

# Irene Primary School



## Newsletter 7 of Term 2 2023

### From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for the support given both to your children and the school during this term. Thank you, to all our staff for their hard work and the extra effort put into providing a great education for our learners. We trust that our learners and staff will enjoy a safe and relaxed winter break. We look forward to Term 3 with our annual Speech Festival, Athletics meetings and fundraising activities. We will continue to need your support.

I would also like to thank parents for your patience with regards to access into Irene. The village has suffered four armed robberies in the past two weeks and had to "tighten" up on security. ILA is working closely with the school to ensure the least amount of frustration for parents whilst also still ensuring the security of the village, of which the school is an integral part.

We have included an access sticker per family in your child's report envelope. **Please note that we are awaiting more access stickers from the ILA for grades 5, 6 and 7.** Unfortunately we have still not received delivery. This will be handed out to the remaining grades on the first day back at school next term.

Transport operators will be scanned irrespective of whether they have a sticker, as they transport learners from various schools into the village. We kindly request for you NOT to hand these stickers to the transport operators.

Should you require an additional sticker, kindly email [communications@ireneprimary.co.za](mailto:communications@ireneprimary.co.za) for further assistance.

We thank you for your understanding and consideration.



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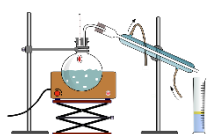
## Science/Technology Expo

Science expo is designed to appeal to the inquisitive minds of learners about the world of science and technology. Specifically, learners were given the task to do research, follow either a scientific process or technological process to present their ideas about how they view the world. The science expo gave them an opportunity to work with their parents at home to make creative and appealing presentations on how science is solving the technical problems we are faced with.



## Grade 7 Natural Science Practical Investigation

The grade 7's learnt about Acids, Bases and Neutrals as part of their Natural Science curriculum. To expand on the theoretical knowledge, they did a practical investigation to test various substances, using blue and red litmus paper and red cabbage water, to determine if it is an acid, base or neutral. The learners also learnt about safety in the laboratory.

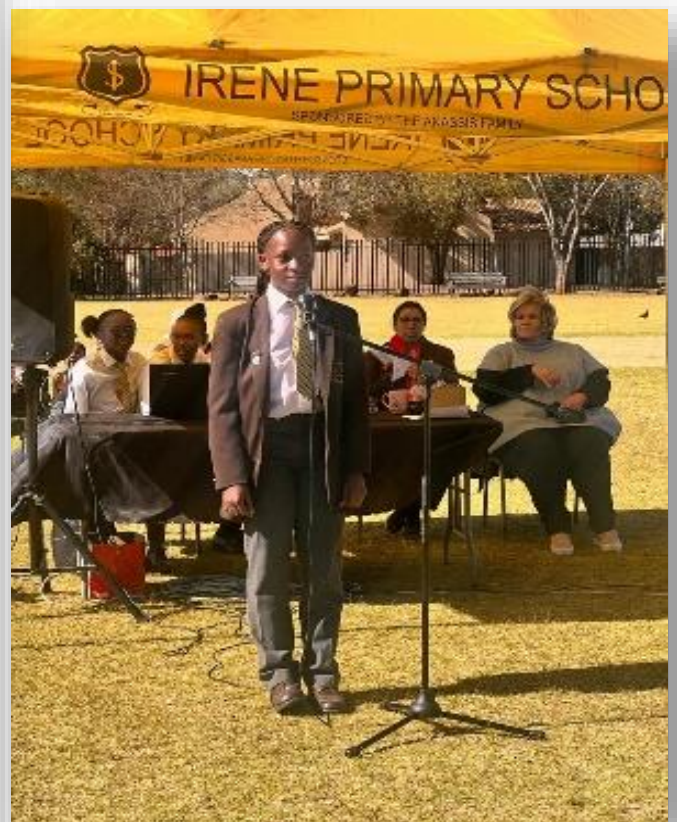




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## June 16 Youth Day Celebrations

On June 15, 2023, IPS learners commemorated the June 16, 1976 Uprising. Our learners performed a wonderful rendition of the Sarafina song and dance and the choir performed an item. We also had learners participate in a mini-talent competition presenting exceptional speeches and poems. Our staff came to school donned in school uniform.



