



Dear ACSI Family!

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From The Director's Desk**

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**Dear Principals**

**ACSI National Principal Conference 30<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 – Encouraging Faith**

Our president certainly threw a cat among the pigeons on Tuesday night when he announced that voting would take place on the same day that we start our conference. This left us with the difficult decision of whether to go ahead with the planned dates for the conference, and run the risk of some principals not being able to attend, or of moving the conference by a day. After much deliberation by the ACSI team, and the kind cooperation of Glenburn Lodge, we decided to shift the conference by one day. The conference will thus start at 3pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May and end at 11am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause some but unfortunately it was beyond our control.

There are now only **7 days to go** before the **29<sup>th</sup> February** deadline for registration for the conference. After this deadline the venue is not able to guarantee space, so please ensure that you register by the 29<sup>th</sup>.

The theme of the conference is **Encouraging Faith**, and we know that you will be encouraged by the speakers and also through the interactions you will have with other principals from around South and Southern Africa. Thank you to all those who have already registered – it has been tremendous to see registrations coming in from all corners of the country, which should make for a really enjoyable few days together. Should your finances be tight, and you wish to arrange a payment plan, kindly contact Nicole at [nicole\\_thomas@acsi.org](mailto:nicole_thomas@acsi.org). If you have any other questions, Nicole will also gladly assist.

**IGNITE LAUNCH**

What was previously the ACSI News Blog is being launched tomorrow as **Ignite**. Its launch brings not only a new name and new look but a new purpose as well. **Ignite** will be a platform for news and inspiration but also a place where resources will be shared. The first edition will go live tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. Be on the lookout for your first **Ignite** edition email.

**POLICIES**

As part of our ongoing policy support to schools, we continue to improve and update the policies on our website. Four 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/](http://www.acsi.co.za/acsi-policies/).
- For more information about how to use an ACSI policy template [click here](#).

## PARTNER CARE

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## RESOURCES

### SAOU Newsletter: Injuries on school premises and liability

[Click here](#) for an article about understanding the broader context of injuries on school premises.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### Discussion Forum: Extra Curricular

Join us on the **13<sup>th</sup> of March 2024**, from 18h00-19h00 to discuss sports with a purpose and incorporating sports into the daily lives of learners. Presenters from Teach Beyond and More Than A Coach (part of More Than A Teacher) will be showcasing their services. [Click here](#) for more information and the Zoom details.

### Events in February:

- **Global Day of Prayer**, Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 14h00. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Events in March:

- **Discussion Forum: School Marketing**, Wednesday **6<sup>th</sup> of March 2024**, 11h00-13h00. G.P. van Rheede van Oudtshoorn from Coppertop Consulting will be discussing marketing, communication and recruitment. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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“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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