



AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LESOTHO

Meerkat Newsletter
Mar 6th, 2026



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings Families,

As we approach the end of Term 2, we want to take a moment to thank our students, teachers, and families for their continued commitment to learning, and to our school community. It has been a productive, yet challenging term filled with meaningful learning experiences, classroom projects, and opportunities for students to grow both academically and personally.

The end of the term also brings an important opportunity for parent engagement through our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences. These conferences are a valuable time for families and teachers to connect, reflect on student progress, and discuss goals for the remainder of the school year. We strongly encourage all parents to attend, as these conversations help strengthen the partnership between home and school and support each child's success.

During conferences, teachers (and students) will share:

- Student progress and achievements from Term 2
- Areas of growth and strategies for continued improvement
- Ways families can support learning at home
- Goals for the upcoming term
- MAP Assessment

Additional details regarding conference schedules and sign-up information will be shared shortly.

We look forward to these important conversations, and appreciate your continued partnership in supporting our students. As always, thank you for being an active and engaged part of the AISL community.

End of Term Schedule:

- **March 16th:** Last week of Term 2 Afterschool Activities
- **March 20th-** Report Cards Distributed
- **March 23rd:** Week of Parent Teacher Conferences (select activities and homework assistance available afterschool)
- **March 23rd:** Term 3 Begins/Fees Due
- **April 13th:** Term 3 After School Activities begin



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Moshoeshoe's Day: AISL is excited to celebrate Moshoeshoe's Day on **Tuesday, March 10th** from 10:00am. Students will honor King Moshoeshoe I, the founder of the Basotho nation, through a day full of fun, learning, and culture.

Students are asked to come dressed in traditional Basotho clothing, or Shoshoeshoe textiles.

Expect storytelling, arts and crafts, music and dance. It's a day to celebrate our heritage, explore Basotho traditions, and have fun as a school community.

Don't miss it! Thank you to Ms. Motsieloa and Mr. P for leading this event.

Talent Show: Join us on **March 12th** from 5-7pm. for our much-anticipated AISL Talent Show, where our students will take the stage to showcase their creativity, confidence, and unique talents.

From music and dance and special performances, the evening promises to be a fun celebration of the many gifts within our school community. We encourage families to come out, support our performers, and enjoy a wonderful night of student talent and school spirit.

Tickets for the event are R50. They will be sold Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday outside the gate. You may also purchase your ticket at the door. Performers, students, and AISL faculty enter for free. Thank you to Ms. Rachael and Ms. Kerrina for organizing this event.

PTA Quiz Night: Join us on March 19th from 6pm. for an adult-only evening of fun and friendly competition at the AISL PTA Quiz Night on March 19.

Test your knowledge across a variety of trivia topics, and enjoy a lively night with members of our school community. Tickets are 200M per person and are available for purchase from Ms. Betty, or at the door. You are welcome to come with a team of up to six people, or you can join or form a team when you arrive. We hope many of our parents and community members will come out for this enjoyable evening while supporting the PTA and the important activities they organize for our school. We hope to see many of you there!

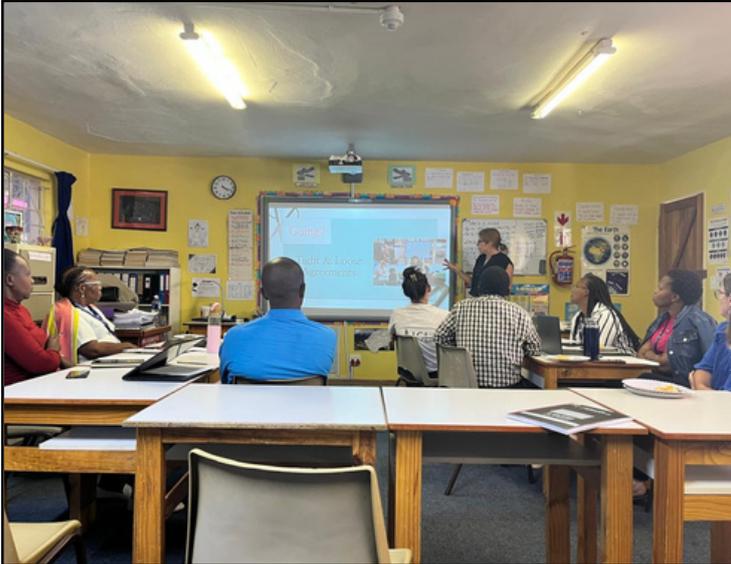


PTA Corner:

If you are interested in joining Parents Teacher Association, please contact PTA Communications Representative, Ms. Garu pta@aisl.co.ls



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Meerkat Merchandise: We're excited to offer Meerkat Merchandise for sale (t-shirts and bucket hats). Available while supplies last. Use the [form](#) to place your order.

