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# The King's Ken

TAKING TIME to  
*Nurture & "Grow"*





## From the PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In the world of education, much can be learned from fruit trees & fruit. Consider this: fruit trees don't bear fruit year-round. Some take longer to start bearing fruit, while others need more time to grow and ripen. There's a vast array of fruit, each with its own climate preference, growth pace, and flavour. This diversity makes it impossible to crown a single fruit as the best, (except, of course, watermelon!) It's all subjective; what's "best" for me may not be for you, and vice versa.

This diversity extends to our children. Just as fruit appears under specific conditions, the development of a child may not always be immediately evident. Some children take longer to mature intellectually and spiritually, akin to fruits that require more time to grow. Each student is unique, like different fruits in a fruit salad, and we should celebrate these differences rather than trying to fit them into a single mould.

In today's fast-paced world, we often expect immediate results, forgetting that fruit, both literal and metaphorical, takes time to grow. Like tending to a fruit tree, nurturing our students' growth requires patience and care. We should provide them with the right environment for growth, just as a fruit tree needs proper care to bear fruit. As educators and

parents, we must provide them with the nourishment the need to grow and bear fruit.

We must also ensure that our students are rooted in truth and good principles. Without strong roots, a tree cannot withstand storms, and similarly, students need a solid foundation to thrive. We must also protect them from harmful influences, just as we would protect a fruit tree from pests and diseases. Our children face significant pressure, and we must help them manage the temptations and distractions of the world that stand in the way of them being fruitful.

Ultimately, the true measure of education, but especially Christian education, lies not in academic results but in the development of a child's character. We aim to cultivate the "fruit of the Spirit" in our students—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These qualities will benefit not only the students themselves but also the world around them.



If this article rings a bell, you are 100% correct. It is a repeat of a previous article and a test of how many people actually engage with the King's Ken. Please pop us an email to admin at tkswr dot co dot za with the word "repeat" in the subject line. We will choose a lucky winner from all the emails with a nice surprise. Let us focus not on immediate results but on nurturing our learners to bear much fruit in their lives. As adults in their lives, we play a crucial role in this process, and the true impact of our work may not be visible for many years.

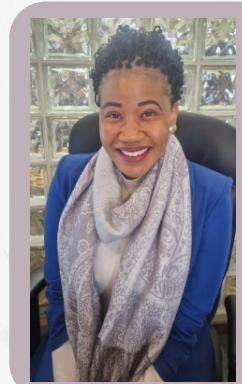
We will do well to note what Jacques Barzun said: "In teaching, you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years."

- Mr. Philip Theron, Principal

# WELCOME

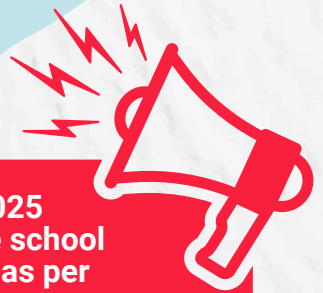
We would like to welcome *Ipeleng Mothibi* to our family as the new Receptionist. We look forward to your welcoming smile every day.

Debbie Kotzé, who used to be in Reception will now move into the position of PA to Mr Theron as Campus Principal.



## Parents, Please take note!

Should you wish to enroll a sibling at our school for 2025, please contact Michelle Dos Ramos ([admissions@tkswr.co.za](mailto:admissions@tkswr.co.za)) to complete the necessary documentation.



If your child will not return to TKS WR for the 2025 Academic year, please remember to inform the school in writing as there is a 3 months' notice period as per contract.

Notice received after 15 October 2024, will be billed for January 2025.



# PUBLIC SPEAKING



We had 39 learners compete in the SALA Public Speaking competition in 2024.

Awards ranged from 75% - 96% and we have 17 learners that will be competing in the semi-final round held on the 24th of August in the form of video submissions.



