# ISCT PTA 2018 - Welcome to all new parents



A warm welcome to all the new families that have joined ISCT this year. 2018 is a special year for ISCT as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. The PTA are excited to be partnered with the 20th anniversary committee to bring you lots of fun events over the year.

We hope that your child/children are settling in well to the school and enjoying all that ISCT has to offer.

This welcome letter will tell you a little bit more about the ISCT PTA and what we offer and also invite you to join us for our Welcome Coffee Morning, on Tuesday 27th February from 8am at Struben House.

Kind regards,

Debbie PTA Chair 2018/2019

### What is the PTA?

The ISCT PTA was set up to 'enrich the lives of our children, parents and educators' at ISCT. We do this by; providing resources; through communication; and encouraging involvement in the school and wider community. One specific way we do this is through FUN- raising with our main fundraising event being the Big Walk. In 2017 we raised in sponsorship approx R65,000 from the big walk which we were able to use to give 'Nice to haves' back to the school. These give backs included, the stage at Woodland Heights, a Buddy Bench for KS1, Benches for WH and money towards educational resources.

# How do I get involved in the PTA

We know it is a juggling act for everyone and we all have different time availability to be able

to help. There are essentially 3 ways to be involved in the ISCT PTA:

- 1. As a member of Leadership Team or of the Committee with various portfolios like Kids2Kids Kidz2Kidz (a community outreach program), Nearly New Uniform Shop, FUN-Raising Events etc., normally led by one or 2 people with a small team to help with organising and planning.
- 2. As a member of the Volunteer Group, you will be called on when we need help for various events for example, helping with the Big Walk as a marshal.
- 3. Becoming a class rep to act as a communication link between the parents and the PTA

If you are interested in joining the PTA please email us at pta@isct.co.za

### How does the PTA differ from the PLC?

The PLC is the communication arm of the Parents. Parents with concerns regarding school issues can take these to their PLC representatives and these can be dealt with in an orderly manner. The PLC is looking for volunteers, if you see yourself as a good communicator who can act as a shock absorber between the school management and the parent body, please email plc@isct.co.za.

## **Coffee Morning - 27th February**

We are - hosting a welcome coffee morning on Tuesday 27th February from 8am at Struben House. This is a great way to meet people or catch up with old friends. The PTA management team will also be there to answer any questions you may have, however big or small for example 'where is the best place to get brown girls shoes?'

### MY SCHOOL CARD

The MySchool Card is an important part of the fundraising of the PTA, 30% of the funds raised through this programme are given to the PTA to add to the fund-raising efforts.

The MySchool programme is one of South Africa's biggest community programmes. The programme raises funds for schools, charities and environmental organisations through a card system that allows supporters to raise funds for their beneficiary (school or charity) every time they shop at a MySchool Card partner store. Partners contribute, on behalf of the supporter/cardholder, towards the beneficiary they have selected.

Read more about the programme and the partners <u>here</u> and get your free card by signing up online using this link, <u>Sign Up for My School Card</u>. Select ISCT (International School of Cape Town) and get swiping!

# 2018/2019 PTA LEADERSHIP TEAM

Debbie du Preez (Chair) Jodie Treu (Vice Chair) Heather Smith (Treasurer) Michelle Collins (Secretary)

If you would like to chat to any one of us, please feel free to contact us at <a href="mailto:pta@isct.co.za">pta@isct.co.za</a>.