



Dear ACSI Family!

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Dear Principals

We are grateful to Mpho Thwala, who spent countless hours emailing prospective bursary students and then collating numerous files of documents for submission to the ETDP SETA. It cannot be overstated just what an enormous bureaucratic task this is, so we thank Mpho for her dedication and hard work. More than a hundred of our ACSI teachers and interns who applied for bursaries will benefit from her efforts. We now await the letters of award from the ETDP SETA, although we need to remind all prospective students that this may take several months, if past years are anything to go by.



ACSI IT platform redevelopment

Kindly note that at the end of this month the ACSI app will cease to operate. We are in the process of doing an exciting IT platform redevelopment, which will be phased in over the next six months. This will integrate all aspects of ACSI, including the database, website, learning management system (LMS), e-commerce, bookings and much more. The new platform will also be easily accessible and user-friendly on cell phones, thus eliminating the need for a separate app. We look forward to sharing different aspects of the redevelopment in coming months, as these are activated.

POLICIES

As part of our ongoing policy support to schools, we continue to improve and update the policies on our website. Three policies have been updated on the website since the last update notice.

To view the list of recently updated policies [click here](#).

To access these policies log in to and visit www.acsi.co.za/acsi-policies/.

For more information about how to use an ACSI policy template [click here](#).

RESOURCES

Instituut vir Christelike Onderwys (ICO)

First Aid Course

The ICO offers a basic first aid course for teachers, student teachers and high school learners (which is required as part of their Life Orientation curriculum). The course is offered either as a two-hour practical session with online lectures and assignments or as an in-person 16-hour course over two days.

[Click here](#) for more information.

FEDSAS Webinar 21st February 2024

Independent School Masterclass in Staff and Performance Management

This webinar is for principals, management teams and SGB/Board members of independent schools and will take a closer look at the core elements of effective staff performance management. For more information and to register [click here](#).

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

National Principal Conference 29th-31st May 2024 – Encouraging Faith

Registrations are now open. The theme of the conference is *Encouraging Faith*, and we know that you will be encouraged through the speakers and also through the interactions you will have with other principals from around the country. We have been thrilled by how many principals have already registered, despite invitations only going out last week! The deadline for registrations and payment is **29th February 2024**. Should you not have received an invitation or if you would like to find out more about the conference, kindly contact Nicole at nicole_thomas@acsi.org.

2024 Global Day of Prayer: Faithfulness

We encourage you to join ACSI on Tuesday, **27th February 2024 at 14h00** as we unite across the globe to pray for Christ-centred education.

[Click here](#) for more information and also for the Zoom details for the ACSI South Africa Prayer Hour, which takes place on that day. We would love you and any of your team to join us on that day. This Prayer Hour will kick off the first of four which will take place during the year – what a privilege we have to join hands with each other across the country as we honour the Lord's faithfulness and provision.

[Click here](#) for more ideas and resources as you plan for your school's participation in the Global Day of Prayer.

Reminder – last week to register for the following events:

NW, Mahikeng Principal Meeting, Tuesday, 13th February 2024. [Click here](#) to register.

NW, Mahikeng Teacher Conference, Saturday, 17th February 2024. [Click here](#) to register.

“And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
Matthew 4:19

God Bless

Neil Malherbe

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