

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE



Dear Parents

It has been another very busy week with much emphasis throughout the school on assessment and collating marks in preparation for the first batch of reports to be distributed via our new administration system, Engage. Reports throughout the school will be sent electronically after we close on 12 April. Scanning through the marks after the recent Grade 6/7 Test Week, I was in most cases pleased with the commitment and efforts of the majority, although there were a few disappointing results. Although we are adding more creativity into our curriculum, in various ways and forms, our academic standards remain high and our pupils continue to be encouraged and challenged to meet these. At the same time we offer a holistic education where every student is also encouraged to participate in a number of sports and cultural activities.

Emma Sadleir and her business associate, Lizzie Harrison, internationally acknowledged experts on the 'law and social media' visited us during the early part of the week. On Tuesday evening Lizzie addressed the Junior School staff on various matters relating to their personal use of social media and the implications various postings may have from a legal and professional perspective. She also addressed the Grade 3-7 pupils on Wednesday and spoke powerfully about taking responsibility for your social media postings and to recognise that you are responsible for them and, once posted, they can never be removed permanently.

She also emphasised the need to talk only to people on social media that you know and trust. She ended off by saying that you should use the 5P principle when posting anything on any social network platform. That is: would the following people be happy/satisfied with your posting - Parents, Principal (Headmaster), Prospective employers, Police, Predators (naughty people online). This was a

Banner photograph : Pre-Primary Gala - Watch me Mom!



JUNIOR SCHOOL Newsletter



Mr Derek Braans

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very worthwhile initiative between Kingswood, St Andrew's and DSG and I believe much was gained by listening to these experts. Presentations for the Senior School were also held.

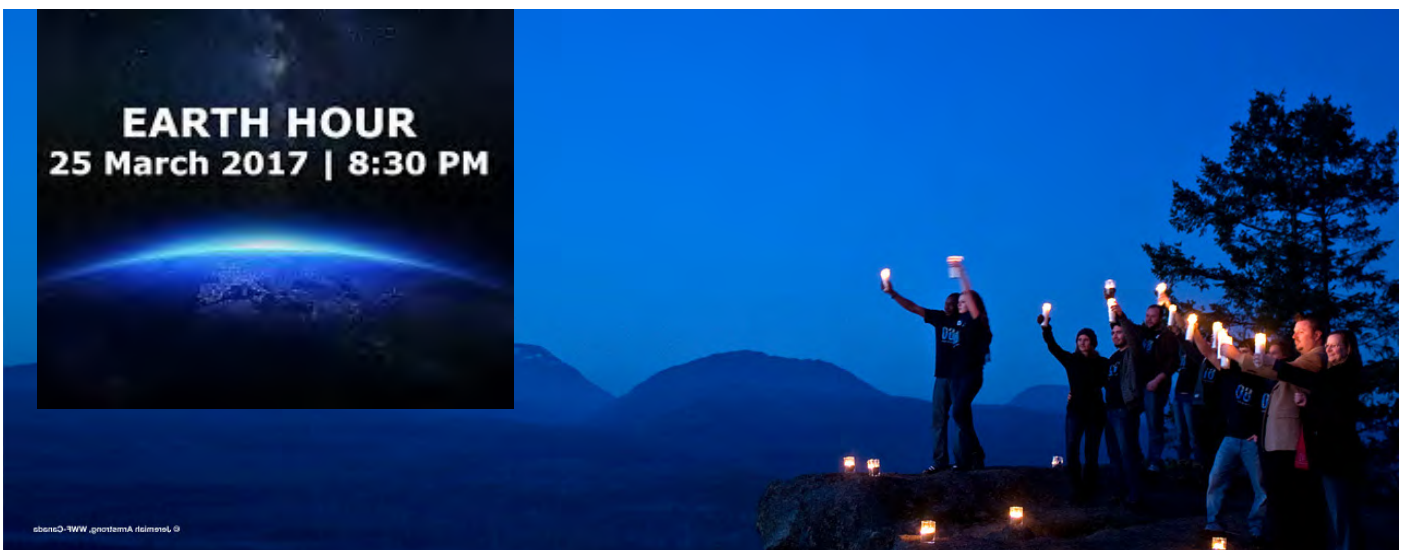
Our Grade 4-7s enjoyed another 'Activities Morning' yesterday and these days are really embraced by all who participate. Activities covered this time around included Colour Therapy, Knitting, Chess, Fishing, Cooking, Indigenous Games, Golf and Kicking a Rugby Ball. My thanks to the staff for sharing their knowledge in these areas with our youngsters.

