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The King's Ken



**A Generation of
DIGITAL NATIVES**



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From the Principal's Desk

A generation of digital natives.

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As parents and educators who seek to raise young men and women with strong foundations and a solid Biblical worldview, we are constantly dealing with new challenges in achieving this. As technology advances, our children are exposed to more and more things at a younger and younger age. Social interaction, how to share, be kind, etc. was traditionally taught and learnt as learners grow and develop in a face-to-face environment – with friends, siblings, family members, at school, etc.

Now, as we see a generation of digital natives, we see a huge lack in how children have been taught to interact not only in a physical setting but also (and especially) in a digital world. A digital native is defined as a person who has been born in the digital age and who has interacted with digital technology from a young age. While exposure to technology happens at a rapid pace, educating children on how to use technology responsibly often falls far behind. As parents, my wife and I fell into the trap of “but all my friends have” ... and all three of our children had phones from a fairly young age. We gave them access and only limited “training” on the dos and don’ts – something I would do differently if I had to do it again.

One of the most common issues we deal with when it comes to disciplinary matters is the irresponsible use of social media by learners. This often happens after hours or weekends and often by learners who are not even legally allowed to use these platforms. (The legal age to start using WhatsApp in South Africa is 13!) As a school, we are appealing to our parents to please introduce technology responsibly and age-appropriately, with constant monitoring and guidance. We are looking at some workshops for parents and learners around this topic and will communicate this with you in due course.

Children who spend too much time online find it hard to concentrate in class, are permanently distracted and have very short attention spans. Schools internationally are complaining about our children’s “tech” speak in their class work and projects, e.g.: 2moro, u, LOL, msg and gud.

Please take an active interest in your child’s online life by talking to them, checking their phones, and monitoring usage in terms of time and particular APPS.

By frequently talking to your children

about the dangers of social media, you can build a relationship of trust and understanding. Please ensure that children guard their personal information properly, both online and offline, and respect other people's information they might have access to (numbers on a WhatsApp group, etc). With older children, please warn them against posting their location or "checking in" on social media sites constantly.

Your young, innocent child can still get into serious legal trouble due to online activity - if a child is found to have legal capacity, he or she can be held legally responsible for his or her conduct, even if they are not 18. In the eyes of the law, it becomes irrelevant whether you are an adult or not.

"The Children's Act states that contractual capacity is acquired at 18 years. BUT – a child under the age of 18 years does have the contractual capacity in respect of contracts that grant only rights without any obligations; AND – a child under the age of 18 years can enter into a contract in respect of which he acquires rights and responsibilities if assisted by or represented by a guardian. This means: If you consent to your underage child going onto a website and signing up to ANY social media site, it means that the user (your child) is concluding a contractual relationship with the company that operates the website. So, if you consent to the creation of the social media platform or you find out about it and do NOTHING –

you can as a parent be held to have given tacit consent to the child's contract with the website." (Kaplan Blumberg Attorneys)



While technology offers so many positives, social media can be a very useful resource. As parents, we afford our children the privilege to use a device and must set very clear boundaries and consequences for moving outside those boundaries. As the parents supply the device, the access to Wifi/data, etc., having a device and being allowed online is not a right of a child; it remains a privilege. The safety of our children will ALWAYS trump their "right" to a device or privacy. Let us together raise responsible digital citizens.

- Mr. Philip Theron, Principal

GR7 OUTREACH



What is the Significance of Sharing Bread?

By Barbara Knight

In a world where divisions and differences often dominate the headlines, it is heartening to remember that some gestures have the power to bring people together. One such gesture is the simple yet profound act of sharing bread.

Across cultures and societies, bread has long been a staple food that transcends borders and backgrounds. From the crusty baguettes of France to the soft naan of India, from the matzo of Jewish tradition to the communion bread of Christian worship, bread has played a significant role in fostering connection and unity.

In many cultures, sharing bread is a symbol of hospitality, generosity, and respect. When we offer bread to our guests, we are not just providing nourishment; we are extending a hand of friendship and welcome. This simple yet meaningful act can break down barriers and create a sense of community, reminding us that we are all connected through our shared humanity.

Beyond being a cultural tradition, sharing bread represents a willingness to put aside differences and come together in harmony.

