

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

Junior Head Newsletter



Friday, 2 June 2017

Dear Kingswoodian Family

I read with great interest an article declaring that Finland will become the first country in the world to get rid of all school (High School) subjects by the year 2020. We, at Kingswood, in the last few years have implemented, and seen the benefits of, the overlapping of subjects in a type of cross-curricular arrangement. But is this Finnish plan workable? They call it Phenomenon Based Learning where holistic real-world phenomena provide the starting point for learning. This means that instead of learning Physics (or any other subject), the pupils will be given the opportunity to choose from phenomena from their real surroundings and the world, such as Media Technology or the European Union.

These Phenomena will be studied through an interdisciplinary approach, for example, a pupil who wants to study a vocational course can take 'Cafeteria Services' and the phenomenon will be studied by way of Maths, Languages, Writing and Communication skills. Another example is the European Union, which would include Economics, Languages, Geography and the History of countries involved. This kind of learning will include both face-to-face and online sessions, with a strong emphasis on the beneficial use of Technology and the Internet through the process of eLearning. This all sounds very interesting and something which I am sure many educators from around the world will keep an eye on.

We enjoyed a wonderful morning welcoming many grannies and grandpas to our campus for our annual Grandparents' Day. The support of so many was appreciated by everyone, especially the youngsters. I thank our special grandparents for the important role they play in our children's lives. There was entertainment at the Pre-Primary, in the Chapel for grandparents of the Grade 4-7 pupils and our Foundation Hall for the Prep Department pupils. The large crowds year after year continue to enjoy a wonderful morning of activity and fun provided by the boys and girls.

I was fortunate enough to attend the East Cape Regional Heads' Conference in Hogsback last week where about 25 Heads from schools around the Eastern Cape gathered. There were some interesting presentations on Cyber Bullying, Employment Equity, Integration and Diversity and School Sustainability. The networking and interaction between the Heads was, as usual, worthwhile and stimulating.

As mentioned last week a number of boys and girls entered the Internal Eitseddfod competition in three of the languages offered at Kingswood Junior namely English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa. The total number of certificates awarded for all categories were:

English - Double Gold 1, Gold 37, Silver 43, Bronze 32

Afrikaans - Double Gold 4, Gold 8, Silver 17, Bronze 10

isiXhosa - Double Gold 11, Gold 18, Silver 18, Bronze 2

Below are the names of those who were awarded gold and double gold certificates:

ISIXHOSA - Grade 4/5

DOUBLE GOLD: Kutenda Makwamaya, Luqhame Pangwa, Uviwe Zondeki, Jasmine Pieterse, Kwakhanya Mbenyana, Simthandile Zweni.

GOLD: Kelsey Addison, Caca Hobongwana, Jasper Hamer, Lazola Matebese, Simnikiwe Qeja, Ithani Shoba, Ndamulelo Baloyi, Jason Connan, Khwezi Gesha, Kwanda Ningiza, Hlomla Ntlumbini.

ISIXHOSA - Grade 6/7

DOUBLE GOLD: Ophola Bulani, Qhama Buwa, Lipiwe Msindwana, Lunga Nhanha, Olwethu Gesha

GOLD: Sinengomso Brawen, Thato Kekana, Matthew Knott, Tinashe Musa, Mhlahli Pangwa, Simbarahe Chaparira, Jordan Mildenhall

ENGLISH - Grade 4/5

GOLD: Kelsey Addison, Mercedes Adriaan, Jasmine Pieterse, Angus Brown, Makayla Govender, Franco Klopper, Daniel Martin, Aimee Newcombe, Christian Niesing, Lineo Tsoele, Jason Connan, Amy Wilson, Micaela Wilmot, Zak Nagdee, Simthadile Zweni, Salizwa Mahlasela, Ashton Pieterse, Morgan Baxter, Molly Francis, Martine Collett, Khanya Mbenyana, Paula Caiger, Taizya Mpande, Grade 5D Choral Verse and Grade 5W Choral Verse.

ENGLISH - Grade 6/7

DOUBLE GOLD: Taryn Brown

GOLD: Luke Kelly, Jessica Gleaves, Matthew Collett, Adam Young, Carla Bristow, Ndemogbe Juana, Shanae Webb, Tricia Vassiliou, Keena Losaba, Courtney Meikle.