Congratulations to the following learners who made it to the regional round:

- Xizhe Jin (Grade 2)
- Hlubi Radebe (Grade 2)
- Xixian Jin (Grade 3)
- Annabella Henry (Grade 6)
- Ntsumi Nxumalo (Grade 6)
- Khumo Matsepe (Grade 6)
- Luyanda Nxumalo (Grade 7)
- Kimani Tabane (Grade 7)
- Tshedza Mafumo (Grade 7)
- Xiluva Chauke (Grade 7)
- Shaina Rammabwa (Grade 8)
- Warona Maphike (Grade 9)
- Gabriella Henry (Grade 9)
- Trish Magwaza (Grade 10)
- Zara Frobos (Grade 11) and
- Jordan Padayachee (Grade 11)



# DIGNITY DRIVE

Many of us take for granted the simple things in life, like access to sanitary products by girl-children and the negative impact lack of such can have on them. In the country we live in, where poverty is still on the rise, thousands of girl-children can still not afford to buy sanitary products, which are a basic necessity, not luxury.

Without sanitary products, most are forced to miss school, hide in shame, and lose their confidence. No human being, especially children, should be subjected to such humiliation. Dignity is not a privilege but a right.

As a school, we believe that every girl-child deserves to live with dignity, regardless of their background or financial circumstances. That is why we should all come together and help the less fortunate than us by donating these items or contributing money towards purchasing these necessities.

Let's all join hands to drive this campaign. Together, let us ensure that no girl-child is held back by something as basic as a sanitary product. Let us give every girl-child the dignity they deserve so that they can belong, thrive, learn, and succeed.

Dignity is a basic right, not a privilege. Let us all make this drive happen.

Written by: Bokang Mokoena

## Dignity Drive

Up to 7 million girls and women in South Africa lack access to menstrual products



Help change some girls lives by donating the items listed below, be the difference!

- Grade 8: Sanitary Pads
- Grade 9: Soap Bars
- Grade 10: Roll On Deodorant
- Grade 11: Face Cloths
- Grade 12: Sanitary Pads

Menstrual  
HYGIENE  
is a  
NECESSITY  
not a  
LUXURY

18 – 30 August '24  
drop off items to Mrs Thurman's class



## SOCKS FOR MANDELA DAY

Doing their part for the 67 minutes for Mandela day, the Preschool collected socks for old age homes in the community.

A total of 120 pairs of socks were collected among the Preschoolers.

Thank you to each family that contributed to our sock drive.



# Important Dates

# AUGUST

| SUN | MON  | TUE | WED                 | THU   | FRI                   | SAT   |
|-----|--|-----|---------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
|     |  |     |                     |   | 01                    | 02  |
|     |  |     |                     |   | Choral Verse Festival | 03  |
| 04  | 05   | 06  | 07                  | 08  | 09                    | 10  |
|     | FP + IP Blue Certificate HS Prefect Inauguration |     | Lus vir lees Gr 1-7 | Gr 10 Elevate Study Skills Workshop PS Cricket Trials (D12) | <b>WOMAN'S DAY</b>    | SACSSA Online chess   |
| 11  | 12   | 13  | 14                  | 15  | 16                    | 17  |
|     | Prelims Start Prayer Focus                       |     |                     |   |                       |   |
| 18  | 19   | 20  | 21                  | 22  | 23                    | 24  |
|     | New Learner Induction Report OUT                 |     |                     | PP Granny and Grandpa Day                                   |                       |   |
| 25  | 26   | 27  | 28                  | 29  | 30                    | 31  |
|     |  |     |                     |   | Spring - civvies      | Fun Run and Spring Day festivities Gr. 7 Market Day SACSSA Invitational Athletics |