Our Marketing team have been very active recently with well-attended functions being held in East London and Port Elizabeth. They will be in Harare next week on Thursday 30 March and look forward to connecting with current and prospective parents. Any Old Kingswoodians in the area are also very welcome to join this function. For more information contact our Marketing Department on 046 6036623/47/13.

It has been an incredibly hot few days in the Grahamstown region with the early part of the week experiencing temperatures around 35°C, coupled with some high humidity readings. It made for difficult sports coaching sessions, but common sense prevailed and regular water breaks and rest periods were provided for the girls and boys. On the other side of the scale the first hint of Autumn can also be felt on the odd early morning and evening. Some heavy dew on the fields has been noticed and the colours of the trees around the campus and in town are also showing the onset of Autumn.

During our Chapel service this Friday the Environmental Committee did a short presentation highlighting Earth Hour. Tomorrow, 25 March from 20h30-21h30 we are all celebrating Earth Hour across the world. This year Earth Hour celebrates its 10th Anniversary. Spanning more than 7,000 cities worldwide this symbolic event has grown into a global movement. This is a united call for all people of every continent and country to take positive steps for the planet by switching off their lights for one hour. This Earth Hour we are shining a light on climate change and more importantly action. Remember, our actions today will define our tomorrow and create a legacy for our children and a better future for all.

DEREK BRAANS



Prep Department Stars of the Week

Stars for the week before half term were:
Grade 1KC - Riley Carlson / Bella Jepp
Grade 1VH - Luke Marshall
Grade 2S - Tom Shaw
Grade 2M - Oliver MacQuilkan / Emma Pruisen
Grade 3K - Rickus Oosthuizen
Grade 3V - Kayleigh Lucas / Nathan Achermann
Well done to you all!



Boarding News

Intermediate: The seniors breathed a sigh of relief when their exams were completed this week. After much extra prep and plenty of learning throughout the test week, we trust they will be rewarded with marks to be proud of. There was a night swim and yummy tuck to celebrate the end of exams on Wednesday! Our Stars for the Week were Mila Tonjeni and Lineo Tsoele for their friendliness towards others in the house, and Mmina Selhabi and Lisa Pangwa for their responsible attitude towards exam preparation.

This weekend sees some girls head off to PE to play their first hockey match of the season. Others will go to town and then become creative with some big chalk graffiti designing on the - as yet unpainted - netball courts at school. After an early lunch we will be off to support our Rugby team in their epic match at Graeme College. The evening will end with movies and we will all switch off our lights for one hour in support of Earth Hour tomorrow.

On Sunday, armed with hats, sunscreen, picnic lunches and plenty of water, the girls will enjoy a sedentary hike around Grey Dam.

Boys' Village: The Winter sports programme is in full swing and come bedtime the Van Vuuren Village boys are exhausted. For their caring attitudes and commitment around their houses the following boys are our Stars of the Week: Alex Brown, Ndamu Baloyi, Sine Brawen and Nathan Anayawa.

After supper tonight the boys will attend Kwam, followed by war cry practices. They will be allowed town-out tomorrow, and after lunch the boys will shower, dress in their whites and walk across to Graeme College to support the 1st XV in their match against Pearson. The day will end with an early evening swim and movies.

On Sunday the boys will be taken to the pool for a quick cool-off before they play 'Gladiator Games'. The idea of the games is to test various aspects of the boys' athleticism and strength. These games will comprise of various activities (arm-wrestling, burpees, push-ups, sprints, balancing poses, etc) in the form of a race, with each interval including a different challenge. This will both test them physically, as well as encourage teamwork and perseverance.

