





### Teacher Feature

**Marguerite Benson**

**History: IGCSE, IB, Year 8-9**

As Swapna so aptly put it last week – the dreaded moment has arrived to feature oneself in the Oryx. But, I guess, when it is your time, it is your time. Namibia is in my blood. I was born here, grew up here, live here and hopefully my ashes will be strewn here.

Namibia has a grip on people: once you have worn out a pair of shoes in Namibia you will always return. I have worn out many a pair of shoes! I grew up on a farm in the very hot and dry south; although our farm had an abundance of water being connected to an artesian vein.

For primary school I went to St. George's. Yes, St. George's is older than me! High school was in South Africa, University in Pietermaritzburg at the University of Kwazulu-Natal.

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## PRIMARY PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all of the students, parents, teachers and teaching assistants for the successful student-led conferences. It was wonderful to see the students confidently and proudly sharing their work and talking about their learning.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who were able to support their children's learning by attending the conferences. I know it meant a lot to the children to be able to share a part of the school life with you, as well as to have your undivided attention.

Congratulations are also in order to all of the students who participated in last Friday's Primary Swim Gala. There were 37 participants and all seem to have enjoyed the event. Thank you Mr. B. and Ms. Beata for organizing this swim gala, and to all parents who came along to cheer on the swimmers.

Today was Ms Shanice's (Year 3B teaching assistant) last day of school as she is going on maternity leave. She will return the last week of this school year. Welcome to Sonia Goosen who is filling in for Ms. Shanice for the next term.

The vacation seems to be coming at just the right time. This term has been a full one with activities, events and presentations. The children, teachers and teaching assistants have worked hard and I think everyone is ready for a much needed week of rest, relaxation and rejuvenation. I wish you all a happy Independence Day, a happy Easter and a wonderful vacation.

Kind regards,  
**Beth Smith**

## PAD

The art room has been busy this past fortnight with two delightful Year4 art exhibitions for the unit Where we are in Time and Place "Ancient Civilisations have shaped our lives today."



**Teacher Feature continued**

Genie Albrecht is the reason I am here. She encouraged and persuaded and convinced me to come to Windhoek International School - and 15 years later - it has been the best place of work.

Nicole Schmidt was my mentor when I first arrived and helped me ease into the 'International' style of teaching. I teach History to: Years 8+9, as well as IGCSE and IB.

Today we are three generations in WIS: my daughter who is the school secretary and my granddaughter in primary school.

And that is the essence of WIS – a family and community environment.

*In a nutshell, this is me and what I love most:*

- The smell of the first rains – that mingling of dust and raindrops. Mmmm
- My small, but important family
- Cooking for and feeding people
- CATS!
- Dancing
- Traveling
- Being in nature in the wide open spaces, or in a forest, or camping, or seeing a glacier, or sitting next to a camp fire...
- Bird watching
- Watching a good movie or documentary
- Reading: learning/discovering something new.
- 1960s music. (I guess I was a bit of a latent Hippy.)

The students were very excited to share their artefacts and knowledge on civilisations with their awesome parents and friends. Thank you to all all who came, we had a lovely buzz of artistic energy in our PAD.

**Genie Albrecht**

**YEAR 1-6 INTER-HOUSE SWIM GALA**

Congratulation students, parents, teachers and coaches. The swimming gala was a great day.



I could see determination, enthusiasm, commitment, cooperation, courage, happiness and joy.

I would like to thank Mr. B. for his initiative, parents for their support and swimmers for being risk-takers.



I'm proud of our kids and I wish all WIS swimmers many more successful events.

**Beata Stephanus -Teacher & Parent**

**ADMIN OFFICE HOURS: MARCH BREAK**  
**The office will be open from 22 - 24 March 2016**  
**during 08:00 - 15:00**



## WIS Primary Inter-house Swim Gala 2016

### Results

The WIS Primary Inter-house swim gala took place on the 11th of March at the UNAM School of Medicine. Thirty nine swimmers signed up for this school event in freestyle, backstroke and fun relays. The swimmers demonstrated very good technique and competitiveness, pushing each other to swim to their full potential.

Swimmers were awarded with medals for their positions and even those that did not finish in the top 3 received bronze medals for their participation.

