

15 August 2025



# The King's Ken

LISTEN...

*actively*



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# From the *Head of Department's Desk*

- *Foundation phase*

## LISTEN ACTIVELY!

I'm sure you can still remember it — that familiar voice echoing from the kitchen or the hallway: "Don't make me call you again!" or "Are you even listening to me?" Whether it was our moms, dads, or the neighbour two doors down, growing up meant you eventually mastered the art of pretending to hear without really listening.

Funny how life comes full circle. Now, as the adult, the teacher, the one calling the names and giving the instructions, I find myself asking the same question — not only to my learners but sometimes to my own heart: Are we really listening?

Listening has become a bit of a lost skill. Not hearing — no, we're all good at hearing — but listening, the kind that requires stillness, focus, and care. It's actually something we now call an executive functioning skill — a big name for an important ability. It's what helps children stay focused, remember instructions, make sense of what they're learning, and respond thoughtfully. And let's be honest, in classrooms full of excitement, conversation, distraction, and movement, that's no small task.

At The King's School, though, we see listening as something even deeper. We see it not just as a skill but as a posture — a heart posture. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening," says young Samuel in the Bible. Isn't that beautiful? The ability to pause, to tune out the noise, and to tune in to something meaningful, something bigger — that's what we want for our learners. We want them to listen not just with their ears but with their hearts. To each other. To us. To God.

So, we work on it. Gently, daily, consistently.

We build moments of stillness into the day — in prayer, in devotion, in storytelling. We use phrases like "listen with your whole body" and encourage them to make eye contact, show kindness, and respond with respect. We practice listening through fun and through struggle, in group work and quiet reading, in conversations with friends and through reflective questions. Not just because the curriculum asks it of us, but because life will.

Sometimes, a child will stop mid-task and say, "Wait, I wasn't listening — can you say it again?" And honestly, I love that. Because that's growth. That's awareness. That's a young heart learning to pause before reacting, to stay curious, to take things in. And isn't that what we all need, too?

As a Christian teacher, I chose this path not just to help children read or write or spell, but to walk alongside them as they become thoughtful, responsive, and wise human beings. I believe in teaching the whole child — mind, heart, and soul — and I believe listening is where much of that begins. So thank you, parents, for all you do at home to remind your children to stop and listen. Thank you for reading to them, for repeating instructions ten times if needed, for asking about their day even when they shrug and say "fine." These moments matter more than you know.

Together, we're shaping listeners — and not just for the classroom, but for life. And if ever we wonder if they're truly listening... well, maybe one day they'll find themselves calling out from the kitchen too, and it'll all make perfect sense.

- Lee Baggott, HOD, Foundation Phase

We will post the 5 finalists on Facebook,  
and they will vote for the winner.

## EXCITING NEWS

**The King's School** **MASCOT**  
**COMPETITION**  
**DESIGN OUR FIRST**  
**EVER KING'S**  
**SCHOOL MASCOT**

**ENTRIES CLOSE**  
**30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**R10 PER ENTRY**  
**FILL IN THE DESIGN ENTRY FORM**  
**UNLIMITED ENTRIES**

DESIGN ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT RECEPTION OR CAN BE  
DOWNLOADED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.  
PLACE YOUR DESIGN ENTRY FORM AND YOUR SKILL IN AN ENVELOPE AND  
PLACE IN THE MASCOT BOX AT RECEPTION.

**PRIZE**  
**A R1000 CLEARWATER VOUCHER &  
BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR YEARS TO COME**

Kids can take more than one form, so they are not restricted to one idea. All family members are welcome to enter! Let's have fun! Staff members and their families can also enter the competition!

## Save the Date for our Fun Day!



**September 6, 2025**

Join us for a spring day filled with joy,  
laughter, and community fun!

**SOAP BOX DERBY**  
**GR7 MARKET**  
**& MORE**

# GRADE RR

Grade RR is showing off their ability to write letters.  
Identifying pictures and writing down the sounds.



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## 10 Steps to Becoming a Grade 7 Prefect in 2026

Start here!

**Step 1** – Prefect Application handout during Lo  
11 August 2025

**Step 2** – Applications open  
25 August 2025

**Step 3** – Applications close  
28 August 2025

**Step 4** – Teacher input and selection  
2 September 2025

**Step 5** – Short-listed candidates announced  
4 September 2025



Check for interviews scheduled.

**Step 10** – Inauguration  
20 October 2025

**Step 9** – Prefect announcement  
17 October 2025

**Step 8** – Nominations for deliberation  
13-16 October 2025  
□ Teachers/HOD/Deputy Principals/Principal/Counsellor

**Step 7** – Interview process completed  
11 September 2025

**Step 6** – Interview process starts with panel  
9 September 2025

Lead, Serve, Excel!!



Designed by: Barbara Knight © the facilitator

*Dear Matrics,*

*We are thinking of you and praying for you as you begin Prelims.*

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10

## Emerald Strikes Gold... Again!

What a showdown! The Grade 7 Inter-house Quiz brought the heat this year, with lightning-fast answers, nail-biting tie-breakers and plenty of friendly rivalry. From current affairs to sports trivia to brain-busting curriculum questions — our teams gave it their all.

And once again, Emerald proved they're the ones to beat, claiming back-to-back victories in style! Their energy, teamwork and quick thinking lit up the hall, earning them the well-deserved cheers of the crowd.

A huge shout-out to all our teams for their spirit and sportsmanship — but this year, Emerald takes the crown... again!

