



The King's Ken



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**Marijuana
legalized
in SA**



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From the Principal's Desk...

In the last week of the third term, the Constitutional Court ruled that cannabis would be legalized in South Africa, the third nation in Africa to do so. Some of our senior students expressed the opinion that this was a progressive judgment that should be applauded. That it was a victory that had been a long time in coming.

Perhaps they see it as a victory for their generation against the out-of-touch older generation who spoil their fun, perhaps a victory for 'freedom', whatever that might mean, or perhaps a victory for common sense, because "everyone knows that marijuana is not a stepping stone drug and is generally harmless".

Personally, as an educationist working with young people, I am deeply disappointed by this ruling. I have seen too many young lives ruined by marijuana. Even the Concourt judges conceded that they "do not, of course, intend to minimise the fact that the use of dagga is a great social evil in South Africa".

While people argue that dagga is not addictive and a stepping stone to harder drugs, they do not consider that what might be physiologically non-addictive might well still be psychologically addictive.

Worldwide crime stats indicate that there is an undeniable correlation between violent crime and marijuana usage. Advocates of marijuana usage point out that there is no evidence of **causal** relationship, in other words, it is not known whether dagga causes the criminal behavior or whether it is a case that such criminals just habitually smoke marijuana. Either way, in my opinion, the correlation itself is a warning signal.

But the biggest reason why this ruling makes me so upset, is my small sample of young men and women that have habitually used this substance. Without even one exception in this sample, I have seen that this drug has been progressively destructive to the user, harmed relationships with his closest loved ones and led to downward spiraling of academic performance.

At The King's School West Rand, it remains a breach of our code of conduct and potential expulsion offence to be tested positive for dagga, not because we are fun-spoilers, but because we will fight for kids to have healthy and happy futures.

MR. KEN LANGLEY
Principal

FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY

12 October	-	Mielie Meal
19 October	-	Rice
26 October	-	Sugar
2 November	-	Soup/Gravy
9 November	-	Baked Beans
16 November	-	Dishwashing Soap
23 November	-	Handy Andy/Savlon
30 November	-	Mielie Meal

In addition to the above, any warm clothes for children from 3 months to 9 years old will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT!



For second hand school items to buy or swap

Contact Debbie:

073 152 0333

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If you have any good quality second hand items you would like to donate to the swop shop you may drop off as well.

IMPORTANT DATES

for the term

11 October	-	Valediction Dinner
11 October	-	Gr. 12 Final Assembly
15 October	-	IP Blue Certificate Assembly
16 October	-	FP Blue Certificate Assembly
18 October	-	Parents Evening (17:30 – 20:00)
19 October	-	HS Top 5 Assembly
23 October	-	Interhouse Public Speaking
23-25 October	-	Art Exhibition
24 October	-	Spellathon (Gr. 1 to Gr. 3)
25 October	-	Spellathon (Gr. 4 to Gr. 7)
26 October	-	IP Interhouse Quiz
3 November	-	NS Concert (morning)
9 November	-	Gr. 7 Godl Reef City Outing
17 November	-	NS Sports Fun Day
19 November	-	Gr. R Graduation Photos
30 November	-	Carols by Candlelight
3 December	-	PP Concert and Graduation
4 December	-	Extra Mural Evening of Excellence
5 December	-	PS Evening of Excellence
6 December	-	Gr. 1 to Gr. 11 Reports handed out (08:00 to 10:00)

**THE
SCHOOL
WEAR
SHOP**

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OPERATING HOURS – SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 06:45 to 13:30

CLOSED on Tuesdays and Fridays

TO ACCOMMODATE OUR FULL-TIME WORKING PARENTS:

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month: 09:00 to 12:00

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In case of absenteeism a doctor's note must be provided for all summative assessments (tests, orals, practical assessments etc) missed.

SOCCER

The U17 Girls Soccer Team participated in the JvW (Janine van Wyk) Girls School League this season. There are 76 schools from Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni & Pretoria participating in the league, in the U15, U17 & Open categories. 24 teams competed in the U17 category during Term 3 with TKSWR finishing second in their stream and qualifying for the league playoffs.

The league playoffs for all 3 age groups took place over the weekend of 22 & 23 September at the Germiston Football Club. After the Saturday round of matches TKSWR qualified for a semi-final berth.

On the Sunday we played Reddam House Bedfordview in the semi-final winning 1-0. The final was played against Sandringham High. After taking an early lead in the final we were 1-1 at full time. We lost the final 2-1 in the last moments of extra time. We congratulate Sandringham High on their victory. We as a school are proud of our girls and congratulate them on a fantastic season. Thank you to all the staff involved. Coach Rob for his patience and enthusiasm throughout the season. Coach Jabz for arranging and confirming fixtures and logistics. Oom Stoffel and his team for always ensuring that the fields and facilities are always prepared for home games. Morne and his paramedic team who attend all home games and ensure players (and coaches J) have access to medical assessment & treatment. The various referees and Mouthful Café for supplying the coach and team refreshments. I would like to also mention the supporting parents, teaching staff & students who followed us throughout the season shouting encouragement from the side-lines – we value and love your support, thank you so much.



GOMA AND HEF OUTREACH

TKSWR staff & Gr11 learners joined hands with GOMA & HEF (Humanitarian Empowerment Fund) on Monday 1 October with a Community Sports Clinic in Zenzele (Randfontein).

The morning included skills development given by professional coaches followed by a meal. The highlight of the day was the Gospel being preached by Ps Brian (JLCC) to the kids and souls being saved, Amen.

All honour and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ, our risen King †





Congratulations!

Teacher Yolanda Steyn got engaged to Devon Mouton during the school holiday! We wish you well on this journey as you plan your big day.



PROGRESS AT OUR SWIMMING POOL



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CONSTRUCTION**

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School fees must be paid in advance, before the 7th of each month, 12 Months of the year.



Congratulations to Connor and Andrew Beijl who took part in a Tennis Tournament during the school holidays. Connor came 3rd and Andrew won the tournament.

Well done boys!!! We are very proud of you!



Our whole school lined up today to salute and say good bye to our Grade 12 learners as they come to an end of their school career at The King's School West Rand. Their last day of school being Thursday 11 October 2018.





SACSSA NATIONAL ATHLETICS



10 of our Athletes represented G7 in the SACSSA (South African Christian School Association) National Athletics in Sasolburg on Friday 28 September and Saturday 29 September 2018. These athletes did exceptionally well achieving 4 Bronze medals, 1 Silver medal and 2 Gold medals. Congratulations to all of our athletes that performed so well! We are proud of you for representing the school with such incredible standards.



NAME	SURNAME	GENDER	Events	Performance
KEIRA DAVIES		F G11	80m	4th
			100 m	3rd
			Long jump	3rd
CHIOMA OLEBUIKE		F G13	100 M	1ST
			200 M	2ND
OLUCHI OLEBUIKE		F G13	100 M	3RD
			200 M	3RD
			LONG JUMP	1ST
Mikayla Harris		F G17	800 M	4TH
Erin Kahn		F G17	SHOT PUT	5TH
Reece Jones		M B12	LONG JUMP	DNR
Kayle Richardson		M B13	100 M	2ND IN HEAT
			LONG JUMP	DNR
Ogenero Otiede		M B14	SHOT PUT	3RD
Aden Mc Carthy		M B15	200 M	9th
			LONG JUMP	5th
Aiden Pennells		M B17	100M	3RD IN HEAT