- March 10th:** Moshoeshoe's Day Assembly 10am.
- March 11th:** Moshoeshoe's Day Holiday (School closure)
- March 12th:** Talent Show 5pm.
- New Date March 19th:** PTA Quiz Night 6pm.
- April 3rd-10th:** Easter Break (School closure)
- April 24th:** Gala Dinner Fundraiser– SAVE THE DATE
- May 1st:** International Labor Day (School closure)
- May 14th:** Ascension Day (School closure)
- May 25th:** Africa Day (School closure)
- June 12th:** Last Day of School for students and teachers



PRESCHOOL: SERVICE LEARNING

Preschool and Grade One are collaborating to strengthen friendship skills. Last week, we launched our Service Learning Project, which focuses on building and nurturing friendships across the grades.

As part of our Social and Emotional Week, Wednesday's theme was centered on relationship skills. We visited Grade One, where we read a story titled *I Can Be a Super Friend* and discussed different ways we can show kindness and be "super friends" to others.

After the discussion, the children were paired up and worked together to complete a kindness-themed coloring worksheet, encouraging teamwork, cooperation, and positive interaction.



**Device
Advice!**

3 Core Human Skills to Build Before AI Use

Critical Thinking

Terry Underwood's explanation of critical thinking works well:

"It's a whole-brain assault on passive acceptance of cultural models, absurd assertions, unwarranted assumptions, and faulty inferences. It's intellectual dissection, idea autopsies, life and death sense-making, vigilant ethical reasoning, disciplined skepticism, and analytical excavation. Above all, it is participatory and social, requiring engagement with diverse perspectives and collaborative meaning-making." – Learning to Read, Reading to Learn

We need to be curious, assess relevance and reflect on the information we receive from AI.

Creativity

Generative AI can produce images of all kinds, it isn't coming from a place of lived experience combined with knowledge and emotions. Allowing students to express themselves to both learn and demonstrate learning is a sure way to bypass AI and help kids retain agency and true learning.

Authentic creativity through self-expression, choice, and unique experiences, cannot be replicated through AI.

Connection

No matter what a bot tells us, it can't care about us. It can't bring its experiences into a discussion to help illustrate a point. It can't care about our well-being. Among many other things, these inability make AI unable to forge two-sided, human connections with students that can deepen learning and development in immeasurable ways.

There's no easy stand-in to satisfy the human needs of belonging, being seen, and feeling valued. This needs to come from in person relationships.



In collaboration with Beautiful Dream Society
International Women's Day 2026
'Give to Gain'

How can I help?

Bring money to buy crafts made by the survivors

Donate clothing, bathing and toiletry items to support survivors of human trafficking

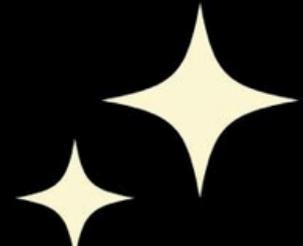


March 16th

Addressing human trafficking by facilitating healing for survivors, preventing exploitation, seeking justice, and raising awareness while educating women and children.

Students in Middle School will attend an educational session during the school day.
Join us for the staff/parent session at 2:45pm

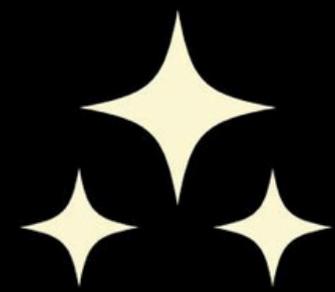
Talent Show



TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
OUTSIDE THE GATE MARCH 5-12
AS WELL AS AT THE DOOR

R50/TICKET

KIDS, PERFORMERS, AND
TEACHERS ENTER FOR
FREE



THURSDAY
march
12th 5PM -
7PM



AISL PTA HOSTS



TRIVIA NIGHT

R200/
TICKET

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE THE ULTIMATE QUIZ CHAMPION? THEN, GATHER YOUR FRIENDS (OR COME SOLO!) AND JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT AT AISL. DRINKS AND SNACKS FOR SALE. PURCHASE TICKET AT THE DOOR OR IN ADVANCE FROM MS. BETTY (+266 58787424).

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

BAR OPENS AT 6 PM
QUIZ STARTS AT 6:30PM

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ADULTS ONLY



Save the Date for an Enchanted



MASQUERADE BALL FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
6:00 PM- MIDNIGHT

DRESS CODE:
Formal Attire with Mask

Join us for an evening filled with food, live music, dance, silent auction, bar, and timeless elegance to support AISL student's Classroom Without Walls experience:

