



28 March 2019

Dear Saints Family

I write to you about three matters:

1. The IQAA (Independent Quality Assurance Agency) survey -- update.
2. The Saints Sports Festival and no classes in the three Prep schools on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 April and normal school continues in the two College schools.
3. Election Day 8 May and arrangements for Start of Term 2.

The IQAA (Independent Quality Assurance Agency) survey – update

Thank you very much to our parents, staff and students who responded to the IQAA online evaluation survey.

There was a pleasing participation rate by respondents, indicating dedication and engagement. The feedback from the survey responses will prove very valuable in the formation of focus groups for further interaction on selected themes; and in the formulation of the evaluation report and school improvement plan.

During the last week of May there will be follow up focus-group discussions and the IQAA mentors will be present in each of the schools.

The IQAA evaluation report and school improvement plan will be completed by the end of Term 2.

The Saints Sports Festival: no classes in the three Prep schools on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 April and normal school continues in the two College schools on these two days, as per the school calendar

The Colleges Programme for the Saints Sports Festival begins in earnest on the afternoon of Wednesday 17 April and continues over the Easter weekend to 22 April. The Festival programme has changed from previous years to include a larger number of fixtures on the Wednesday afternoon. Given the logistical, setup and traffic implications of this earlier start to the Festival, the College Executive Committee has decided that the Junior Preparatory, the Girls' Preparatory and the Boys' Preparatory will not have classes on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 April. The staff of these schools will participate in a professional development programme during this time.

We apologise for any inconvenience this decision may cause for parents in making alternative arrangements for their Prep children on these two days.

The Boys' College and the Girls' College will continue with normal classes on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 April, including the expectation that our College students will support Saints sports teams participating in the Festival.

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For further information about the Saints Sports Festival arrangements between 17 and 22 April, please [click on this link](#). Occupants of vehicles with a 2019 sticker will not be charged when entering the campus on 17 and 18 April but will be charged for entry on 20 and 22 April. The special arrangements limiting Uber pick up and drop off to the parking area at The Stythian Shop will be implemented from 12:00 on 17 April.

Election Day on 8 May and arrangements for Start of Term 2

The national elections will be held on Wednesday 8 May, which has been declared a public holiday. This decision has implications for the start of Term 2 at St Stithians, scheduled in our calendar for Tuesday 7 May.

Taking the various needs and priorities of our schools into account, the College Executive Committee has decided as follows:

1. The Boys' College will have regular classes and sports practices on Tuesday 7 May. There is a major sports derby with KES on the first weekend of the term. The Boys' College staff will participate in a professional development programme on Monday 6 May.
2. The Girls' College will not have classes during the morning of Tuesday 7 May but will have sports practices that afternoon. The Girls' College staff will participate in a two-day professional development programme on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 May.
3. The Junior Prep, the Boys' Prep, and the Girls' Prep will not have classes or afternoon activities on Tuesday 7 May. Classes will begin on Thursday 9 May.

Thank you to our families for understanding that these decisions have been made after due thought and deliberation.

Yours sincerely



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