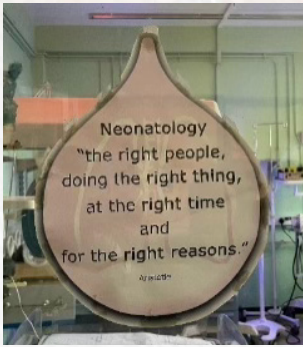
In the Christian tradition, the Last Supper serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of sharing bread as a symbol of love and fellowship. When

Jesus broke bread with his disciples, he was not only sharing a meal but also offering his very self — his love, his sacrifice, and his unwavering commitment to others.

At a time when conflict and division can feel overwhelming, the simple act of sharing bread carries a profound message. When we come together to break bread, we are not merely sharing a meal; we are sharing our stories, our struggles, and our hopes. We are affirming our connection, expressing compassion, and showing love.

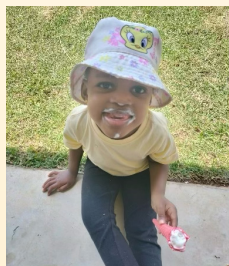
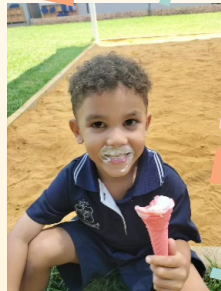
This idea is at the heart of our Grade 7 outreach programme, where students learn the value of giving in their community by actively engaging with those in need. Whether through preparing food parcels, serving meals, or simply sitting and sharing a moment with others, our students experience first-hand the power of breaking bread together. Through these small but significant actions, they come to understand that kindness and connection can make a real difference in the lives of others.

By embracing the tradition of sharing bread, we not only nourish the body but also feed the soul. It is a reminder that, despite our differences, we can always come together with open hands and open hearts to build a more compassionate world.



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Friday Is Ice Cream Day In The Preschool.



ATHLETICS PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are proud to announce that **FOUR** of our talented athletes have qualified for the prestigious Gauteng Champs! The following athletes will be representing our school at the Germiston Stadium on the 14-15 March 2025:

1. **Atlasaone Tsieco**
2. **Bonolo Chaane**
3. **Joachim Sempuga**
4. **Kamohelo Mokoena**

We wish our athletes the **BEST OF LUCK** for their upcoming competition! May their hard work and dedication pay off. Let's show our school spirit and support our athletes as they take on the best in Gauteng!



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Over the past week, our high school athletes have participated in two qualifying competitions for the upcoming Gauteng Championships.

A team of 40 athletes represented our school at the Roodepoort Championships, where 20 successfully qualified for the D12 Athletics Championship. Following an outstanding performance, 17 of our athletes have been selected for the D12 team to compete at the prestigious Gauteng Championships, which will take place at Pilditch Stadium in Pretoria West on March 7 and 8, 2025.

These athletes will also be attending the Johannesburg West District (D12) honours function. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and wish them the best of success in the next stage of the competition!

Gu15 - Chikondi Kapeza - 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st Long Jump

- Kaelo Nkabinde - 2nd 800m

- Mia Lombard - 1st High Jump

- Angela Chauke - 2nd Javelin

- Mutondi Mulima - 2nd Long Jump

Bu15 - TJ Lyones - 2nd 100m, 2nd Long Jump

- Shorn Molebatsi - 1st 400m

- Zach Mace - 1st High Jump

- Miguel Chikati - 2nd Discus

Gu17 - Skyla Blignaut - 1st 100m, 1st Long Jump

Bu17 - Olwethu Khoza - 2nd 200m

- Kganya Mgcina - 1st High Jump

- Elijah Mtambo - 2nd Long Jump

Gu19 - Naomi Dziga - 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st 400m

- Lusani Mudau - 2nd Long Jump

Bu19 - Tristan Bastiaans - 1st Discus, 1st Shot Put



Over the weekend of February 28-March 1, we had the pleasure of hosting a mini netball clinic. Led by the esteemed Mrs. Murili Moller, a Level 2 Gauteng and national coach, our TKSWR coaches worked together to deliver a fun and engaging experience for our young players. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the parents for their continued support.

