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IN THE LOOP

Updates for the Secondary parents of BMIS



OVERVIEW

This week in our BMIS **community**

This is my 36th edition of "In the Loop" - I can't believe it! Time certainly flies by when you are having fun!

As my year of being the Secondary Head draws to a close I feel incredibly proud of our school, our students, and our team for all that we have learned together and the way in which we have grown this year. It's so important to take the time to recognise, acknowledge, and appreciate success (and growth) in all its forms. This is something that we have done as a school this year, and can be seen in the pages of "In the Loop."

I have an overwhelming sense of pride joy in this school and our students, and it has been such an incredible experience to reflect on all that we achieved each week in this bulletin. Having been a member of our **community** for nine years I have seen how far we have come and I am thrilled to see how we will continue to grow - together. Our success as a school is pinned to our **community** and the way that we work together as a team. We work in partnership, and I would like to thank all members of our **community** for supporting me as Head this year - I couldn't have done it without you.

I am excited to share my final update, so please settle down and grab a "cuppa" as you stay "In the Loop!"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathryn Leaper'.

Kathryn Leaper

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This year's Valedictorian, Nimaye Nambiar, spoke of Ubuntu in his acceptance speech. I couldn't think of a more fitting way to end the year - thank you Nimaye.



Athletics Day

There was a fun, inclusive, and supportive vibe at this year's Athletics Day. Our students enjoyed participating in a range of track and field events, with some breaking long standing records. What really struck me about the day though, was the way that our students stepped up to have fun and compete. Takato Watabe (in Year 7) joined in Senior Boys' races to help make up the team - what an incredible representation of what BMIS is all about! A huge thank you to Caitlin Macmillan and Neil Barron-Black for their organisation and running of the day, Matt Slimming for coming over from Primary to support our field events, all of the students, parents, and teachers for bringing the fun and noise! It was a great day!





KA Athletics

This weekend the BMIS Athletics team travelled to Kamuzu Academy to compete in the Tri-school competition. It was great to see the students back on the track and field competing against their rivals in a fun and friendly environment. There were some great performances and many personal bests set. Ezmeekie Nkhoma Leaper broke the 300m BMIS record, Moksh Ghedia broke the BMIS Triple Jump record and Xenia Fernandez Climent and Japeth Hirpa broke the BMIS 200m record.

A special well done to Ezmeekie Nkhoma Leaper and Lucas Hendricks who both won best athlete in their respective age categories !

A huge shout out to Blessings Maguire for coaching and travelling with the team, and also Francis Mponda and Maya Zainga for stepping in to supervise the trip - we appreciate the extra mile that you go for our students!



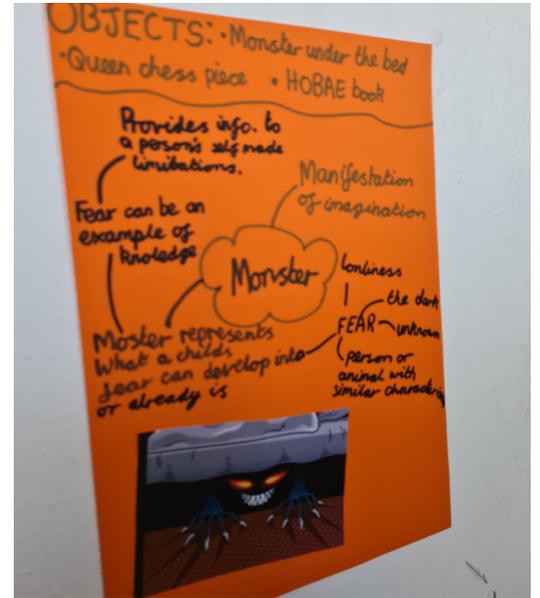
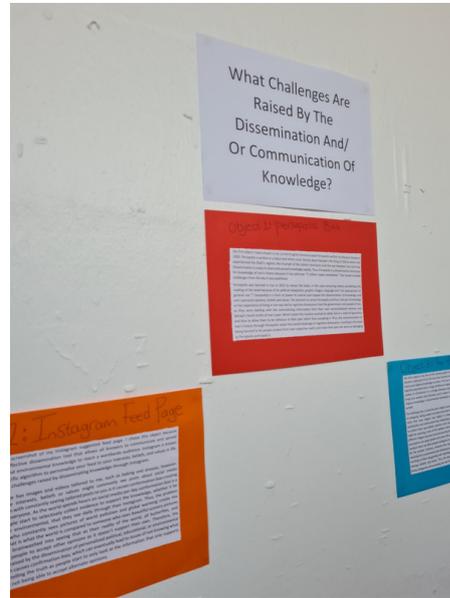
Year 10 I+S Change Presentations

Our Year 10 students showcased their knowledge and understanding of our continent's history in their presentations on Tuesday in the Lower Hall. Students had inquired into: The Scramble for Africa, the Rwandan Genocide, The Battle of Mogadishu, and Darfur Genocide and shared with their audience not only their understanding of these events, but their affect on the countries' people, governments, and economies. I was really impressed by the students' understanding and also their ability to respond to probing questions - congratulations Year 10!



Year 12 TOK Presentations

Our Year 12 students presented their TOK IAs at the same time as the Year 10 students, sharing with us their understanding of their chosen knowledge prompt, through three objects. It was interesting listening to them share their perspectives on topics such as, "What is the relationship between personal experience and knowledge?", "What challenges are raised by the dissemination and/or communication of knowledge?", and "What role does imagination play in producing knowledge around the world?"



Girl Code!

Our Secondary girls enjoyed their last evening of Girl Code, by toasting marshmallows on a bonfire, enjoying some tunes, and laughs together.



