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# The King's Ken

 **BUILDING**  
Brighter Futures 



The  
King's  
School

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# From the *Head of Department's* Desk

## - *Preschool*

Building Brighter Futures: Developing Executive Functioning Skills Through Play in the King's Preschool

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In the early years of life, children's brains are growing at an incredible rate. These foundational years are not just about ABCs and 123s; they're about learning how to think, plan, listen, and adapt. These are known as executive functioning skills, the mental tools children need to succeed in both school and life. At The King's Preschool, we intentionally nurture these skills through loving relationships, small class sizes, individual attention, and most importantly, play.

Here's how we incorporate five essential executive functioning skills into our daily preschool experience:

### 1. Start Today, Don't Delay (Start now)

We encourage children to dive into activities with enthusiasm and confidence. Whether it's building a tower with blocks or painting a masterpiece, we help them learn that starting a task is the first step to success. Our teachers gently guide learners to take initiative by setting up inviting play stations and modeling curiosity.

*Why it matters: Children who learn to start tasks without procrastinating build resilience, independence, and a healthy approach to challenges later in life.*

### 2. Listen Attentively (Attention Control)

Listening is more than hearing—it's the ability to focus, understand, and respond appropriately. In circle time, story sessions, and group play, children learn to wait their turn, listen to their peers, and follow multi-step instructions.

*Why it matters: Attentive listening helps children absorb information, build relationships, and thrive in group settings. It lays the groundwork for empathy and effective communication.*

### 3. Get Organised

(Put your things where they belong)

From tidying up after an activity to preparing for snack time, we teach children how to manage their belongings and plan their actions. Daily routines and visual schedules provide consistency, while hands-on activities like sorting and sequencing help build cognitive structure.

*Why it matters: Organised children are more confident and capable. This skill supports problem-solving and helps reduce frustration in unfamiliar situations.*

### 4. Stay on Task (Focus)

Young children naturally have short attention spans, but through guided play, we help them build stamina. Whether it's completing a puzzle or finishing a craft, our staff gently encourages children to stick with tasks until they're done, celebrating their efforts every step of the way.

*Why it matters: Focus and persistence are key to long-term academic success. Children who stay on task are more likely to meet their goals and feel a sense of accomplishment.*

### 5. Prioritise (Do it now)

Learning how to decide what's important and what can wait is a lifelong skill. We introduce

this concept through structured play choices—like choosing to finish a group game before starting another—and during transitions between activities.

*Why it matters: Prioritising teaches children to manage time, make decisions, and build toward long-term goals in manageable steps.*

### The Power of Play

All of these executive functioning skills are woven seamlessly into our play-based learning philosophy. Children explore, imagine, create, and connect—all while developing critical life skills. Play is not a break from learning; it is learning. Through play, children gain confidence, problem-solving skills, and social awareness in a joyful, natural way.

### What Makes Our Preschool Special

At the heart of our success is our loving and dedicated staff who see each child as a unique individual. Our small class sizes allow us to give personalised attention and foster deep relationships, creating a safe space where children feel seen, heard, and supported. This nurturing environment is the ideal foundation for growing executive functioning skills and building lifelong learners.

In a world that moves fast, we believe in slowing down, playing with purpose, and nurturing the minds and hearts of our little ones. Executive functioning may sound like a big idea, but it all starts right here, in our Preschool filled with love, laughter, and learning through play.



- Ronelle Davel – Preschool HOD

## High School Prefect Inauguration 2025

Monday, 18 August, was a very special day at The King's School West Rand as we gathered for our annual High School Prefect Inauguration. It was a morning filled with gratitude, inspiration, and a sense of new beginnings as we said farewell to one team of leaders and welcomed the next.

The ceremony was opened by our Head Mentor, Mr Schoonwinkel, who set the tone for the occasion. The outgoing High School Head Prefects then shared their final words with the school – heartfelt reflections of thanks and encouragement as they handed over the baton of leadership. Afterwards, our Principal, Mr Theron, spoke from 2 Samuel 12:14, reminding the prefects that leadership is more than a badge or a blazer – it is a calling to represent God and His school with faith, courage, and humility.

Our mentor teachers, Ms Badenhorst and Mr Dube, also took a moment to thank the outgoing prefects for the way they had served the High School so faithfully. In one of the most meaningful parts of the ceremony, the outgoing prefects had their candles lit and then used them to light the candles of the incoming prefects – a simple but powerful picture of the light of leadership being passed on.

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The anticipation built as Mr Theron announced the new Head Prefects for 2025/2026.