After quiet time in the afternoon they will be allowed to play games on their PSP's and relax with friends. We have no doubt that a few U13 boys will grab their hockey sticks to practice a few more skills in anticipation of the hockey festival starting on Wednesday.



A group of VVV boys visited the SPCA to spend some time with the animals, walking and feeding them.

Pre-Primary News

There has been much happening at the Pre-Primary during this past week. Last week saw us having our first fun splash gala, where the children got to show their parents the progress they have made since they started swimming lessons at the Pre-Primary. There has been such a huge improvement and a significant boost in their confidence levels after having had these lessons. On Tuesday we hosted a "Paint and Play day" where prospective parents and children got to spend part of the morning with us. We tried to keep the day as normal as possible, giving them an idea of what our school day is comprised of. On Thursday, the Grade 0 class had a "Harry Hat Man day" and they got to come to school wearing a special hat.



Music School News

Practice is the secret ingredient to regular progress! Well done to the following musicians for putting time in to practise between lessons:

Malkia Manyara (x2), Lesang Ralebala (x2), Taizya Mpande (x2), Rickus Oosthuizen, Rosalie Reid, Mahalia Martin, Micaela Wilmot, Panashe Makoni, Ndamulelo Baloyi, Jasmine Pieterse, Sethu Zothe, Lineo Tsoele, Yusuf Nagdee, Kwanda Ningiza, Khanya Mbenyana, Phinda Sibande, Realeboha Kao, Rachel Wilhelmi, Kelsey Addison, Aimee Newcombe, Josie Field, Paula Caiger and Thomas Young.

Emily Poultney is leading the competition with eight stars with Jasper Hamer close behind on seven stars.

We will be changing the name of the Junior Band to the First Band from next term. This is to represent the fact that this is the initial ensemble for all instrumentalists irrespective of their school grade. Senior School pupils may also be members of the First Band. Once the musicians have progressed to the required level they will move to the Concert Band. Please note the rehearsal times for the First Band next term:

Tuesday: 13h30-14h00

Wednesday: 07h00-07h30

Friday: 12h30-13h20



The Grade 2M class during their Class Music lesson

Sport

The change over from Summer to Winter sports seems to have gone off smoothly and coaches have been working hard 'behind the scenes' in their efforts to continue to upskill themselves. Our netball coaches recently attended a workshop and practice session run by Senior School parent, Mrs Lana Krige, who is a former South African netball captain, and which included a team of players from NMMU. Our hockey coaches, during the course of this week, enjoyed a few coaching workshops hosted by the current South African ladies' coach, Mr Fabian Gregory, while most rugby coaches attended the Boksmart course, hosted by Eastern Province Rugby. Hopefully our coaches will be able to apply any new knowledge to their practices during the season.

SWIMMING

Level 1 Gala

For the first time swimmers who are not registered to a swimming club could enter the Inter-Provincial Level 1 gala at the Newton Park swimming pool. The following pupils were selected to swim and returned with 24 ribbons in total which is a fantastic end to the season for some of these swimmers. It is very different swimming in an indoor 50m pool compared to the 25m pool that most of our swimmers are used to. This however didn't stop many from performing personal best times.

Darryl Hazelden - 2nd Butterfly, 1st Freestyle Relay

Shanae Webb - 2nd Butterfly, 3rd Backstroke, 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Breaststroke, 1st Freestyle Relay

Courtney Meikle - 1st Breaststroke, 1st Freestyle Relay

Megan Schmidt - 3rd Butterfly, 2nd Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 1st in Freestyle Relay

Kallum Trytsman - 2nd Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Freestyle relay

Ross Henry - 3rd Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Backstroke, 1st Freestyle Relay

Tricia Vassiliou - 1st Breaststroke, 1st Freestyle Relay

Amy Hobson - 3rd Breaststroke, 1st Freestyle Relay

Bronwyn Shiel - 3rd Butterfly



From left to right:

Courtney Meikle, Tricia Vassiliou, Kallum Trytsman, Darryl Hazelden, Ross Henry, Megan Schmidt, Bronwyn Shiel, Shanae Webb, Amy Hobson

Top 8 Gala

Swimmers have four B League galas to qualify for selection into the Top 8 gala and this year six Kingswood swimmers made it. The results were as follows

Ross Henry - Bronze (Butterfly), Gold (Backstroke), Silver (Breaststroke)

Kallum Trytsman - Bronze (Breaststroke)

Cristiano van Heerden - Gold (Breaststroke), Silver (Freestyle)



Darryl Hazelden and Shanae Webb narrowly missed out on the medals with their 4th positions. Well done to them all.