Mini Netball Clinic



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PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCCER: JOHN THEUNISSEN TOURNAMENT (JTT)

TKSWR proudly hosted the district John Theunissen Tournament on Friday and Saturday, 28 February and 1 March. This annual U12/U13 tournament, named in honour of the late John Theunissen (former Deputy Principal of our school), serves as a selection event for the West Rand District team, which will compete in the BST IPT Tournament in July.

We are incredibly proud of our U13 team, who delivered an outstanding performance. They topped their group with an impressive record: W5; D1, without conceding a single goal. This achievement marks a historic milestone, as it is the first time a TKSQR team has reached the semi-finals of this prestigious tournament.

In a tightly contested semi-final against Silverfields Primary School, the match ended in a dramatic penalty shootout, where our team narrowly lost 2-1. Despite the result, this is a remarkable achievement, and we commend Coach Tlhogi and Coach Lesego for their dedication and leadership.

A special congratulations to Silverfields Primary School, who emerged victorious in the final, defeating Discovery Primary School on penalties after a 1-1 draw (3-1 in the shootout).

A special thank you to Fosters Toyota, the official sponsor of the tournament, for their invaluable support in making this event a success. Well done to all the participating teams for their sportsmanship and effort!



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HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Our high school swimming team delivered an impressive performance at the Crawford College gala on Thursday, 27 March. The team swam exceptionally well, showcasing their skill and dedication.

With the Inter-High Gala on March 6 just around the corner, the team is focused on fine-tuning their techniques and building on their recent success. We wish them all the best in their upcoming competition. Sarah Grobbelaar, Alec Graaf, Daniel De Almeida, Andre Delpeche, Bolan Matthes, Micheal Kruger, Liso Mshudulu and Kyla Adams



PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING

Our primary school gala, held on home grounds, had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. However, our swimmers managed to compete in the first six events, with the following results:

Junior Individual Medley Girl: Shekinah - 1st Place

Junior Individual Medley Boy: Divan - 1st Place

Senior Individual Medley Girl: Hannah Watkins - 1st Place

Senior Individual Medley Boy: Cario Hutton - 1st Place, Riley Abdu - 2nd Place

Butterfly:

U10 Girl: Kendell - 2nd Place, Shekinah - 1st Place



Unfortunately, the event had to be stopped due to the weather, but our primary swimmers were in the lead and performing exceptionally well. We are excited to see what our students have in store for us in the future.



Teacher Phina is the most amazing cook and plays such an important part of our Preschool. Thank you, teacher Phina, for always cooking the most delicious meal for our little ones.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH						1 Open Day IEB GR12 Conference
2	3	4	5	6	7 GR8 2026 Open Day HS Prefect Training	8 Netball / Soccer / Hockey festival
9	10 GR5-10, 12 Camp	11 GR5-10, 12 Camp	12 GR5-10, 12 Camp GR4 Day Camp	13 Festival of Fame	14 Festival of Fame HS Athletics Gauteng Champs	15 SACSSA Volleyball HS Athletics Gauteng Champs
16 amp	17 GR11 Camp Festival of Fame	18 GR11 Camp Festival of Fame	19 Festival of Fame	20 School closes Term 1 Festival of Fame Bapong outreach	21 Human Rights Day Bapong outreach	22 Bapong outreach
23 outreach	24 Drakensburg Hike - GR10-12	25 Drakensburg Hike - GR10-12	26 Drakensburg Hike - GR10-12 FP & GR12 Final report marks due Final comments in for moderation	27 Drakensburg Hike - GR10-12	28 HS Netball clinic/tour Soccer / Hockey Clinic ISSA u19 Soccer & Netball tournament	29 HS Netball clinic/tour ISSA u19 Soccer & Netball tournament
30 ISSA u19 Soccer &	31					

