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# The King's Ken



The Value of a

*Christian Education*



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- Dr. Nicolas Marais, Ph.D

There are many things that I am highly grateful for in my life, first of all my wife Laura, who is my best friend and my greatest support, secondly my parents who have been the greatest example to me of my faith in Jesus Christ, and then the Kings School West Rand, that has a very special place in my heart for the awesome foundation that I received at the school from grade 8 to Matric.

The school did not only prepare me academically for my future, but also spiritually for the call that God had placed on my life. For this I am highly grateful. In 2001 I matriculated from Kings and went onto bible school and later university. I was able to earn a Master's Degree in Theology, and later on a Ph.D in Pastoral Counselling.

Today I am an ordained Pastor living my dream, very much involved in Christian education. I had the privilege of being the director of a group of Christian schools from 2017 to 2021, in this time I also started a Christian School in Strand in Cape Town. My wife and myself are very involved with Christian schooling, in our own local church we oversee and support our Christian School which is in Johannesburg South.

In 2023 the Lord challenged me to put together a curriculum for church-based bible colleges in Africa, as well as a training program for pastors wanting to equip their communities. Over the past 14 months we have been able to train over 60 pastors in Zambia in this program and have laid a foundation for 60 church-based Bible Colleges to be set up and established. The vision the Lord has given to me is to take Christian education into Africa through planting Christian schools and Bible Colleges.

I would not be doing this today if it was not for the seed that was planted in my heart by the Kings School West Rand. My passion for the gospel, and for Christian education has been a result of the firm foundation I received from the school all those years ago. I am a living testimony that Christian education has great value, and particularly in the Kingdom of God. I will be eternally grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ for the awesome journey I have had in my life and ministry because of attending the Kings school West Rand. Thank you, Kings School West Rand, for such a solid Christian foundation from which I have been able to build a firm ministry that has touched and changed so many lives.

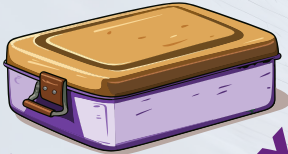


## UNIFORM SHOP *HOURS*

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS up to 15 November  
Existing operating hours until Friday, 15 November 2024

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS from 18 November  
From Monday, 18 November 2024 until Tuesday, 7 January 2025  
– By Appointment only.

## The Battered LUNCHBOX



In the vibrant streets of Zandspruit, where the warm sun cast its golden light upon the worn roads, a sense of jubilation pierced the dark atmosphere. Ndlovu, an ambitious six-year-old, stood eagerly waiting for break time. Her boundless curiosity was palpable as she waited for her daily meal. Much like the children around her, she had received lunch from the school in her cherished, rose-coloured, battered lunchbox.

As soon as the teachers dismissed the classes, a wave of adrenaline swept over the children. Ndlovu joined the waves of children darting towards their break with infectious enthusiasm. The atmosphere was filled with the clatter of lunches and the savory aroma of cooking wafting through the hall. Ndlovu's heart raced in anticipation of the sultry, hearty, meal in her lunchbox - rice and fish, accompanied by a serving of steaming vegetables. This was her lifeline, especially since her family often struggled to afford even a loaf of bread.

The food, crafted with love and care, had nourished not only her stomach but also her soul. The delectable flavours danced on her tongue, leaving her completely ravished.

As the sun dipped low and the day drew to a close, Ndlovu, with her packed lunchbox, wandered home. The battered lunch box had become a source of inspiration.

Arriving home, she opened it once more, and gazed at her dinner, savouring every mouthful, wondering what special taste she would experience in the future.

-Keke





# THE KING'S SCHOOL WEST RAND TEACHERS ATTEND ATHLETICS LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE

This past weekend, five of our dedicated teachers—Mandla Dube, Fernando Nhone, Liezl van Niekerk, Ayanda Mkhize, and Lizelle Fourie—had the incredible opportunity to attend a Level 1 Athletics Coaching Course. The course was led by some of the region's best coaches, including a few Olympians who shared their wealth of experience and knowledge with the attendees.

The course covered a wide range of athletic disciplines, from the explosive speed of Sprints/Relays/Hurdles to the endurance of Middle Distance events. It also delved into the technicalities of High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, and Triple Jump, as well as the power and precision required for Shot Put, Javelin, Discus, and Hammer Throw.

Our teachers gained valuable insights, not only into the technical aspects of coaching but also in developing strategies and exchanging ideas with some of the top athletics coaches in the region. The weekend was a resounding success, and they are now eager to apply this new knowledge to our young athletes at King's School West Rand.

We look forward to seeing how their newfound expertise will help our students grow, compete, and excel in their athletic pursuits.