Below are the results for the different year levels:

<b>Freestyle</b>	<b>Backstroke</b>
<p><b>Year 1</b></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessica Damon</li> <li>Edan Walker</li> </ol> <p><u>Boys</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Izuba Nicol-Wilson</li> </ol>	<p><b>Year 1</b></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessica Damon</li> <li>Edan Walker</li> <li>Ondeya Nderi</li> </ol> <p><u>Boys</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Izuba Nicol-Wilson</li> </ol>
<p><b>Year 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reuben Jackson-Read</li> </ol>	<p><b>Year 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reuben Jackson-Read</li> </ol>
<p><b>Year 3</b></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharon Rose Lusala</li> <li>Oliwia Stephanus</li> <li>Tapiwa Murwira</li> </ol> <p><u>Boys</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quentin Strauss</li> <li>Leo Jackson-Read</li> <li>Mateo Maz Beltran</li> </ol>	<p><b>Year 3</b></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daniella Prinsloo</li> <li>Oliwia Stephanus</li> <li>Tapiwa Murwira</li> </ol> <p><u>Boys</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quentin Strauss</li> <li>Mateo Maz Beltran</li> <li>Leo Jackson-read</li> </ol>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zuleika Hiwilepo</li> <li>Evie Mraz</li> <li>Yasmine Armstrong/Mia Sorenson</li> </ol> <p><u>Boys</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kgosana Hekandjo</li> <li>Olasubomi Victor Somosu</li> <li>Lee-Vayle Lusala</li> </ol>	<p><b>Year 4</b></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zuleika Hiwilepo</li> <li>Mia Sorenson</li> </ol> <p><u>Boys</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Olasubomi Victor Somosu</li> <li>Liam Walden</li> <li>Nanyukweni Akwenye</li> </ol>
<p><b>Year 5-6</b></p> <p><u>Boys</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedro Ferreira</li> <li>Sean Wang</li> <li>Matthew Walden</li> </ol>	<p><b>Year 5-6</b></p> <p><u>Boys</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedro Ferreira</li> <li>Matthew Walden</li> </ol>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zuraida Strauss</li> <li>Melvina Nicol-Wilson</li> </ol>	<p><b>Year 6</b></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zuraida Strauss</li> <li>Melvina Nicol-Wilson</li> </ol>

## SECONDARY PRINCIPAL

We are at the end of another busy term and it is a good idea to reflect on the weeks past before we enter the final term of this academic year.

The third term is normally dominated by examinations and preparing for the final IGCSE and IBDP examinations in high school. This often causes a lot of stress for students, teachers and even parents and it is not always clear how to get through this time in one peace. However, given the intense preparation and dedication to the students, we manage to come out on the other side more or less in one pIECE.

In Middle School, the third term is mostly dominated by students preparing their Science Fair projects. This is a highly challenging time for most students and in the end, it is encouraging to see the wonderful projects that are exhibited at the Science Fair in April.

So it is holiday time now. No school for one week. Although it is important for students, especially senior students, to continue preparing for their final examination, it is even more important that they take some time off; that they enjoy a balanced few days that are not necessarily dominated by work and that enable them to recharge and rest.

We wish all our families a blessed few days of rest and relaxation. We congratulate Namibia on her 26th anniversary of becoming an independent state. And we hope to see you all back on the 29th of March with renewed energy for the last weeks of the year which will certainly be challenging for all students.

Once again, I'd like to emphasise the importance of support for our children, be it from school, but more important from home. If children are able to come to school in the morning from a protected and happy home, they will be able to learn and make the most of their education here at school.

*"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."* ~ **John Lubbock, The Use Of Life**

Kind regards,  
**Maggie Reiff**

## EX-WIS TEACHER

Gloria Ayigah Petersen was the French teacher at WIS, right from Day one for about 18 months. She is now the Peace Corps Director of Programmes in Guinea, West Africa.



She visited WIS last Friday and was highly impressed with the campus, the assembly, the teachers she met and particularly the students' behaviour and friendliness!! We all know this, but good to have some positive outside feedback n'est pas?

**Genie Abrecht**

**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - WORD PROBLEMS LIST - 2016**



Dear IMF Agent,

Welcome to the safe-house.

Each week, there will be a new word problem from the WIS NOWP-LIST (Non Official Word Problem List). If you submit an attempt to solve the word problem, you will receive an IMF Badge in recognition of your service to WIS for attempting to stop Vapor. The Wall of Agents, a record of all IMF Agents, is displayed on the bulletin board on the side of Headquarters (The Office).