# SEPTEMBER

| SUN                              | MON   | TUE                        | WED                            | THU  | FRI   | SAT                               |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 01                               | 02  | 03                         | 04                             | 05   | 06  | 07                                |
|                                  | Text book order forms distributed Summer/ Winter uniform interim period |                            |                                |  | SU Youth  | Dads and Daughters Gr. 4 to Gr. 7 |
| 08                               | 09  | 10                         | 11                             | 12   | 13  | 14                                |
|                                  | Textbook order forms due Gr 6 Prefect Applications Open Assembly        | LO CAT Gr 12               | Prelims end LS Practical Gr 12 | Gr. 6 Prefect Applications Close Gr 12 Prelim revision Extra Mural Photo Day | <b>SCHOOL CLOSURES</b> Pre- and Primary School @ 11:45 High School @ 12:00 Heritage Day Celebrations NS Fun Day Shavathon | G7 Chess                          |
| 15                               | 16  | 17                         | 18                             | 19   | 20  | 21                                |
|                                  | Gr 12 Art Practical First Day   | Gr 12 Art Practical        | Gr 12 Art Practical            | Gr 12 Art Practical  | SACOPA  | SACOPA JvW Girls Soccer Playoffs  |
| 22                               | 23  | 24                         | 25                             | 26   | 27  | 28                                |
| SACOPA JvW Girls Soccer Playoffs | SACOPA  | <b>HERITAGE DAY</b> SACOPA | SACOPA Cleaning Staff          | SACOPA   | SACOPA  | SACOPA                            |
| 29                               | 30  |                            |                                |  |   |                                   |
| SACOPA                           |   |                            |                                |  |   |                                   |

**School starts on Tuesday, 1 October 2024 for Term 1.**

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



# PRIMARY SCHOOL HOCKEY

Our Hockey season for the Primary School started. We have entered two teams (u11 and u13).

First Fixture  
Vs Die Ruiter  
U11 drew 0-0  
U13 drew 0-0

Second fixture  
Vs Helderkruin  
U11 team Lost 2-0  
U13 team lost 2-0

Third Fixture  
Vs Florida  
U13 drew 0-0  
U11 did not play because (no Jnr team at Florida)



We look forward to more friendly games to help our teams get better and compete next year.

## Girls u13 Soccer District Team

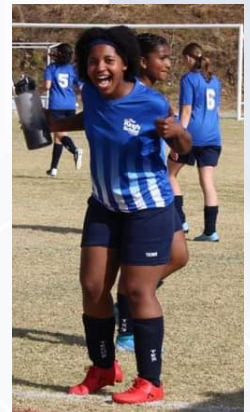
Congratulations to Olivia Henry, Shaan Shuta, Annabella Henry and Estie Botha who represented the West Rand Primary Schools Football Association (WRPPSFA) at the Frans Hilton-Smith Tournament. This Inter-Provincial Tournament for u13 Girls Schools Football was held at Camp Discovery in Limpopo from 1 August 2024 to 4 August 2024.

The West Rand District Team were runners up in the tournament. Well done girls!

## Girls HS Soccer - Round 4 vs Pecanwood College

Our First Team and u15 teams were set to play Pecanwood College on Friday, 2 August.

Unfortunately Pecanwood had to forfeit the two fixtures at late notice due to unforeseen circumstances.



# CROSS COUNTRY

Both our Primary and High School cross country runners competed on Friday, 2 August at the District League 2 race. They will compete in 3 league races in order to qualify for the Roodepoort Championships. Congratulations to the following athletes:

Boys u14 - Junaiden Napier - 17th place  
 Boys u15 - Njabulo Dlamini - 4th place / Kabelo Mokoena - 18th place  
 Boys u16 - Tshepang Mokoena - 2nd place  
 Girls u14 - Siphosihle Melsey - 7th place

Primary School athletes did not place.

Due to the Public Holiday this Friday, there will be no races. The next round will take place on Friday, 16 August.



# TENNIS

Our tennis season has begun with a flourish. We have entered 2 teams for both the Primary and High School in the Blue League (intermediate league).

u11 lost 28 - 14 vs Helderkruijn Laerskool  
 u11 won 37 - 5 vs Ridgevale won 37 - 5  
 u13 won 25 - 17 vs La Salle

u17 won 32 - 22 vs Trinity House LF (1)







**BOEREWORS ROLLS - TACOS - BURGERS - BACON ROLLS  
- TOASTIES - WRAPS - CHICKEN STRIPS - FRENCH FRIES -  
- DESERT - ICE CREAM - COLD DRINKS- COFFEE -  
SWEETS AND MANY MORE!**

**31 AUGUST 2024 - 07H00-13H00 - SEE YOU  
AFTER THE FUN RUN!**