AFRIKAANS - Grade 4/5

DOUBLE GOLD: Christian Niesing, Morgan Baxter

GOLD: Daniel Martin, Jared Botha, Zak Nagdee

AFRIKAANS - Grade 6/7

DOUBLE GOLD: Dominique Erasmus, Luke Kelly

GOLD: Matthew Collett, Tricia Vassiliou, Taryn Brown, Amber van der Riet, Ryan Bristow.

My thanks to the various language teachers for co-ordinating another successful event.



Derek Braans

Head: Junior School

BOARDING NEWS

Intermediate: There has been much hard work happening on the academic front this week, with most junior grades having projects to work on, and the higher grades having various tests to prepare for. It is encouraging to see some of the girls hard at work during their spare time, researching topics on the Internet, putting the finishing touches to assignments and collaborating to produce a comprehensive piece of work.

Once again, the week has seen a full sport programme, from Netball and Hockey practices, to Music and Choir recitals and preparations for our special Grandparents' Day today. This evening our Grade 7s will enjoy their termly social with their DSG counterparts across the valley. The majority of the girls will have an early rising on Saturday morning as they travel to Port Elizabeth for more hockey games. The few remaining will enjoy some treats in town, and then in the afternoon, they will craft emoji masks. The girls will no doubt enjoy our Sunday morning lie-in, followed by breakfast and some relaxing time on their devices. Further relaxation is planned for the afternoon when the girls will give each other cleansing facials with cucumber to boot!

With exams either having started for our Rhodes Student Assistants, or about to start, the girls have made an

enormous effort to rise quietly in the mornings and show consideration for the late study nights the Student Assistants have been putting in. As a result, THE ENTIRE Intermediate family were made stars of the week this week. We all enjoyed our pizza together in the common room on Wednesday evening. My thanks to the girls for this incredible effort.

A reminder that with half term coming up, Mrs Vorster, in the travel office requires the travel plans by next week for all boarders.

Boys' Village: The Van Vuuren Village boys staying in this weekend can look forward to a real treat. Tonight, while the older boys are at Kwam, the Grade 1-5 boys will be off to the Monument to watch the movie Sing. It is the story of a Koala bear, Buster Moon, who battles to keep the theatre he loves. To save his theatre he produces the world's greatest singing competition. Five contestants emerge, a mouse, a timid elephant, a pig, a gorilla and a punk-rock porcupine.

Tomorrow morning the U11 and U13A rugby teams are up against St Mary's and Grahamstown Primary in our annual Triangular at Dold. They will be keenly supported by the rest of the Village boys. In the evening it is the turn of the Grade 6 and 7 boys to watch a movie at the Monument. Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children is the story about Jake who escapes into a magical place after his grandfather leaves. As the mystery transforms Jake realises that he can only survive if he finds his own special powers.

On Sunday the boys will learn how to play baseball and the day will end with evening Chapel. Our Stars of the Week are Simba Chaparira, Matthew Knott, Kwanda Ningiza and Yanda Peter. These boys were treated to some lovely pizzas on Wednesday evening.

PREP DEPARTMENT STARS OF THE WEEK

Stars for the week were:

Grade 1KC - Isabella Martin / Riley Carlson

Grade 1VH - Caleb Henry

Grade 2S - Maddox Fry

Grade 2M - Emily Lisher / Murray Baxter

Grade 3K - Caleb de wet Steyn

Grade 3V - Cristiano van Heerden / Reagan Bowles / Khuselwe Ncube

Well done to you all!



PRE-PRIMARY NEWS

There was great excitement this morning as we welcomed our Grandparents to the Pre-Primary. The pupils all loved showing their grannies and grandpas around the school. The grandparents engaged with the pupils in their classes with various activities. They ended off by making a bird feeder following step-by-step instructions. Hopefully these will all be hanging in the gardens in and around Grahamstown this weekend. There was also great excitement when we did the lucky draw. One granny from each class won a bunch of flowers and the grandpas won a box of chocolates.



