd December

Put it in your diary!

Next term's CAS programme will get off to a good start with a **CAS Exhibition** in Karibu Hall on 24th August from 2pm to 4pm. All students will be able to look around displays from different CAS activities and talk with students and staff involved before making their choice of activity. We hope to offer a wide range of projects - something for everyone.

School Holidays

As many people will be away during July, the office will be closed for this month, except for the accounts office which will remain open. Urgent matters arising during July can however be dealt with by the Administrator, Mr Taki.

The school will also be hosting two groups at the end of July and early in August. The first is the annual conference of the East African Society of Anaesthesiologists and the second is a visiting group of IB Students from International School Geneva.

National Elections

Tanzania's national elections are due to be held in October. School will continue as usual during this period.

Refund of Deposits

If your child has just left ISM, you will shortly be receiving the refund of the deposit paid for them, assuming that no charges are due against it. This will be refunded to whoever first paid the deposit and is usually refunded by means of a cheque sent a couple of months after the student leaves school. If you prefer another means of payment, please advise the accounts office.

A Kindergarten at ISM

Many parents will have received the notice advising them of a proposal to open a kindergarten at ISM for children aged between three and five years. Fees would be approximately £500 per term. Children would benefit from a qualified kindergarten teacher and all of the school's facilities. The launch of the kindergarten depends on the number of potential children, so if you are interested please let us know as soon as possible. This will not, of course, commit you to anything definite.

Telephones and Fax

Due to difficulties on the aged Moshi phone lines, many parents will have found it hard to contact us by phone or fax. You may hear a ringing tone, but it is not necessarily ringing at this end. We apologise for this. In emergency it is possible to phone the Head's home line on 055-52840 or to fax us via an office in town on 055-50236. The general rule seems to be "if you don't get through first time, keep trying!"

We wish all our students and their families a restful and refreshing holiday.

International School Moshi

Calendar for Term I 1995/96

	August	September	October	November	December
Wed	2			1 Sec. Sports Day	
Thu	3			2	
Fri	4	1 OP Trip (-4th)		3 Swim Team -> Nbi. OP Trip (-5th)	1 World AIDS Day Primary EoT Concert
Sat	5	2		4 Kenya Swim Champ. SAT I and II	2 Craft Fair SAT I and II
Sun	6	3	1	5	3
Mon	7	4	2	6 S2 Pangani (-10th)	4
Tue	8 Farmers' Day Holiday	5 Self-Study Meetings	3	7	5
Wed	9 Maulid Holiday (prov.)	6	4 Staff Association	8	6 Gymkhana
Thu	10	7 PTA Annual Gen M.	5	9 Upper Primary Sports	7 End of term
Fri	11	8 Board EC Meeting	6 IB1 Camp (-8th) OP Trip (-8th)	10	8
Sat	12	9 Hard Labour w/e	7	11 Knockout	9 Independence Day
Sun	13	10	8	12	10
Mon	14 New staff orientation	11 Health Week (-15)	9	13	11 Public holiday
Tue	15	12 Self-Study Meetings	10 S5 Field Exercise Staff Meeting	14	12
Wed	16 Staff in-service (- 18)	13	11	15 S3 Fieldwork	13
Thu	17	14	12 S1-S3 Sports	16 'Cats' (-18th)	14
Fri	18	15 OP Trip (-18th)	13 P1-P4 Special Assy	17 Board Meeting	15
Sat	19	16	14 Half term holiday	18 TOEFL test	16
Sun	20 Boarders return	17	15	19	17
Mon	21 Classes start IB1 Orientation (- 23) S1/2 Orientation	18	16	20	18
Tue	22 Self-Study Meeting	19 Self-study Meetings PTA Cttee Meeting	17	21	19
Wed	23	20	18	22	20
Thu	24 CAS Exhibition	21	19	23	21
Fri	25	22 Board Meeting Staff-Board Seminar	20	24 OP Trip (-27th)	22
Sat	26	23	21	25	23
Sun	27	24	22 Boarders return	26	24
Mon	28 P6 Parents Meeting	25	23 Classes Restart	27	25 Christmas Day
Tue	29 P1 Parents Meeting Staff Association	26 Staff Meeting	24 Self-study Meetings	28	26 Boxing Day
Wed	30 P2/3 Parents Meeting	27	25	29 S4-IB2 Sports	27
Thu	31 P4/5 Parents Meeting	28	26	30	28
Fri		29 OP Trip (-1st Oct)	27 Board EC Meeting		29
Sat		30 Primary Inter- Schools Swimming	28		30

Sun			29 National Elections		31
Mon			30		
Tue			31		