American International School of Lesotho | 14 United Nations Rd, Maseru 100

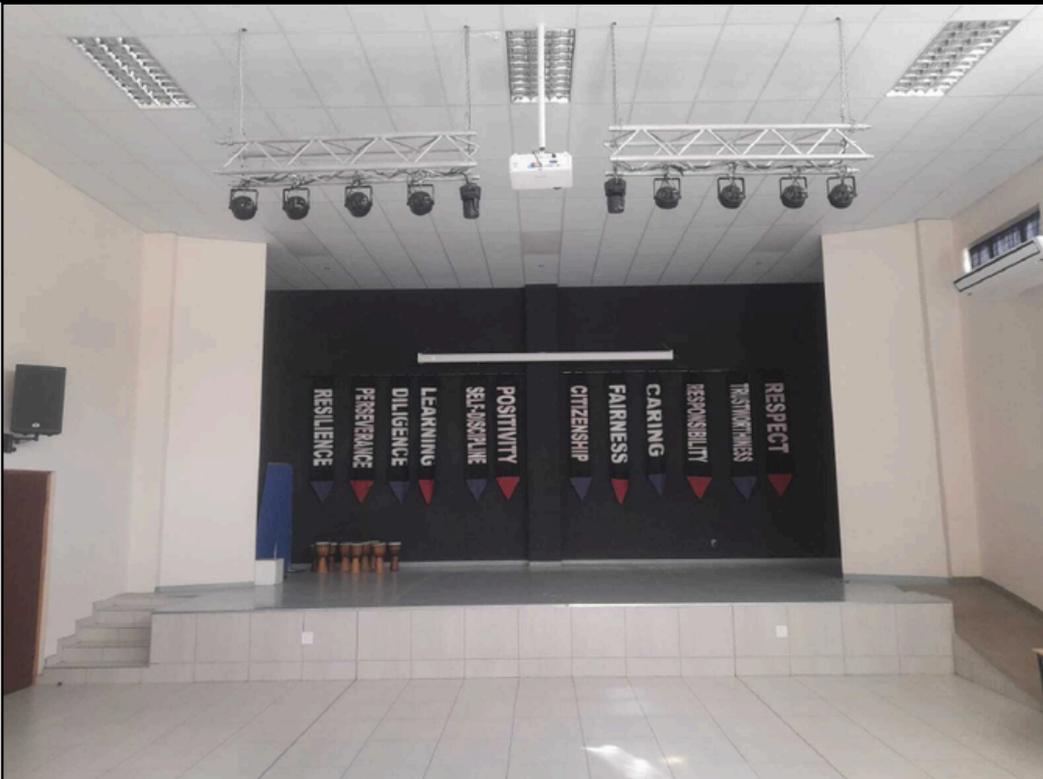


AISL Promise

The AISL Promise



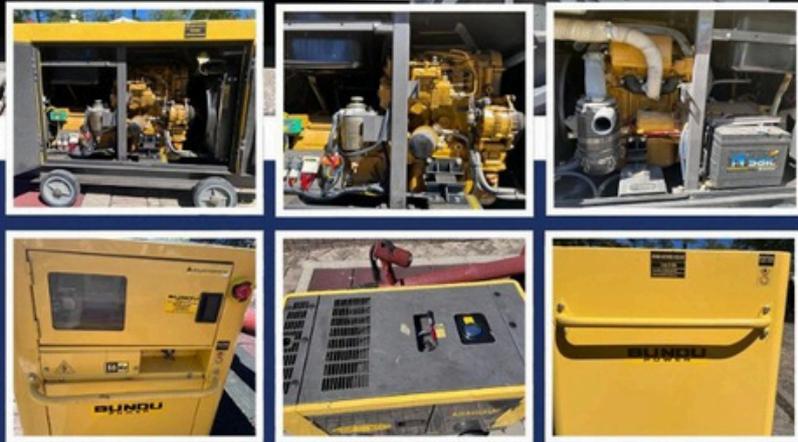
We are a **caring** community, following **each child's path** to a strong **academic, physical** and **social** foundation, nurturing **responsible world citizens** and **life-long learners**.



The AISL Hall is available for hire for events, workshops, or community activities! Let's keep spreading the word — share with anyone who may be interested. For bookings or more information, please contact Mamali at: mamakara@aisl.co.ls.



GENERATOR FOR SALE!!!



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ONLY

**R30,000
or best offer**

DETAILS

- Model KDE19STA3
- Rated Power: 16.25/19 kVA
- Rated Frequency: 50/60
- Weight: 442kg

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Amended American International School of Lesotho SY25-26

11-All teachers return
18-Students return-Fees Due

AUGUST 2025						
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9-13 Classroom Without Walls
16 President's Holiday
20 Swim Gala Tentative

1-5 Open House
8-19- MAP Testing
29- 3 Oct School Holidays

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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11-Moshoeshoe's Day
20-End of Term 2 + Reports
23-Start of Term 3- Fees Due
23-27 Parent Conferences

4 Independence Day
24- United Nations Day
31 Halloween

OCTOBER 2025						
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3-Good Friday
6- Easter Monday
3-10 Easter Holidays

17-21 Parent Conferences
21 End of Term 1+ Reports
24 Start of Term 2- Fees Due
27-28 Thanksgiving/ Roof of Africa

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1-International Labour Day
4-15 MAP Testing
14- Ascension Day
25 Africa Day

15-6 Jan School Holidays

DECEMBER 2025						
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JUNE 2026						
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12-Tentative Last day of school for students and teachers 180 days

7-Students/Teachers Return
19-30 MAP tests

JANUARY 2026						
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School Holiday (closed)	Return/End	End of Term
Public Holiday (closed)	Teachers Only	

Term 1= 65
Term 2- 64
Term 3= 51
School Days= 180 Days *Reserved if needed
August 17, 2026 projected first day of school.

Board Amended December 1, 2025