

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE



Dear Parents

We come to the end of what has been an extremely long and very busy first term. I do believe the holidays have come at just the right time and all our girls and boys, as well as the staff, deserve and will enjoy, a wonderful Easter break. My thanks to all who have contributed in some way to ensure that 2017 has started in such a positive manner. The support of our parent body continues to play an important role in the functioning of our special school and my thanks are due to the many parents who contribute in such a positive manner. Your efforts are appreciated. My thanks are also extended to the staff, both academic and admin, for their efforts and support.

Sadly we bid Mr Andy Long, from the Marketing Department, farewell at the end of this term. Mr Long has enjoyed a long and distinguished career at Kingwood, having held many portfolios since he started here as a scholar in the 1960s. Amongst those are President of the Old Kingwoodian Club, Wyvern Club President, Member of the College Council and Marketing and Admissions Manager. His quiet, yet enthusiastic, support of the school over the years has been instrumental in our growth in numbers and his wonderful admin skills will certainly be missed. At the same time we welcome Mrs Danel Pruisen who takes over from Andy. She joins the Marketing Department after extensive experience in the public relations and hospitality industry.

Staff have, during the past week or two, been focussed on report writing and managing our new data capture and administration package, Engage. As with the introduction of any new software, there have been challenges and credit must go to those involved in providing support for the system, especially Mr Guest from the Senior School and Mr Baxter, the Head of Junior School IT. As the year unfolds I hope that parents will find this system a vast improvement on the old, especially in the delivery and accessibility of information. As we become more familiar with the components of the system, you will be provided with information on how the 'parent portal' will provide you with information beyond the delivery of reports.

Banner photograph : Pre-Primary Easter Egg Hunt!

JUNIOR SCHOOL Newsletter



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Yesterday we enjoyed our end-of-term Music/Dance Concert in the Foundation Hall where our senior and junior dance groups, as well as a number of musicians and the Junior Choir, performed for the school. My thanks to those who participated, as well as to the staff involved.

This term has seen us introduce a few curriculum innovations, the most notable being the formation of both the Coding and Robotics Clubs for our senior grades. We will be spreading this in other areas later in the year as they are both proving to be extremely popular.

The first term has flashed past and our Easter holiday is upon us. May I wish you all a wonderful break with your children and families and for those travelling, please do so safely.

DEREK BRAANS



Happy Easter everyone!

Boarding News

Intermediate: The end of term is nigh! We can tell by the excitement which is present in conversations and by the amount of happy singing coming from the dorms. The girls have packed their trunks and this time-consuming task occupied many hours this past weekend.

The girls who moved up a treat this last week to the second rung from the top of the ladder enjoyed a yummy tea. Big smiles were present as tongues licked the delicious delicacies supplied! Mr Braans was extremely proud that so many of our new girls had managed to reach this treat. Well done, girls! Our final Stars for the term were Lara Sheard, Caca Hobongwana and Skyla Gibhard for always trying their best to be punctual and to Uviwe Zondeki for more sensible behaviour.

The girls enjoyed their last KWAM evening on Friday and after the trunk packing on Saturday, a refreshing swim was had by all. Movies and popcorn still remain the firm favourite for ending off a Saturday night. On Sunday the girls enjoyed some time for relaxation and a small, furry creature also popped by to deposit some chocolate goodies that required some hunting skills. The weekend was fittingly rounded off with a wonderful Service of the Shadows at our Chapel.

Boys' Village: The last weekend of the term was a busy one for the The Van Vuuren Village boys. Although the main focus was to clean and pack up our cubicles and houses, many other activities were enjoyed. These included individual house plays where we saw some hilarious skits being performed, charades and indoor football. The boys also braaied hamburgers, watched movies and sport on TV and had an easter egg hunt in the gardens. We did a stock check of winter uniform and parents will be notified in terms of shortages. The Service of the Shadows, held in our Chapel on Sunday evening, brought to a close a successful term in the Village and was the perfect way to celebrate the start of Easter.

The VVV Stars of the Week are Litha Madinda, Tai Mpande, Darryl Hazelden and Kgosi Mudabuka.

Prep Department Stars of the Week

Stars for last week were:

Grade 1KC - Isabelle Obermeyer

Grade 1VH - Annabel Duarte Jones

Grade 2S - Holly Elliott

Grade 2M - Diya Harjeven

Grade 3K - Emily Poultney / Rogan Goliath / Thurston Marthinus / Eva Vassiliou

Grade 3V - Alyssa Govender / Rachel Wilhelmi / Sinead Meikle / Kayleigh Lucas / Uviwe Planga / Megan Sheard

Well done to you all!



Pre-Primary News

Both classes have been discussing Easter during the past week. Whilst there is always much excitement around the Easter Bunny coming to visit, Easter is quite a difficult concept for our little people to grasp. We will be doing our much anticipated Easter Egg Hunt today just before school closes.