TENNIS

We played a very strong DSG U13 A and B tennis team on Thursday 16 March. Kingswood lost the A team match by 60 games and the B team by 11 games. Special mention must go to Jenna Gadd and Martine Collett (both U11s) who won their doubles.



Birthdays for the week ahead are: Jonathan Pautz (25th), Amyolise Mbombiya (26th), Lara Sheard (26th), Denzel Gcume (28th), Zara Burchell (29th), Kelsey Addison (30th), Khazimla Sanda (30th) and Blessing Mugadza (31st). We wish you all a happy day.

Thought for the week

“Every day may not be good ... but there’s something good in every day”
- Alice Morse Earle



KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

ZIMBABWE PROSPECTIVE PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

DATE: Thursday, 30 March

TIME: 17h00

VENUE: 11, Blue Haze Lane, Umwinsidale, Harare, Zimbabwe



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KJPA Moonlit Market

Dear Parents

It's Moonlit Market countdown! Don't forget that the tickets for meals and activities are for sale at the school office from today!

Another part of our Moonlit Market festivities is a raffle. Tracy Mills from the Pepper Tree has very kindly donated a wonderful hamper worth R1000 of incredible goodies. Tickets, R10 each, will be for sale from the Junior and Senior School offices and at the Pre-Primary. The KJPA Committee members will also be selling tickets. The draw will happen on the evening of the Moonlit Market.

Kind regards
Lyn Hobson
KJPA Chair



Kingswood Junior Parents Association presents:

moonlit market

31 March 2017

Starts at 16h30 on City Lords. Tickets available from Friday 24th at the school office and at the gates on the evening.

Meals for sale:

<i>Calamari & chips</i>	Chicken	Pancakes
Fish & chips	Sewharmas	<i>Candy Floss</i>
<i>Hamburgers</i>	<i>Samosas</i>	Coffe, Tea and
Steak Rolls	Rotis	cakes
<i>Wors Rolls</i>	<i>Pams infamous</i>	
	<i>Lamb Curry</i>	

Children's entertainment:

Grade 7 Market	Zipline	Dunking Machine
Vertical Rush	Roller Ball	Target Shooting
Zorb Ball	Tombola	

Jumping castle for small children only.

Talent Show and Auction.

Upcoming Events

Hospice Cheese & Wine Concert

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE
CONCERT BAND



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It's All About The BOND

Friday 24 March 19h00

High Performance Centre
Kingswood College

*Join us for a relaxing evening and good music
while supporting a very worthy cause!*



Tickets:

R100 per person
R1000 per table of 10



Contact: Alke Bradfield
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All proceeds in aid of Grahamstown Hospice.

TWEENS TO TEENS!

Don't miss this great opportunity!
Thursday 30 March 2017

Join Andalene Salvesen who will share her wisdom and experience around this sometimes challenging phase in the home. Andalene will be touching on 'the calm before the storm', the part that hormones play, boundaries with friends, tv, sport and even practical challenges like bedtime.

For more information visit: www.munchkins.me/events

Tickets available at Therapy SMART, 15 African Street, Grahamstown

Bookings: info@therapysmart.co.za | 046 622 9318
Venue: NELM Building, 25 Worcester Street, Grahamstown
Cost: R100 per person, available at Theray SMART
Date: Thursday 30 March 2017
Time: 17:30 to 19:00



Andalene Salvesen (aka Super Granny), Munchkins Founder, International author, speaker & parenting coach will host these sessions.

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