The following learners qualified and took part in the final round of  
**ARTISTATUE NATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION IN PRETORIA.**

**PERFORMING ARTS Culture Vultures**

- **GRADE R - Melusi Segopolo**
  - Poetry - 1st place
  - Modelling - 3rd place
  - Monologue - 1st place with a standing ovation he received 100% and Honourable mention.
- **GRADE 1- Tevin Lamont**
  - Poetry - 1st place
- **GRADE 3 - Boineelo Digoamaje**
  - Modelling - 3rd place
  - Monologue - 1st place with Honourable mention.
- **GRADE 5 - Skeylar van der Westhuizen**
  - Monologue - 2nd place
  - 3rd place - Poetry
  - 3rd place Modelling

**GRADE 6**

- - Bonolo Chaane
  - Monologue - 1st place
  - Modelling - 1st place
- Ludumo Nxumalo
  - Monologue - 2nd place
- Ntsumi Nxumalo
  - Monologue - 3rd place

- Reabetswe Letsoalo
  - Monologue - 4th place
  - Modelling - 3rd place
- Phiko Motsoetla
  - Modelling - 2nd place
  - Ballet - 1st place with Honourable mention.

**GRADE 7**

- Khumo Segopolo
  - Poetry - 3rd place
  - Monologue - 2nd place
  - Modelling - 2nd place

**GRADE 8**

- Oarabile Oliphant
  - Monologue - 2nd place
- Oratile Chwene
  - Monologue - 3rd place

**GRADE 9**

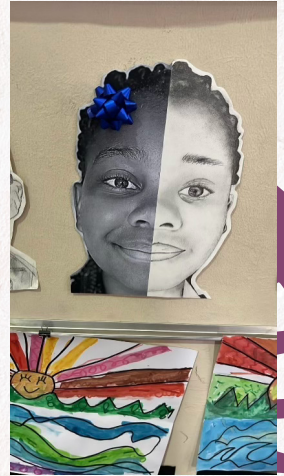
- Kgatoentle Masangane
  - Modelling - 1st place.

Well done boys and girls for your commitment and hard work and thank you to teacher Mercia for coaching these kids.



# ART

Thank you to every single parent, family member, friend and brilliant art student who braved the rain to come to our school Art Show. God's creativity in each of you shines bright. Well done to all the students. We are thankful to a parent from the school, Mr Donovan Williams, who came to create the work with us. Last but not least: the students who received ribbons for being the best in show.



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Nathan Nemusombori participated in a chess tournament, Heideberg Open- Section D (born 2012 and 2013). The event was held at Hoër Volkskool Heidelberg on 4 October 2024. He received a silver medal with 4.5/5 points. He tied with the gold receiver on points.



# Important Dates

# October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01 School Starts Summer uniform compulsory	02 Extra Mural Swimming Starts	03	04	05
06	07 Reports released Extra Murals Start (all other) LRC Training	08	09	10 Valediction Evening Gr 12 Final Assembly	11 Gr. 12 Study leave starts SACSSA PUK Top 30 Athletics	12 SACSSA PUK Top 30 Athletics SACSSA Online chess
13	14	15 Art Exhibition - Gala	16 NSC Exams Start Parents Evening (17:00-19:00) Art Exhibition Gr. 6 Prefect Interviews start	17	18 Interhouse Athletics – Whole school	19 Gr. 4 to Gr. 7 Study Skills Workshop
20	21 PS D12 Hockey Trials Gr. 6 Prefect interviews HS Top 5 Assembly HS & PS Team Sport Awards	22 IP Prefect Interviews end Internal Public Speaking	23 Spellathon Gr. 1-3	24 Spellathon Gr. 4-7 Maths Speedathons Gr. 1-7	25 Gr. 10-11 Extra Murals End	26
27	28 IP Prefect Inauguration Mission Focus	29	30	31 Grade 8 2025 Meet and Greet		

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					01 Gr. 10-11 Study Leave	02
03	04 Gr. 10+11 Exams start	05	06	07 Outgoing IP Prefect Graduation	08 Gr. 7 Farewell Gr. 1-7 Extra murals end	09
10	11 Gr. 8+9 Exams start Gr. R Graduation Photos	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Gr. 4-7 Exams start	19	20	21	22 NS Fun Day Carols by Candlelight (19:00)	23
24	25	26 Gr. 4 to Gr. 7 Exams end	27	28 Gr. 8-11 Exams and Pre School Concert Matrie Farewell	29 NSC Exams End Gr. 4-7 Exam Paper check (08:00 to 10:00)	30 Nursery School Concert (Hall)
November						

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02 Extra Mural Prize Giving	03 PS Morning of Excellence	04	05	06 Reports released (08:00) School closes	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
December						