

# KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

## Head: Senior School Newsletter



Monday, 13 November 2017

### *Dear Kingswoodian Family*

This week brings the end of academic lessons for most of the school as we enter our examination period. Of course, our Matrics have been busy with their final National Senior Certificate Examinations for some time and are nearing the end of the IEB Examinations with the first group of pupils departing early next week.

Once again, this time highlights the debate about assessment and examinations. Are examinations a true reflection of one's ability? I am sure many pupils will remember many highlights from this year which will most probably be related to an event, occasion or interaction with friends as opposed to an Economics test, Mathematics assignment or an unseen English poem. Exams are certainly not disappearing and the debate about them will continue. Recently the CEO of the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) wrote a letter to Heads of School about the communication of the matric examination results. She comments, *"We need to encourage society to look beyond results and ask deeper, more relevant questions. How does the school support a child to be the best they can possibly be not only academically, but also in other important realms - as a teammate, a friend, a citizen, mindful of injustice, discrimination and bullying? How does the school build confidence and courage, enough to speak out on behalf of those without a voice?... These students will be our leaders of the future, discoverers of solutions to insoluble problems – have they been encouraged to explore what it is that makes great leaders? And do they understand how to determine what is ethical and fair in what many experience as an unethical, unfair and deeply inequitable society?"*

The above comments are relevant and as schools we need to remind ourselves of our greater purpose and this is not always reflected in examination results but ultimately by the kind of citizens and leaders we are sending out into the global village. At Kingswood we are very cognisant of this and I believe this can be seen in the quality of young people the school produces.

This being said examinations are here and I hope our pupils will face them in a positive light and give of their very best. I am always puzzled by the sudden need for study in these last weeks when all the hard work should have been done during the course of the year. However, adolescents of today are no different from yester year. I encourage parents to support their

children and not create further anxiety during this examination period and to encourage them to give their best. I do believe in “academic maturity” and they do tend to improve in their approach to examinations as they move through the school.

Our sports programme has come to an end (although our 1st XI Cricket have the T20 Shaw-Brown competition this Friday/Saturday and our provincial representatives will be honing their skills as they prepare for the various interprovincial tournaments in December). With the formal sport programme concluded it does provide opportunity, and more time, for the necessary focus at this time of the year. There will be formal prep sessions during the course of the day when not writing examinations and I hope an atmosphere of industry will prevail.



*Josh von Holdt*

the 1st team Basketball who beat St Andrew’s College 58-49 in an exciting game. I have no doubt the crowd helped!! On Saturday, there were some fine performances in our cricket matches as we took on the might of The Grey. Well done to Josh van Holdt on an excellent 5-wicket haul for the 1st XI on Saturday!

With the Summer sport season at an end I do express our appreciation to all our coaches for guiding, coaching, and in some cases transporting our players, during the course of the season. Today at our Sports Awards Assembly we celebrated those who achieved in various codes but I do thank all our players who have given us great joy and entertained us during the season and I hope they enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed watching them. Thank you also to parents who travelled great distances to support our players. There was a great vibe in the HPC on Friday evening as the school supported

It was once again a moving and poignant Remembrance Day Service in the Church Square on Sunday as we remembered the members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty. Our thanks to our Concert Band who played a significant part in the ceremony.



I hope you have a great week!  
Kind regards

*Paul Guthrie*

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



# MUSIC

There will be a JS Bach Concert on Saturday 25 November at 19h00 in the College Chapel. This concert replaces the Caleb Vaughn-Jones Cello Recital which has been postponed to Saturday 17 February 2018. Please go to the Music School Facebook page for programme details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/209607442914629/>

All are welcome and there is no entrance fee.



*The Concert Band participated in the Remembrance Day Service held yesterday at the Cathedral Square*

## OK CLUB NEWS:

DATE : Friday 17 November 2017	GREEN FEES : R250 (includes snacks after golf)
VENUE : Humewood Golf Club	R150 for Students
TIME : 12h00 Shotgun start	BOOKINGS : <a href="mailto:bookings@humewoodgolf.co.za">bookings@humewoodgolf.co.za</a> or 041 583 3011

The Port Elizabeth Branch of the OK Club will be hosting a Golf Day that will take place at the Humewood Golf Club on 17 November 2017.

Parents, past parents, OKs, friends and staff are all encouraged to enter. If you are not a golfer please join us for fellowship in the evening.

Snack platters will be on sale for R50.

*Movements Dance School*  
*presents*  
**THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM**



*6pm Saturday 18th November*  
*Guy Butler Theatre*  
*1820 Settlers' National Monument*

*Tickets: 084 419 6450*  
*Adults R50*  
*Children R40*