



23 June 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians

We have had a very busy first half of the term and we are delighted to have seen our students display immense courage over the past few weeks. Courage to push through a difficult test or assignment, courage to face a stronger or bigger opponent on the sports field, courage to stand up and recite a personal poem in public. In the words of **Maya Angelou** *"I am convinced that courage is the most important of all the virtues. Because without courage, you cannot practise any other virtue consistently."*

The **High School Poetry Slam** took place on Tuesday 20th June. This was an opportunity for our drama and literature students to showcase their enormous talent by performing either their own pieces or reciting poetry. We were blown away by their confidence and courage, and we congratulate the students who were chosen to present at the closing ceremony of the art exhibition. I would like to thank the teacher who took the lead here as well, namely Mrs. Julie Palmer.

The **High School Art Exhibition** has been on display in the Hall Foyer all week and the level of work in display has been impressive. Thank you to our Art teacher Mrs. Emilia Takarasima for inspiring our students and for getting their work up on display.

Sports

- The U14 Boys and Girls Basketball teams participated in a festival last weekend, and both teams walked away with Silver medals. Well done to all!
- Our Primary School Inter-House Athletics is today and we are eagerly awaiting their results! Best of luck to all our participating athletes.



U14 Boys and Girls Basketball silver medal winners

Photograph day is coming up on the 10th July. Letters have been sent out with the children. A reminder to parents to please return the reply slip with the correct amount of cash before the 6th of July.

Please diarise Friday 7th July when we celebrate **UFSI Culture Day**. Did you know our school has students from more than 20 nationalities? American, British, Cameroonian, Chinese, Congolese, Ethiopian, Haitian, Kenyan, Korean, Malawian, Mosotho, Mozambican, Portuguese, South African, South Korean, Swazi, Taiwanese, Ugandan, Zambian and Zimbabwean to name a few. We are delighted to be celebrating our diverse culture at UFS International and students can come dressed to represent their nationality on this day.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish everyone a relaxing mid-term break. To those who are travelling, we wish you a safe journey. Reminder that school reopens on Monday 3rd July.



83 DAYS TO GO!!!

Kind Regards

Mrs. D Naylor
High School Principal

Mrs. T Magagula
Primary School Principal

