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# The King's Ken

GUIDING OUR CHILDREN  
THROUGH THE

**DIGITAL WORLD**



The  
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School**

**WEST RAND**

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# From the Principal's Desk

## Character Development and Christian Education

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In our journey together at The King's School West Rand, we understand that education is not solely about academic achievement; it's deeply rooted in the development of a Christ-like character. As a Christian school, we prioritize instilling virtues such as honesty, kindness, and integrity in our students, preparing them to navigate the world with a strong moral compass. Character development is a lifelong process, and we are dedicated to nurturing our students to become responsible, compassionate individuals who reflect Christ's love in their actions.

I'm deeply concerned about the negative impact that social media and screen time has on this process. As parents and educators, the battle to win the hearts and minds of the children in our care is often lost to a device.

In today's digital age, where children are increasingly engaged with online platforms, it is essential for both parents and staff to collaborate in guiding our children through the complexities of the digital landscape. The prevalence of technology poses challenges that can lead to unhealthy habits, including digital addiction. We must be vigilant in helping our learners manage their screen time effectively and develop a healthy relationship with technology. This partnership requires open communication and shared strategies, ensuring that our students are equipped to make wise choices regarding their online activities.

I want to encourage you to investigate the range of apps available that help parents monitor and control the digital exposure of their children. Bark and Kaspersky Safe kids are two popular apps, but there are several others. It is only by fighting this battle as a community that our learners will feel less pressure from peers.

*Scripture reminds us in Philippians 4:8 to focus on whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable.* As we guide our children through the digital world, we are called to encourage them to seek out activities and content that enrich their lives and foster their spiritual growth, rather than distract them from their purpose. Together, by setting boundaries on technology, promoting balance, and encouraging meaningful, offline interactions, we can help our children develop the character traits that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Let us commit to this partnership—parents, educators, and students alike—so that we can cultivate an environment that not only supports academic success but also nurtures the hearts and minds of our children. By working together, we can create a generation that not only excels in knowledge but also embodies the values that Christ teaches us. This collaborative effort is crucial in preparing our children to face the challenges of a rapidly changing world, guiding them to reflect the light of Christ in all they do.

- Mr. Philip Theron, Principal



1 FEBRUARY 2025 10h30 - 13h00

3 Months - Grade R

open day



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You are invited!

We are excited to host our first Open Day at the preschool, please invite everybody to come see our beautiful school, and get a tour, and more info about enrolling from the teachers.

We will have: Chip 'n Dip, Mini Doughnuts, candyfloss, popcorn & sweets, coffee, slushies, and more.

GREAT NEWS!

Extension on the settlement discount payment date!!

You have until 20 Feb to receive the **8% DISCOUNT.**

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

# PRESCHOOL NEWS | 3 to 24 months



Grade R  
 The Grade Rs had a very interesting science experiment on Friday. We explored what happens when we mix vinegar and baking soda. The children loved this experiment.



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# FOUNDATION PHASE ATHLETICS

Our Foundation Phase competed in their athletics day, on Friday, 24 January. The learners ran 60m and 80m races. The parents ended the day in moms and dads races, which brought so much joy to all who watched!

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It was wonderful to have the support from family and friends. Thank you, it made this day special for our little athletes. Overall, everybody had loads of fun.



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# STAFF NEWS



Mr & Mrs Morrison

TEACHER BIANCA IS EXPECTING A BUNDLE OF JOY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEACHER MONICA

29 JAN



Teacher Monica Behrens

*Thank you to all the moms that  
joined the Mom's fellowship*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING WITH  
YOU. DETAILS FOR OUR MEETING WILL  
FOLLOW SOON.

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# 10 - 14 FEB



## FUN WEEK

WHOLE SCHOOL

### BLING-BLING MONDAY



Over accessorise- as much bling as possible!

### TRAVEL TUESDAY



bring your books in a suitcase / vanity / travelling bag – anything but a school bag!

### WACKY WEDNESDAY HAT



Zush up your hat / cap or create your own wacky hat!