**Congratulations to our new High School Head Prefects:**

**Head Girl: Danielle Naidoo**

**Head Boy: Tristan Bastiaans**

**They will be supported by our Deputy Head Prefects:**

**Deputy Head Girls: Tiyamike Dickinson and Tlotliso Lekhanya**

**Deputy Head Boys: Elijah Mtambo and Bokang Mokoena**

We are also excited to introduce our full High School Prefect Team for 2025/2026:

**Giovanna Alexander, Bunathi Buthelezi, André Delpêche, Mvelo Gova, Kirsten Ludick, Lemogang Matsepe, Ivana Nonyana, Hayley Padayachee, Jaimee Scudder, Khanyisile Seane, Taya van der Merwe, and Nicole Winckworth.**

A highlight for many families was the moment when parents were invited to place the prefect blazers on their children – a proud and emotional moment that marked the start of their journey as leaders. The ceremony closed with something truly special: parents stood behind their children, school management gathered with them, and the whole school stretched out their hands as Mr Schoonwinkel prayed a blessing over the new prefects.

It was a beautiful reminder that leadership is not something carried alone. It is shared, supported, and upheld by God, by family, and by the school community. We are deeply grateful for the service of our outgoing prefects, and we look forward with excitement and prayer to seeing how our new High School prefect body will shine the light of Christ in the year ahead.



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# GR7 ENG, DRAMA AND ART



The Gr7s performed their skits of "Number the Stars" last week. This brought an end to their integrated project (ENG/DRAMA/ART) where they had to write the scenes, act them out, create props, and make a shadow box of the set design. We were in awe at their participation, dedication, and skills. We witnessed some incredible acting, singing, and dancing. God has blessed these learners with some serious talent!



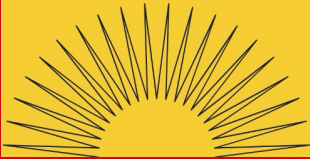
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## Save the Date for our Fun Day!



**September 6, 2025**

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



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## High school volleyball clinic

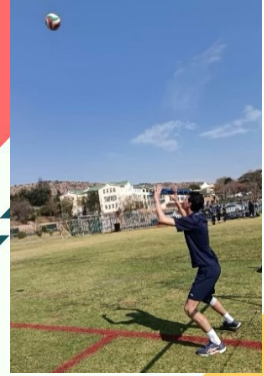
– Saturday, 16 August

We hosted our very first high school volleyball clinic, led by Mr. Rudolph du Plessis from Volleyball DNA. Mr. du Plessis is an experienced coach who works closely with Volleyball South Africa and currently coaches the TUKS Volleyball Teams. Our players and coaches had the opportunity to develop their skills through practical drills and engaging sessions. They were introduced to new techniques for teaching and refining the fundamentals—all while having a great time on the court. A big thank you to Mr. du Plessis for an inspiring and energetic session. What an awesome way to kick off our volleyball journey!



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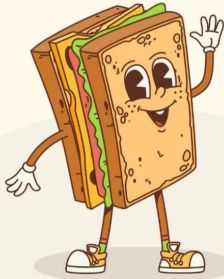




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★ **GRADE 6 MISSION FOCUS**

# SANDWICH DRIVE



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



## The King's School MASCOT COMPETITION

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fresh popcorn popping on site,  
from the machine

spiral potato on a stick / fries

fresh cotton candy on a stick

slushy machine, 2 flavours

## PRIMARY SCHOOL TENNIS - ROUND 2 & 3

u11 Blue team vs Helderkruijn Laerskool: lost 16-26

U11 Blue team vs Kenmare Laerskool: lost 8-34

u13 Blue team vs Randfontein Primary School:

Forfeit by Randfontein

## HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Our High School played in R1 of the D12 league competition this week and achieved the following results:

u17 (1) Blue team vs Crawford Ruimsig: won 20-7

u17 (2) Blue team vs Noordheuwel Hoërskool: won 28-25

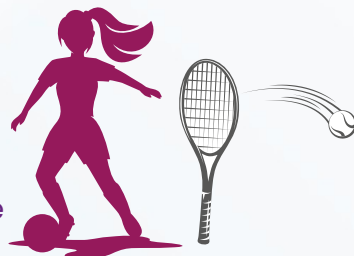
## Girls HS Soccer - Round 2 & 3

First Team vs Curro Aurora: won 2-1

First Team vs Reddford House: won 5-1

U15 vs Curro Aurora HS: lost 6-0

U15 vs Reddford House: Forfeit by Reddford House



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## Intermediate Cricket Results

Our Cricket Under 13 team played a match against Dr Havinga at Home. The team played very well and just lost by 1 run. Well done to the team, Manager, and Coach.