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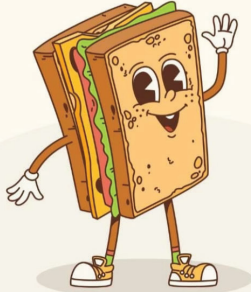


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GRADE 6 MISSION FOCUS

# SANDWICH DRIVE



## GRADE 6 LEARNERS

WE ARE SUPPORTING THE ETHANDWENI FEEDING PROJECT, WHICH PROVIDES MEALS TO 106 CHILDREN LIVING ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KAGISO. TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT, WE ARE ASKING ALL GRADE 6 LEARNERS TO BRING AN EXTRA SANDWICH TO SCHOOL EVERY FRIDAY.

**REMEMBER TO BRING A SANDWICH THIS FRIDAY!**

## 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.

**LAST FEW WEEKS FOR BOTTLE CAPS & BREAD TAGS!**  
**Closing 29 August**

# visiting the WAS Foundation

Over the past 3 months, the Grade 10s have been collecting soup, and today we had the privilege of visiting the WAS Foundation in Krugersdorp West to serve the local community and donate over R5000 worth of food.

We spent the afternoon preparing and serving soup, interacting with the children, praying with them, and assisting with cleaning up afterwards. We also helped pack school lunches for the following day.

It was a deeply meaningful experience, and several Grade 10 learners had the opportunity to minister to the children. The day was filled with joy, connection, and a true sense of giving back.



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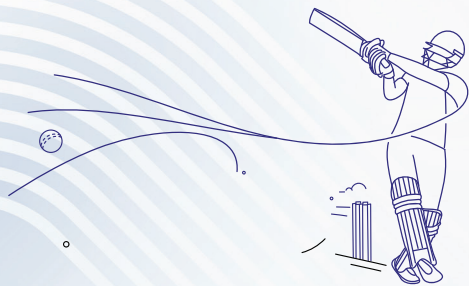
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## Soccer D12

Well done Shaan for Representing the girls Soccer D12 team at Camp Discovery In fantastic event that the team played well and Shaan did a great job representing the school.

We are very proud of you Shaan.



### FOUNDATION PHASE CRICKET

Our cricket season with our boys playing against Dr Havinga, unfortunately, they lost, but the boys played very well and represented the school well.

### INTERMEDIATE PHASE CRICKET

Our boys kicked off the season with a win vs Dr Havinga as they won by 8 wickets, well done to the team and the Coaches.



## Girls Hockey Results

Kings vs Roodebeek 31 July 2025

U10 A Won 14: 0

U11A Won 2:0

U12A Won 6:0

U13 Won 10:0

Kings Vs Die Ruiter 07/08/25

U10A Drew 1:1

U11A Won 3:1

U12 Drew 0:0

U13 Won 3:0



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*you are invited*

# MENS PRAYER MORNING

The MIA Moms will be hosting a Prayer morning for the Dads.  
Please RSVP for catering purposes. Coffee & muffins will be provided,  
and Boerewors Rolls made by the Moms will be served afterward.

**30 AUGUST, 2025 | TKSQR STAFF ROOM**  
**9:00 - 11:00 AM**

011 100 5377 **RSVP HERE** [debbiek@tkswr.co.za](mailto:debbiek@tkswr.co.za)



Kayce Wille  
12 August



Chantel Theunissen  
15 August



Dapheney Kroet  
17 August

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**WOMEN'S MONTH**

R100 + FREE POT ♡

- Splash colour
- Spread love
- Support More Than a Teacher.

♡ Spoil a woman in your office this August! ♡

To order a plant and support More Than a Teacher  
Contact: Riekies Huisamen 082 821 5500

## Upcoming Events At The Preschool



**The King's Preschool**



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## AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 King's Got Talent ISSA Volleyball Festival	2 GR12 Math workshop GR11-12 Hike ISSA Volleyball Festival
3	4 IP Blue Certificate Assembly	5	6 Blood Drive	7 GR10 Elevate study skills workshop	8 IP Inter-house quiz	9 National Women's Day
10	11	12	13	14 GR12 Prayer morning	15 Staff meeting FP Grandparents day	16
17	18 HS Prefect Inauguration	19	20 GR12 Study Day	21 Prelims start	22 HS Prefect training	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 HS Spring Ball
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## SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Spring Day Summer/Winter uniform interim period	2	3	4	5	6 FUN RUN
7	8	9 GR12 LO & CAT B	10 GR12 LS PAT	11	12 HS Prefect training	13 SACCSA Invitational Athletics
14	15	16	17	18 Prelims End Heritage Day Celebration Draughton HS Production	19 School closes Heritage Day Celebration Draughton HS Production	20 G7 Chess
21	22	23	24 Heritage Day	25	26	27 SACCSA National Athletics
28	29 GR12 Art Drawing Exam	30 GR12 Art Drawing Exam				

## OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 GR12 Art Drawing Exam	2 GR12 Art Drawing Exam	3	4
5	6	7 School starts Term 4 Summer uniform compulsory	8 Extra mural start Extra Mural Photos	9 GR12 Final Assembly GR12 Validation	10	11
12	13 Reports released	14 Art Exhibition	15 Art Exhibition Parents Evening	16 NSC Exam start	17 HS Prefect training Parktown Sport Festival	18 SACCSA Chess Parktown Sport Festival
19	20 Athletics Trials	21 Athletics Trials LRC Training	22 Athletics Trials	23 Athletics Trials IP Spelathon IP Maths speedathon	24 Athletics Trials	25 24-7 Study skills workshop
26	27 Eng 8Ts	28	29 Math 8Ts	30 GR8 of 2026 Meet & Greet	31 Inter school Athletics	

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