### TEAM SPIRIT THURSDAY



Team up with a friend or a group of friends to synchronise your outfits. Whether you choose to match colours or accessories, let your Team Spirit shine through!

### CIVVIES FRIDAY



Wear civvies within the regulations as stipulated in the dress code.

Remember, you are wearing accessories with your school uniform except for Friday.



## CALENDAR REMINDERS

1 Feb.....	Preschool Open Day	
	PS Athletics	@Crawford
6 Feb.....	HS Swimming gala	@Allen Glen High School
	Gr9 Subject Choice Evening	
7 Feb.....	HS Athletics	@Florida
	PS Swimming Gale	@Home

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>JANUARY</h1>			1 New Year's Day	2 First day cleaning staff	3	4
			5	6 Staff Conference	7 Staff Conference Meet the Teacher - ECD & FP Gr 8 Orientation	8 School starts Term 1 Gr 8 Orientation
12 Gr 8 Orientation	13 Extra Murals start 100% Attendance certificate assembly Gr 8 concert	14 PS New parents information evening	15	16 Term Plans due LRC Voting HS New parents information evening	17 Google calendars due FP Athletics & parent mingle	18 GR12 Physical Science Workshop
19	20 Class visits & book control begin LRC Announcement	21 Photo Day LRC Training	22	23 HS Evening of Excellence	24 Markbooks Finalised	25 New Mom's Tea GR10 - 12 History workshop Gr 10 Hike
26	27	28 IEB Principal's Meeting	29 FP Parent workshop	30 GR7 Sexuality talk	31 Prefect Training Bekker HS Athletics	Parent's Workshop for Foundation Phase moved from 29 Jan to 8 Feb

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<h1>FEBRUARY</h1>						1 IEB Gr 12 Conference PS Athletics Crawford GR12 Math Workshop
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9	10 Fun week Netball Soccer HS Hockey PS Cluster Athletics	11 Fun week Board Meeting	12 Fun week	13 Fun week	14 Fun week Mini Netball Clinic HS Athletics Rodeopoot Champs	15 Mini Netball Clinic Physical Science workshop GR4-7 Study skills workshop Agape Ball
16	17 New Learners progress report out PS Athletics Rodeopoot Champs	18 SACCSSA Volleyball Netball, Chess Coaching courses	19 Individual photos update on Adam (Register teachers)	20 PS D12 Athletics	21 Staff meeting FP Moonlight picnic JTT U13 Soccer Tournament HS D12 Athletics	22 IEB GR12 Conference JTT U13 Soccer Tournament Board Meeting
23	24 IP Blue Certificate Assembly	25 SACCSSA Volleyball Netball, Chess Coaching courses	26 Cradestone Exhibition	27 Cradestone Exhibition	28 Cradestone Exhibition HS Prefect Training	

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<h1>MARCH</h1>						1 Open Day IEB GR12 Conference
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9	10 GR5-10, 12 Camp	11 GR5-10, 12 Camp	12 GR5-10, 12 Camp GR4 Day Camp	13 Festival of Fame	14 Festival of Fame HS Athletics Gauling Champs	15 SACCSSA Volleyball HS Athletics Gauling Champs
16 GR11 Camp	17 GR11 Camp	18 GR11 Camp	19 Festival of Fame	20 Festival of Fame School closes Term 1	21 Human Rights Day	22
	17 Festival of Fame	18 Festival of Fame	19 Festival of Fame	20 Festival of Fame Boping outreach	21 Boping outreach	22 Boping outreach
23 Boping outreach	24 Driakensburg Hike - GR10-12	25 Driakensburg Hike - GR10-12	26 Driakensburg Hike - GR10-12 FP & GR12 Final report marks due Final comments in for moderation	27 Driakensburg Hike - GR10-12	28 HS Netball clinic/outdoor Soccer / Hockey ISSA u19 Soccer & Netball tournament	29 HS Netball clinic/outdoor Soccer / Hockey ISSA u19 Soccer & Netball tournament
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