## ROODEPOORT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – 15 AUGUST

On Friday, 15 August, both our Primary and High School cross country teams competed at the Roodepoort Championships. Our Primary School was proudly represented by 21 enthusiastic runners across the U9 to U13 age groups, all aiming to qualify for the D12 Championships. Although none of our runners met the qualifying criteria this time, the experience was incredibly valuable. The athletes showed great spirit, had lots of fun, and gained important insights that will no doubt prepare them well for future events. We are proud of their effort and determination, and we look forward to seeing their growth in the next season!



**Congratulations to the following High School athlete:**

**Boys U17 (6km). Tshepang Mokoena qualified to represent Roodepoort at the D12 Championships on Friday, 22 Aug. The race is hosted at Hoërskool Florida.**



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# JCAL – HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This week saw our athletics team compete in Round 3 of the JCAL Athletics League (Track Only) at Trinity House Rand Park. Excitement is growing as we head towards the Inter-High on Wednesday, 27 August, @ Trinity House, Little Falls.

Our athletes achieved the following results:

• Juniors 800m Boys	Leruo Liale 3rd	
• U/16 Boys	Ethan Le Roux 4th	Derrel Pahle 5th
• U/17 Boys 800m	Tshepang Mokoena 3rd	
• U/14 Girls 100m	Chikondi Kapeza 1st	Mutondi Mulima 2nd
• U/15 Girls 100m	Davina Makota 3rd	Mia Lombard 4th
• U/16 Girls 100m	Skyla Blignaut 1st	
• U/17 Girls 100m	Sinomhle Siyengo 3rd	
• U/18 Girls 100m	Mvelo Gova 1st	Zoe Nkosi 3rd
• U/14 Boys 100m	Phiko Motseotla 3rd	
• U/15 Boys 100m	Thabo Junior 1st	Mzandile Masuku 3rd
• U /16 boys 100m	Kgsosi Letsoalo 3rd	Ocean Martins 4th
• U/17 Boys 100m	Olwethu Knosa 1st	Elijah Mthambo 2nd
• U/14 Girl 200m	Chikondi Kapeza 1st	Madison Harris 3rd
• U/15 Girls 200m	Davina Makota 3rd	Kaelo Nkabinde 4th
• U/16 Girls 200m	Skyla Blignaut 1st	
• U/17 Girls 200m	Sinomhle Siyengo 3rd	Ruth Philip 4th
• U/18 200m Girls	Mvelo Gova 1st	Zoe Nkosi 2nd
• U/14 200m Boys	Mzandile Masuku 3rd	Phiko Motseotla 4th
• U/15 200m Boys	Thabo Junior 2nd	
• U/16 200m Boys	Kgosi Letsoalo 3rd	Ocean Martins 4th
• U/17 200m Boys	Olwethu Khoza 1st	Elijah Mthambo 2nd
• 1500m Girls Junior	Sipho Mhlanga 2nd	
• U/16 boys 1500m	Ethan le Roux 3rd,	Darrell Pahle 4th
• Senior Boys 1500m	Tshepang Mokoena 2nd	
• 400m u/14 Girls	Kaelo Nkabinde 2nd	
• 400m Boys U/15	Thabo Junior 1st	
• 400m Boys U/18	Bunathi Buthelezi 3rd	Tshepeng Mokoena 5th

Relay: U/14 Girls 1st. U/15 Girls 2nd. U/16 Girls 1st. U/17 Girls 1st. U/18 Girls 2nd

Relay: Boys u/14 2nd. U/16 Boys 1st. U/18 Boys 1st

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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 | TKSWR STAFF ROOM**  
9:00 - 11:00 AM



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19 AUGUST



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19 AUGUST



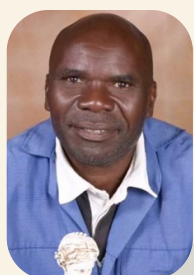
**ELANDRÉ van ZYL**  
20 AUGUST



**SHANEL GOMEZ**  
20 AUGUST



**LIZETTE MARTIN**  
21 AUGUST



**POYA CHAVULA**  
23 AUGUST

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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 L.O & CAT B	10 GR12 L.S P.M.T	11	12 HS Prefect training	13 SACCSA Invitational Athletics
14	15	16	17	18 Prelims End Heritage Day Celebration Heritage Day Production HS Production	19 School closes Heritage Day Celebration Heritage Day Production HS Production	20 GT 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 murals start Extra Mural Photos	9 GR12 Final Assembly GR12 Valediction	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 URC Training	22 Athletics Trials	23 Athletics Trials IP Spellathon IP Maths speedathon	24 Athletics Trials	25 GR4-7 Study skills workshop
26	27 Eng 8/9s	28	29 Math 8/9s	30 GR8 of 2026 Meet & Greet	31 Inter school Athletics	

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