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## **Toastmasters Gala:** (Report by Mr Riddin)

**The Gala was held on 17 May 2023.**

Did you know:

- ❖ The fear of speaking in public is known as glossophobia, and that up to 75 percent of people experience it?
- ❖ For some, the fear is mild, but for others, it can lead to physical symptoms, such as an increased heart rate, sweating, and headaches.

35 Grade 7 Learners had the opportunity to take part in this year's Toastmasters Speech Craft course, presented by the Centurion club of Toastmasters International.

The course helps learners to develop their public speaking skills, by looking at the following elements:  
The importance of understanding the purpose of one's speech and knowing one's audience

- Planning speeches to have a clear structure
- Using keywords to engage the audience
- Effective use of body language
- Evaluation of speeches
- Controlling nervousness

Learners had the opportunity to plan and present speeches which were evaluated by their peers. After the 8-week course, a Gala Dinner is held, where all learners take an active role in running the evening, and some compete against each other. The competition speeches take the form of prepared and impromptu speeches. The following learners received awards at the Gala Dinner:

### **Impromptu Speech category:**

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Tshiamo Mjiako

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tsame Masire

Best Impromptu Speaker: Omolemo Tsebe

### **Prepared Speech category:**

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Masungulo Ngomani

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Katlego Medupe

Best Prepared Speaker: Victoria Mukari

### **Most Improved Toastmasters:**

Boy: Mpho Ratshitanga & Shandler Seafield

Girl: Khanyisile Mzelem



**Toastmaster of the course:** this is presented to the best overall Toastmaster: Aadith Kurup

**Toastmasters Excellence Award:** Presented by the Centurion Toastmasters Club. The learner receiving this award embodies the spirit of confidence, eloquence, repartee, and a love for public speaking: Sarah Naidoo

**Well done!**



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## **Staff news:**

### **Resignation: Farewell to the following staff members**



It is with a sad heart that we announce the resignation of Mrs and Dr Scott. The couple are emigrating to the Netherlands at the end of June.

Mrs Scott's contribution to the Language department is sincerely appreciated. Her creative skills and love for English have added immense value to the school. Michelle joined the IPS family in 2012, met and married Hilton Scott in 2016.

Dr Scott's professionalism and expertise within the IT landscape of the school is acknowledged and appreciated. He joined IPS in 2014 and has made an immense contribution to the IT dept. During Covid19, his innovative desire to get us operating seamlessly on Teams was a huge success. IPS wishes Michelle and Hilton all the best in their future endeavours!!

### **New Staff:** Irene Primary welcomes new staff members joining us from July 2023.



Yellow or brown my name is Thabo Zwane, I will be taking the role of Head of IT at Irene Primary School. I'm excited to join the team. I obtained my qualifications in IT from IT Academy. I have 3 years technical support experience from various companies including Bidvest bank and recently at Curro Academy. In my free time, I enjoy playing games, creating music and spending time with my friends and family.



My name is Jaclyn Steinmann and I am the new grade 6 English Teacher. I have a Journalism degree and also a teaching degree and I am absolutely passionate about both! I love music, the arts and netball. I have two small children of my own and my family are my biggest cheerleaders. I have been a teacher for 10 years and it is most certainly where I belong. I aspire to be a lifelong learner and hope to instil that love for learning in my students too. I cannot wait to see what this new chapter at this wonderful school brings me! I am so excited! Thank you for the opportunity to teach your beautiful children!

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## From the Sports Desk

Congratulations 🏆 to the U13B soccer team for placing second in the Challenge Cup match. They played their hearts out against Crawford and Irene Primary is extremely proud of them. Man of the Match was Ryden Garde for his brilliant efforts and multiple saves.



## Fundraising Activities:

Pyjama day was enjoyed by our learners and staff members on 22 June, 2023. We raised R7000.00. Thank you for your generous contribution to the Grade 7 fund.



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**Father's Day raffle:** Congratulations to the following children who won the Father's Day raffle hampers for their dads!



1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Nkazímulo Tshabalala



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : Kutlwano Molale



3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Kasmuka Khusbu

## REMINDERS

- Closing date for Grade 1 and grade 8 **ADMISSIONS** has been extended to **21 July 2023.**
- The Extramural Timetable for term 3 has been posted on d6 and sent home.
- School reopens on 18 July 2023.