Music School News

The following collected stars since the last newsletter:

Jasper Hamer (x4), Emily Poultney (x3), Taizya Mpande (x3), Rosalie Reid (x2), Rickus Oosthuizen (x2), Rachel Wilhelmi (x2), Paula Caiger, Eva Vassiliou, Aimee Newcombe, Lesang Relebala, Josie Field, Kwanda Ningiza, Phinda Sibanda, Realeboha Kao, Hannah Terblanche, Sethu Zothe, Jasmine Pieterse, Yusuf Nagdee, Lineo Tsoele, Ndamulelo Baloyi, Malkia Manyara and Mahalia Martin. Well done to Jasper and Emily, who tied in this term's competition in first place, and to Taizya Mpande who came second. We encourage the children to practise during the holidays, especially those who play an external exam next term. The UNISA practical session is on Monday 8 May, which is right at the beginning of term, and the Trinity College (London) session is on 6 June.

Lunga Nhanha (Grade 6) and Teagan Repinz (Grade 8) playing cello in a String Ensemble rehearsal. The String Ensemble, consisting of 13 members from across the College, has had a good inaugural term.



Sports News

HOCKEY

On Wednesday 29 March and Thursday 30 March Kingswood Junior hosted our 19th Annual Co-Ed's Hockey Festival. This year the festival saw a major change as we played 11 a-side full field hockey instead of the 8-a-side format. Eleven schools participated in the festival and both our U13A boys and girls teams were exposed to some tough competition. Our teams fared well, good hockey was played and much fun was had by all. We also hosted Glenwood. This brought about some good sportsmanship off the field. Well done to all those who played in the wonderful event hosted here at Kingswood. Results were as follows:

KC vs Glenwood drew 0-0

KC vs SAP 2 won 4-0

KC vs Grey lost 0-2

KC vs St George's drew 1-1

KC vs Holy Cross lost 0-2



KARATE

Luke Claassens and Emily Poultney (Right) participated in the UWKSA (United World Karate South Africa) last weekend. Luke won Gold (2017 National Champion) in the category boys' 11 and 12 green to purple belt. Emily won a bronze medal in the KATA (Art of Karate) and a silver medal for Kumite (Art of Fighting). Very well done to both of you!



SPUR IRON KIDS

Jano Taljaard and Caitlen Grobler (right) recently competed in the Spur Ironkids held in Port Elizabeth. They completed the event and received a medal for their efforts. Well done!



SAILING

Adam and Thomas Young (right) represented Kingswood in the 41st Coca Cola Eastern Cape Interschools Regatta at Redhouse Yacht Club over the weekend. Adam was placed fourth overall in the Junior Fleet and Thomas was placed third overall in the novice fleet.



Birthdays for this past week and for during the holidays are: Mrs G Handley (8th), Luke Kelly (9th), Xhanti Ntshebe (10th), Josie Field (11th), Erryn Lufu (11th), Hamish Haakonsen (14th), Mrs D von Holdt (14th), Joshua Dold (16th), Jenah Isaacs (16th), Ndemogbe Juana (16th), Archie Francis (18th), Keena Losaba (19th), Murray Baxter (20th), Martine Collett (20th), Aimee Newcombe (20th), Jordan Newcombe (20th), Sean Butters (21st), Bulumko Nyamanda (22nd), Tara Elliott (23rd), Othandwayo Makhuluma (24th), Jasmine Pieterse (25th), Simon Sheard (26th), Katherine Peter (27th), Thurston Marthinus (28th), Thomas Young (28th), Stella Mullin (29th), Jessica Gleaves (30th), Realeboha Kao (30th), Devesh Naidu (20th). MAY - Alistair Knott (1st), Yanda Bottoman (3rd), Simon Connan (4th), Thato Kekana (4th), Ms F Murali (5th) and Jessica Barnard (5th). We wish you all a happy day.

KJPA NEWS

Dear Parents

On behalf of the Moonlit Market organising committee I would like to thank everyone for making our Moonlit Market event such a great success! It takes a lot of hard work, time and effort from everyone and I want to thank you. I hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did?

To all our sponsors and folks who donated so generously, thank you - we could not have done it without you. Details of the money raised will be available at the beginning of next term as Juanita, our treasurer is busy calculating final numbers.

All the food tables looked great at the MM. However the best looking table was awarded to the Grade 3 table – Indian theme. Congratulations! The class reps, Sam Wilhemi and Annelise Connan, involved the children from their grade who coloured in pictures. This was a wonderful initiative. Well done and thank you!

It is holiday time! I think as parents we can give a sigh of relief - we survived the first term! To our Grade 1 and new parents I hope you are feeling settled into our school family and that you are starting to feel comfortable in the school routine. Being in a new school is overwhelming and I hope you have found the transition a smooth and happy one.

For boarder parents, that exciting feeling of knowing your children will be home for 3 weeks - just so special - and for the local parents, knowing we can lie in a few minutes later as we don't have to do the morning school run is a wonderful feeling.

I wish you all a very happy holiday. Thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting up with you again next term. Safe travels and God bless.

Warm regards,
Lynette

PS: KJPA events to look forward to:
Friday 19 May – Mother's Day Dinner @ the Wyvern
Saturday 3 June - Indian Dinner
Friday 7 July - Parents vs Staff Hockey
Friday 28 July - Christmas in July (Formal Dinner Dance)



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