COMING
UP
THIS
TERM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL		1 Helpmekaar Hockey Festival	2 Helpmekaar Hockey Festival First day clearing staff Athletics SA's	3 Helpmekaar Hockey Festival Athletics SA's	4 Helpmekaar Hockey Festival Athletics SA's	5 Athletics SA's
6	7 Staff Conference day	8 School starts Term 2 Term plans due Extra murals start Summer/Winter uniform interim period Safety net meetings GR RR, 1, 4 & 10	9 Safety net meetings GR R, 2, 8 & 11	10 Hooked on Books Parents evening booking slots set up on ADMM Safety net meetings GR 3, 6, 7, 9 & 12	11 Google calendars due Reports released Artistatue	12 GR12 Physical Science Workshop G7 Netball & Soccer Artistatue
13	14 Gr 12 Top 5 TKSWR & TKSD Matric teachers	15 LRC Training	16 Parents evening 16:00 - 20:00	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21 Family Day	22 Class visits & book control begin	23	24 Festival of Fame Gala Evening	25 Prefect Training FP & GR12 markbooks set up	26
27	28 Freedom Day	29 School Holiday week	30 School Holiday week			

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MAY				1 Workers' Day	2 School Holiday week	3 GR11-12 Hike
4	5 Winter uniform compulsory	6	7	8 GR10 Elevate study skills workshop	9 Food Truck /Braai Evening Mini soccer festival	10 GR12 Accounting workshop SACCPA auditors
11 Mother's Day	12 JP Blue certificate Assembly HS Prefect application New learner progress reports out Board Meeting	13	14	15 Class visit forms due	16 Start Meeting HS Prefect applications close Athen & Boden Senior Girls Hockey Festival Mini soccer festival	17 SACSSA Str Netball
18 Athen & Boden	19	20	21	22 Salute the Parent	23 Phase Meetings HS Prefect Training Mini soccerfestival ISSA u19 Hockey Festival	24 SACSSA Str Soccer PS Nova Soccer & Netball Festival ISSA u19 Hockey Festival
25 ISSA u19 Hockey Festival	26 GR10-11 Exams start	27	28 GR4-9 Exams start	29 Ascension Day	30	31 SACSSA Jnr Netball ACSB Gauteng teachers conference

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Moms in Action

Prayer sessions

Thursday, 13 March

6:30 - 7:00

Prayer Walk with Mr Langley & Mr Theron

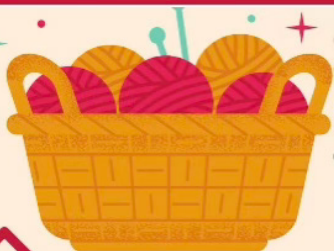
We will meet in front of the office block at 6:30.

FOUNDATION PHASE MISSION FOCUS

Knitting Wool Drive

"A strand of thread, a strand of warmth & happiness!"

We are currently seeking donations of wool for our Winter blanket drive.



WE WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS UNTIL
20TH JUNE 2025

MISSION

FOCUS 2025

GRADE 4

11 FEBRUARY - 29 AUGUST

HOW IT WORKS

It will be a friendly competition between LW, LVN & AT as to which class brings the most bottle caps and / bread tags.

WHO DO WE SEND THE CAPS & TAGS TO

Your register teachers will keep them in a jar in your register class.

WHAT IS THIS FOR

By recycling plastic tops and tags, not only are you helping someone who needs a wheelchair, but you are playing your part in preserving the future of our beautiful green planet while supporting the circular economy.

<https://www.sweetheartfoundation.org/>



Giving the Gift of Mobility

Please help us give the gift of mobility to the poor and marginalised of our society by supporting us financially or by collecting tops and tags which we sell to recyclers.



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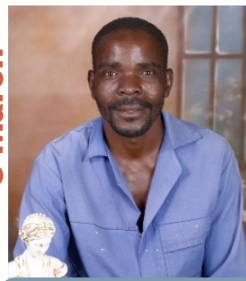


3 March



KATHY D'OLIVEIRA CRUZ

3 March



ALBERT SHABA

4 March



ANITA THIEL

8 March



LESEGO TLHABANELO

**MARSHMALLOW
EASTER EGG DRIVE**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO BLESS ORPHANED OR
VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN OUR SURROUNDING
COMMUNITIES.**

**SEND ALL YOUR
MARSHMALLOW EASTER EGGS
By
3RD MARCH 2025**

The Easter Eggs can be given to Teacher Ronel (Pre-School)
Teacher Lies'l (Foundation Phase) Teacher Gretel (Intermediate
Phase) and LRCs (High School).

We look forward to working with our parents and learners on this exciting project!

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- Make a booking for our induction programme

T&C's Apply*

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