



Dear ACSI Family!

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From The Director's Desk**

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**Dear Principals**

### **Global Day of Prayer**

This past Tuesday was a very special day on the ACSI calendar, as schools across the world celebrated the ACSI Global Day of Prayer. The theme for this year's Day of Prayer was **Faithfulness**, and this became the focus for all ACSI schools and offices, uniting us as we thanked God for his incredible love and faithfulness. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **NATIONAL PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE**

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

**\*Today is the final day for registrations for the ACSI National Principal Conference!\***

As explained in last week's newsletter, after much deliberation by the ACSI team, and the kind cooperation of Glenburn Lodge, we decided to shift the conference by one day as a result of the national voting day being set for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. 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 are excited to have secured some outstanding speakers for the three days. A few of these are: Ms Confidence Dikgole, CEO of the IEB; Dr Gavin Brettenny, Chief Strategy Officer of ACSI Global, who will be flying over from Florida to join us; Mr John Mathuhle, who was instrumental in bringing opposing sides together after the racial turmoil in Senekal; Mrs Kim Ballantine, whose story of overcoming enormous personal tragedy will be an inspiration to all at the conference; and Mr Trevor Hartley, whose leadership of the NCCB Business Forums has transformed leaders in South Africa, Dubai and beyond.

The theme of the conference is **Encouraging Faith**, and we know that these speakers will be an enormous encouragement to you, along with the fantastic worship team and those who will lead devotions each day. 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.

## **POLICIES**

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

- ECD: Shaping Identity and Sexuality in the Young Learner 2024 – [click here to view](#)
- General: Attendance Policy 2024 – [click here to view](#)

## ONLINE LEARNING

### Communication Building Blocks

Teachers from all phases of education would benefit enormously from the practical suggestions and discussions in the online learning course 'Communication Building Blocks'. This course explores, both through presentations and panel discussions, practical strategies for improving communication between teachers and parents. The three areas of focus are: communicating with difficult parents; communicating your school's Christian culture; and communicating for success. The content for these presentations came from last year's National ECD conference, but is just as relevant for all phases in a school. All this amazing material is only R180,00 per person for our partner schools. [Click here](#) to purchase the course.

## RESOURCES

### Ignite

[Click here](#) if you have not yet read our new e-publication.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### Events in March:

- **Discussion Forum: School Marketing**, Wednesday **6<sup>th</sup> of March 2024**, 11h00-13h00. G.P. van Rhee de van Oudtshoorn from Coppertop Consulting will be discussing marketing, communication and recruitment. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.
- **Discussion Forum: Extra Curricular**, Wednesday **13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, 18h00-19h00. Discussing sports with a purpose and incorporating sports into the daily lives of learners. Teach Beyond and More Than A Coach (part of More Than A Teacher) will showcase their services. [Click here](#) for more information and the Zoom details.

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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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