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Many new A level students as MIS grows

Arrangements for this week:

TODAY: At 7.50 a.m. after registration, Mr Street will take a secondary school assembly.

THURSDAY: At 7.50 a.m. Secondary awards assembly carried over from last term.

FRIDAY: Eid-al-Adha public holiday.

SATURDAY: Mountain hike. Bus leaving school at 7.30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

After school clubs will start on Monday, 4th September. You will choose your clubs this week

Also do not forget: The Board AGM will be held in the school hall at 5.00 p.m. on 16th September. It will include a review of academic year 2016/17 and the election of a new Board.

Final Housepoints Scoreboard for 2016/17

VICTORIA	5922 points
RUAHA	4536 points
ULUGURU	4298 points
KILIMANJARO	3981 points

Action packed end of term

With the two days holiday in the last week of term, there were just two school days remaining to squeeze in so much. In fact, the secondary school awards assembly had to be postponed to this term as there wasn't space to fit it in. It was also pleasing to see so many students back in school for those two days. Along with the crowd of parents who attended, the final assembly attracted possibly the largest crowd we have ever had at an MIS assembly. Before that assembly the quick cricket competition finished: **1st Ruaha 12pts, 2nd Victoria 9pts, 3rd Uluguru 7pts, 4th Kilimanjaro 6 pts.**

After the assembly, a students' team took on the staff at quick cricket with the staff winning convincingly.

A report on Wacky Wednesday will be in next week's *Moro Times*.

Buoyed by the big improvement in IGCSE results, MIS is entering the new school year with great optimism. Maybe as a result of the exam performance, there have been a rush of new applicants for year 12 places. In Friday's assembly Mr Green talked about the progress that has been made at MIS over the past three years and we can all sense a positive atmosphere at the school. We also welcomed 5 new teachers on Friday: **Mr and Mrs Germain** have arrived with their two children from living in Egypt. **Mr Germain** is the new Key Stage 3 leader and Head of French. Already Mr Germain has made a big impact with the introduction of a tracking system in Key stage 3 where every child will be monitored in every class to make sure they keep on track. **Mrs Germain** is the new Year 3 teacher. **Miss Williams** is the new Head of English, **Mr Otieno** is going to teach maths in secondary school as well as assist in his specialist area of SEN. **Miss Angelo** is the new Year 1 teacher. She is also our Primary School science and environment Coordinator which is a very important job as we endeavour to register MIS as an international eco-school. We also welcome **Anita** into the admin department albeit briefly as she covers for Aisha, the stationery and reprographics lady as she expects the birth of her baby imminently.

With three members of the senior management of the school leaving at the end of last year, there are a number of changes in personnel amongst the management of Morogoro international School. The Head of Primary School is **Miss Talley**. The Head of Secondary School is **Mr Street**. The Literacy Coordinator in Primary School is **Miss Branagan** and the Primary School Numeracy Coordinator is **Mr Carlin**. In Secondary School there are three Key stage leaders, **Mr Germain** (Key Stage 3), **Mr Nyagwaya** (Key Stage 4) and **Mr Sanford** (Key stage 5 (A levels))

We should also take this opportunity to welcome back from their maternity leave Learning Support Assistant, **Miss Upendo** and English teacher, **Miss Laizer**. And the final piece of staff news. Congratulations to **Mr Gizaza** and his wife, **Rose** on the birth of their third child. Shalom was born on the very last day of the school year on 30th June.

In Friday's assembly there was also a mention given to the PTA who have done so much to support the school over the last 15 months or so. During the long holiday they were busy transforming our tennis courts. We are now just waiting for the new basketball court to be concreted. Thank you to the PTA.

Boarders welcomed with quiz

On Saturday afternoon after a lunch of chicken and chips, the boarders were given what has now become the traditional welcome back quiz by Mr Gibbins. It was an hour and a half of fun and facts with questions on African countries, world flags, world leaders, capital cities, sport and general knowledge. The winners of the first place cash prize were CSGB with Panic in the Classroom coming a



The victorious quizzers, Edward, Farid, Henrish, Samuel, Nia and Salome aka CSGB

distant second. A big thank you to Mr Gibbins and all the other teachers who helped prepare the entertainment. There were about 40 boarders involved. Let's make sure we have the same level of enthusiasm for next week's mountain hike!

End of term assembly shows off all the MIS talents

The final assembly of the year on 29th June was a 90 minutes festival showcasing all the great things that MIS offers. It began with an extraordinary speech from Head-boy, JC who got the whole audience whipped up into a frenzy of laughter and excitement and then left it to Headgirl, Epi to try to calm them all down with her more measured delivery. The dance club performed and then there was a reprise of *The Candyman* From the brilliant school production of

Charlie and the chocolate Factory the week before. Mrs Sanford then handed out certificates and summarised a wonderfully successful year of swimming at MIS. Reception Class then gave their heart-rending version of *True Colours* that almost had Miss Talley, amongst others, in tears. After announcing Victoria as the clear winners of the Housepoints trophy for the second year running, Nema and Georgina gave an accomplished rendition of *Happy End-*

ing followed by a special farewell dance from Year 6 to honour those teachers leaving but especially our dancing guru, Miss Donoghue who then led the whole school into the closing dance of *Respect* when everyone seemed to put in more effort and energy than they ever have before.

...And finally...Who is going to take over our fantastic dance club and lead the *Respect* dance in assemblies now that Miss Donoghue has left?