



19th April 2024

UPDATES FOR BMIS Secondary Parents

We are certainly entering a very busy time of the year, with the CIS/NEASC and IB joint visit reports and documentation reaching its final stage. This has involved a massive collaborative process by stakeholders representing all areas of the school. We are on track for submission to our accreditation agencies by the end of this academic year.

The week before the holidays focused on our Grade 12 send-off, although they are actually still with us receiving additional tuition and check-ins with their teachers. Before the holidays our soon-to-be graduates had their mock graduation photos taken decked in all their regalia. They challenged the staff to a highly competitive game of volleyball, followed by a sleepover in the library. There was food, games, movies, the preparation for the traditional prank, and lots of good times, but not much sleep! The next morning the day started with a banquet breakfast with so much food it took all our senior's time to sign their names for posterity in concrete. The highlight was the parade at the end of the day, as they made their way through a tunnel of excited students. Parents proudly presented their children with flowers, hugs, and kisses as they emerged onto the lower field. Then the final bouncy castle leap, not exactly over the wall, but a symbolic jump into the future. We wish Grade 12 well for their DP exams and know that this amazing cohort will be fully prepared to do their best during the weeks ahead.

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Highlights of the Grade 12 Final Celebrations



UN Sustainable Development Goals

The week before break, our 7th-grade Individuals & Societies classes presented their work to culminate our unit on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #5: Equality for Women and Girls. During the unit, students learned about a variety of issues from history and the present related to the struggle for gender equality. For the culminating assessment, students participated in a role-play simulation in which they worked in teams to develop a proposal for a US \$1 million project that could address gender disparities and inequalities concerning a specific target of SDG #5. Students selected a variety of topics for their projects, including ending child marriage, equal access to education, economic equality, and ensuring the full participation of women in leadership and decision-making. They were then required to research to analyze the causes of their chosen problem and to develop a specific solution and budget for addressing that particular challenge. On March 25th and 27th, students presented their project proposals to a panel of parents who had the opportunity to ask questions and assess students' work. Overall, the students' work was very impressive, demonstrating a high level of engagement and thoughtfulness on complex and compelling topics.



SAISA-BMIS

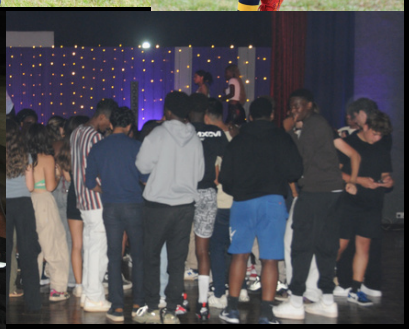
Bishop Makenzie hosted the inaugural Southern African International Schools Association (SAISA) soccer tournament the past weekend. Students from Lusaka, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Luanda, and Kamuzu Academy battled it out on the pitches of BMIS over two days. Excellent skills and great sportsmanship were displayed in both the boys' and girls' leagues, respectively.

After the league stages on Friday, the teams entered the knockout stages, hoping to claim glory for their school and country. While BMIS was in both the boys' and girls' finals, Lusuka (boys) and Luanda (girls) came out as worthy winners. The tournament was a great success and was rounded off by an elegant and beautiful disco hosted by the Student Council, where all participants got to mix and share their different cultures.

A special well done to Ezmeekie L and David N for finishing as top goalscorers within the BMIS teams. (Photos following page)

Neil Black, BMIS Sports Coordinator

SAISA AT BMIS



SINGERS NIGHT

This past term BMIS hosted their 5th Singer's Night and needless to say it was another huge success! We had 16 talented singers from a range of different grade levels, without forgetting the wonderful Mr. Gilbert representing the teachers, performing the songs they had been working on in a lovely intimate setting.

Nina Derrick



LILONGWE TRIATHLON
MAY 5TH

Big Raffle Prizes including:
Likoma Island
Blue Zebra
Pumalani
South Luangwa
and much more!

Live Music!

9.30 AM - 14.00 PM
BISHOP MACKENZIE

Delicious Food and Drink on sale!
Deli items, toys, crafts, sportswear and books will be on sale too!

Join us for a fun day for the whole family! FREE ENTRY!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

STARTS APRIL 23RD, 2024
5-7 PM AT BMIS

REGISTER NOW!

LILONGWE TRIATHLON - MAY 5TH - BISHOP MACKENZIE INT SCHOOL

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| 100M SWIM | 750M SWIM | 1.5KM SWIM |
| 4KM CYCLE | 20KM CYCLE | 40KM CYCLE |
| 1KM RUN | 5KM RUN | 10KM RUN |
| 10000 MKW | 20000 SOLO / 30000 TEAM | 20000 MKW |

REGISTRATION OPEN - WWW.LILONGWETRIATHLON.COM

Puppet Show for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grade 1

When we initially thought of planning a show for the younger years, we thought it would be a straightforward task to do, but as we delved deeper into the process multiple aspects needed to be considered for a successful show, and as beginners (inexperienced) in the theater it was truly eye-opening. We brainstormed ideas and went with a jungle theme allowing younger students an interactive show to explore the jungle, and the animals within serving as a learning opportunity for them. We then made props to transform the stage, and finally, we wrote the scripts. This created some challenges as we had to consider how the younger years (pre-K, kindergarten, and grade 1's) would react to it, and ensure they were captivated throughout. So the script had to be relevant to their age, level, and understanding, and it was interesting to put ourselves in their shoes, and curate what we thought would work out for them. Overall, the puppet shows were a success as our target audience was engaged, and we also caught the attention of older grades. Hopefully, we get to introduce more shows on a larger scale upon seeing the success of our puppet show and in doing so fostering a bond between primary and secondary students with story-telling reaffirming our commitment to engage the BMIS community!

Humaira and Mubina



Coffee and Connect

On March 21st, our counselors led an interactive workshop with parents on the topic of mental health and wellbeing. This workshop focused on ways to maintain and promote healthy mindsets in our children and adolescent community, through proactive approaches. Parents were first introduced to 'Move this World', the school's newly acquired social and emotional learning programme which has recently been introduced to the student body, all the way from the Early Years to Secondary. Following this, parents had a chance to explore different stations with a variety of resources, each one of them related to the promotion of mental health and well-being. These were: self-regulation, mindfulness, the importance of play, and mental health.



Up and Coming Events

Monday 22nd April Earth Day

Thursday 24th April-Saturday 27th April Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and Grade 11 Biology Trip to Luwawa

Monday 29th April-Friday 17th May DP exams

Wednesday 1st May, May Day holiday

Monday 29th April-Monday 6th May Grade 11 exams

Sunday 5th May Lilongwe Triathlon

Tuesday 21st May Graduation Rehearsal from 7.10-13.00

Wednesday 22nd May Graduation from 6.30 pm in the Upper Hall