



Dear ACSI Family!

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Dear Principals

This past weekend we were privileged to attend a very special **ACSI Limpopo Teacher Conference**, hosted by Eagle's Nest Christian School in Polokwane. Over 220 delegates enjoyed the wide range of workshops on offer, along with excellent hospitality from the host school.

In just nine days' time it will be the turn of Christ Church Preparatory School and College to host the **ACSI Gauteng Teacher Conference**, which promises to be amazing, with the largest range of workshops ever presented by ACSI. In addition, we will be joined by Dr Larry Taylor, President and CEO of ACSI Global, who will be with us for three days before returning to the United States. It is a great honour to host him, as this will be his first visit to South Africa. If your school hasn't booked for the conference yet, tomorrow is the closing day. We will not be considering late registrations, as it plays havoc with the catering arrangements. We look forward to seeing you there!

If that's not enough to be excited about, the following Thursday 30th May, the first **ACSI National Principal Conference** kicks off at Glenburn Lodge. We are thrilled to have principals joining us from every corner of the country, as well as from Zimbabwe, Botswana and Mozambique. We have some fantastic speakers lined up, but there will also be plenty of time for walks in the countryside, or catching up with colleagues over a coffee or tea. We can't wait to see you all.

RECRUITMENT - VERIFICATION CHECKS

I met last week with Judith and Pieter Griessel, labour lawyers who have assisted ACSI and presented workshops for us in the past. They send out regular newsletters whenever there are updates to labour laws in South Africa, and a recent article caught my eye, as I think it could be useful for our schools. It concerns recruitment and the necessity of verification checks, and although it is aimed at a broader readership than only schools, it raises some important issues regarding the vetting process before appointing staff. [Click here](#) to read the article.

SACE NEWSLETTER

The South African Council for Educators (SACE) recently sent out a newsletter, which contains some useful information for schools. I would encourage you to read through the newsletter, which may be found [here](#).

ACSI LOGO ON SCHOOL WEBSITES

We encourage our partner schools to publicise their partnership with ACSI by placing the ACSI logo on their websites. The ACSI logo, with a few variants depending on the way you would like to display it, may be found [here](#). Kindly note that this is only for schools which have been accepted as full partners and not for those with provisional partnership.

RESOURCES

The most recent *Ignite* was published last week, with a rich assortment of interesting articles. It may be found [here](#). We are always on the look-out for interesting articles or stories about what is happening in your school, so please feel free to email these to annerie_vanderwalt@acsi.org.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Events in May:

- **Gauteng Principal Meeting**, Tuesday, 21st May 2024.
- **Gauteng Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 25th May 2024. [Click here](#) to register by close of business 17th May 2024.
- **National Principal Conference, *Encouraging Faith***, 30th May – 1st June 2024. Contact nicole_thomas@acsi.org with any questions.

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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