Circus Olay!

We had the chance to host our second and final performance last night and it didn't disappoint. The students were fabulous, despite some last minute changes to choreography and groups due to students being absent. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves Year 9 - you did a fantastic job!



Design

Our Design students have been enjoying a design challenge this week, to create a plane that can carry a "passenger" the furthest. There were some really strong technical designs that were successful and others not so - mine included!



Awards and Leavers Assembly

We hosted our final assembly of the year, where we had an opportunity to acknowledge student growth and success in their subject areas, honor roll, and house competition. Our STUCO also organised a farewell for those students who are leaving - it was an emotional moment for all.

Congratulations goes to everyone whose efforts were either acknowledged today or throughout the year for the success that they have achieved! Success comes in all forms!

A special congratulations goes out to Daniella Lamont, who is this year's recipient of this year's Head Teacher Award. Dani's teachers share that her contributions to BMIS are immense; she is an exceptional role model, displays a great compassion and care for others, offers herself to service through leadership (always leading with kindness), demonstrate excellence in sporting and academic achievements and she possesses grace and humility while always wanting to reflect, challenge, and improve herself.

Mr Richard Braithwaite summed up Dani's contributions beautifully:

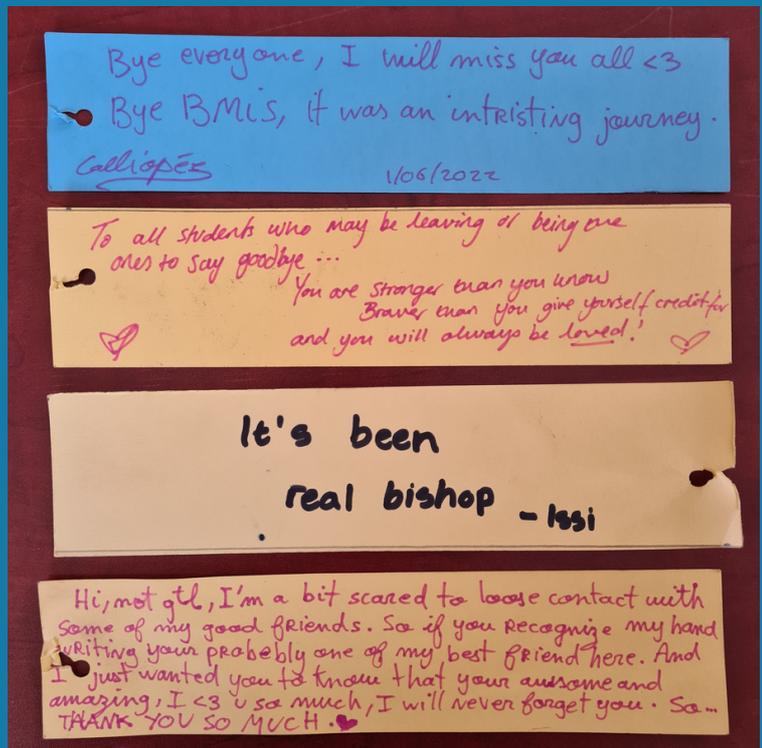
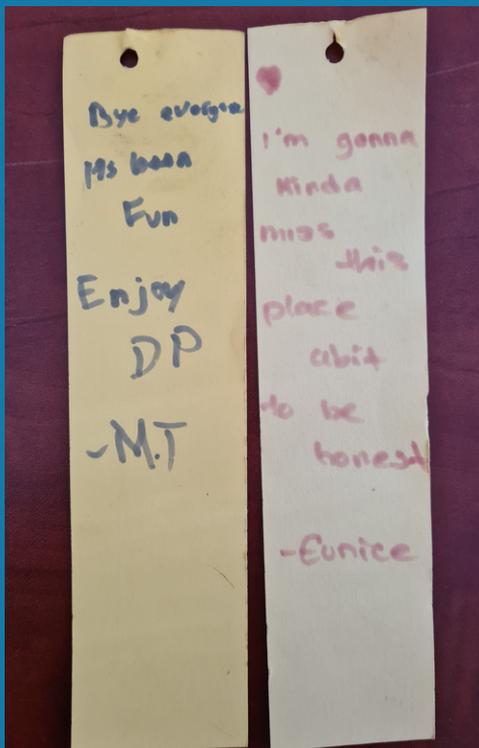
Dani exudes joy-- her mirth churns through classrooms, floods into friendships, and seeps into sports. Hers is not a hollow joy, but stems from caring about people-- her friends, teachers, and the larger world around her. She laughs when given critical feedback, and then narrows her eyes, ready to rip her work apart and start anew. Dani's curiosity in the classroom is contagious, her writing razor sharp, and her peer support pillow-soft.



Goodbye wishes

Some of our leaving students shared these messages to our school - heart explosions.

There were lots of tears, hugs, and a loving feeling this afternoon. We are a home to many of our students - they expressed this - and we want them to know that they are always welcome here. We will miss you!



Y11 English One Act Plays

Our Year 11 performed their one-act plays for us yesterday, that they developed in English lessons. They focused on a range of themes that students felt were important to explore including racism, gender identity, stereotyping.



Memory Maze

A huge shout out to Dhanya Subra and Humaira Karim for creating a stunning memory maze for our students to enjoy on their last day! It was their own idea, and a way to show thanks and service to our student body. You are both amazing, caring, and thoughtful! Thank you!



Put it in your calendar:

Monday 15 August

First day of the 22-23 academic year

We are looking forward to welcoming you back for another year of:

BRILLIANT - MEMORIES - INCREDIBLE - STUDENTS

[LINK TO THE 22-23 ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR](#)