Your mission--should you choose to accept it--is to figure out the answer before Vapor. You need to solve the word problem and submit it to your teacher **by noon each Friday** to prevent a "Blue Strike" from Vapor.

As always, should you or any member of your IM Force not show your work, the school will disavow all knowledge of your answers. You may receive guidance from any other IMF Agents, including siblings, adults, internet, etc., but you must give them credit on the sheet you submit. This message will self-destruct in 5 seconds.

-WIS Upper Primary School Teachers

**Math Word Problem Challenge  
CHECKLIST**

Success Criteria	Yes ←	→ No
Name and Class		
Date and Title		
Show Work: your process		
Show Work: math notation		
Label and Circle answer		
Clearly form numbers		
Clearly form letters		
Neat paper (e.g., no pink, no pizza or other ... marks)		

**This week's problem:**

**Cha-Ching**

Mia took over Kenneth's paper route. Every month, she collects N\$6,120.00 from her customers. Out of that she has to pay N\$3,670.20 to the newspaper company for the papers; the rest is hers to keep (profit). Every month, she deposits N\$1,500.00 of her profit into a college savings account, and she keeps N\$500.00 for necessities. The rest is her "spending money." If she does all this, how long will it take Mia to save N\$1,860.75 of "spending money" for the new bicycle she wants to buy?

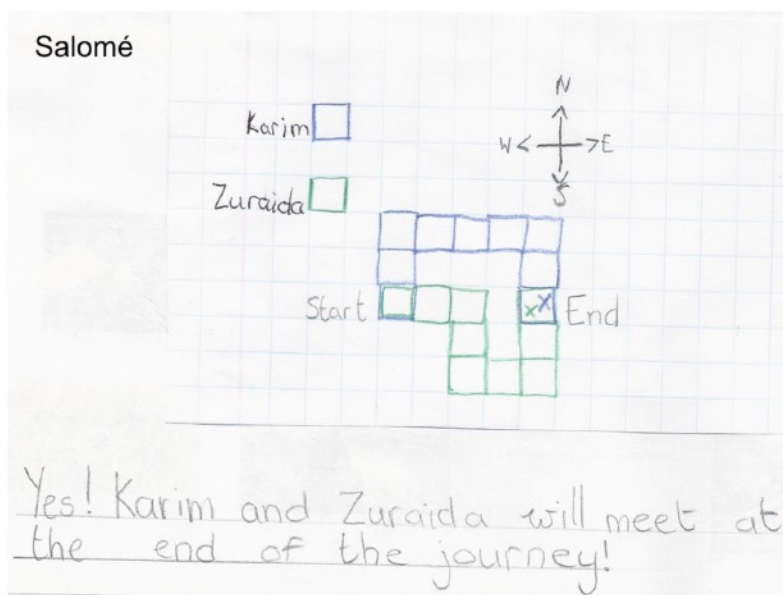
**Last week's problem and solution:**



**Vroom-Vroom**

Karim jumps in his Porsche 911 and Zuraida jumps in her Jaguar XJ6 in the same parking lot that has one exit. Karim travels two blocks north, four blocks east, and two blocks south. Zuraida travels two blocks east, two blocks south, two blocks east, and two blocks north. Will Zuraida's car and Karim's car meet at the end of this journey?

Salomé



Dear WIS community, The PTA encourages you to sell your raffle books, the more tickets we sell, the more we can do for our children and upgrade our school facilities. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing more shade and fun activities around the school being used by our children.

# DISKONTO BOOK SALE



In the PLC

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

9:00 - 15:00

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March

7:00 - 12:00

## LOST & FOUND

Please check the lost and found cupboard for missing items.  
All items not claimed by Friday 18 March will be donated to charity.



# dePARTSment Corner

**Primary ART:**

Salome and Isabel, at the exhibition, in Year 4B explaining their ancient civilisation artefacts and their Ancient Indian Bandhani Dyeing.





Join us at the  
**PTA Family**  
**BRAAI**

16 April

3pm - 6pm





**Where: Windhoek International School**  
Enjoy many activities such as:

**WIS Raffle Draw 2016**  
 Jumping castle  
 Ball Sports  
 Candy floss  
 Snow cones  
 Pet an SPCA Dog

**\*Cash Bar Available**  
 Bring Your Own Food and Picnic supplies