GRADE 3 OUTING TO SHAMWARI

The Grade 3 classes were privileged to go on an outing to Shamwari Game Reserve last Friday. Once again, this outing lived up to our expectations. We were fortunate enough to see a number of animals on our game drive, including rhino and giraffe. The history behind the lions and leopards in the Born Free enclosures always brings a tear to one's eyes and makes us so thankful for our beautiful reserves where we can admire healthy, happy animals in their natural habitat! It was a wonderful experience and a great time was had by all.



Celebrating 125 in 2019

MUSIC

Congratulations to Lara Pinheiro Figueira and Kamil Hango who passed their UNISA practical music exams last month. Lara achieved a distinction for her Grade 2 Alto Saxophone exam and Kamil passed Grade 2 Clarinet. The Trinity College (London) exams take place on Tuesday 6 June. We wish our candidates the best of luck!

The following collected stars for diligent practice this week: Jasmine Pieterse (x2), Sethu Zote (x2), Lineo Tsoele (x2), Uviwe Zondeki (x2), Ndamulelo Baloyi, Yusuf Nagdee, Emke Klopper, Hannah Terblanche, Kwanda Ningiza, Eva Vassiliou, Taizya Mpande, Realeboha Kao and Tricia Vassiliou.

We look forward to the annual Big Hymn Sing on Sunday 11 June (18h30) at the Cathedral of St Michael and St George. Our Preppie, Junior and Senior Choirs will be singing as well as St Andrew's, the DSG, Rhodes University Chamber Choir and the Cathedral Choir. Our Concert Band will accompany the congregation for the hymns. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Cathedral Fund. All are welcome to attend this hour long service.

Another reminder to boarder parents about the Sundowner concert on Thursday 15 June at 17h00. If you would like your child to perform please email Alke Bradfield (a.bradfield@kingswoodcollege.com) so that the necessary preparations can be made.



The First Band workshop last Sunday was a great success! See the Kingswood College Music School Facebook page for more information and photographs:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Kingswood-College-Music-School-766874603346682/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1642497929117674

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SPORT

Last weekend's matches were against Clarendon Park. Results of all matches were as follows:

Rugby vs Clarendon Park

U13A lost 13-22
U13B lost 12-15
U13C lost 19-24
U11A lost 5-19
U11B lost 19-34
U9A drew 7-7

Girls' Hockey vs Clarendon Park

U13A drew 0-0
U13B lost 0-4
U11A drew 1-1
U11B lost 0-6
U9A won 3-0
U9B lost 0-1

Girls' Hockey vs VP

U9A lost 2-5
U9B lost 1-4

Boys' Hockey vs Clarendon Park

11A lost 0-6
13A lost 0-1

FIXTURES FOR THIS WEEKEND AND THE WEEK AHEAD:

Tomorrow our girls participate in the St George's Hockey Festival in Port Elizabeth while our boys are involved in a rugby triangular with Grahamstown Primary and St Mary's, here at Kingswood, on Dold Fields.

FIXTURES THIS AFTERNOON

U11 Hockey Clinic

Girls from 15h30-16h15
Boys from 16h15 to 17h00

U11B/U13B Boys' Hockey vs Oatlands

U11B on Gane Field at 14h30
U13B on Gane Field at 15h00

Hockey Internal League

Boys' U11C vs PA 11A at KC - 15h00
Boys' U13D vs SAP 4ths at KC - 14h00 (astro)
Boys' U13C vs SAP 6ths at Prep - 15h00
Boys' U13 MIXED vs DSG U13D at KC - 14h00 (Gane)

SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2017

Rugby Triangular with Grahamstown Primary and St Mary's (Home)

Time	Dold A	Dold B
08h30	KC U13A vs Gtn Primary U13A	KC U11A vs St Mary's U11A
09h15	St Mary's U13A vs Gtn Primary U13A	St Mary's U11A vs Gtn Primary U11A
10h00	KC U13A vs St Mary's U13A	KC U11A vs Gtn Primary U11A

Girls' Hockey St George's Hockey Festival (Away)

U9A		
Time	Mini Astro (St George's)	Crusaders A1 (Cricket Stadium)
08h45	KC U9A vs Clarendon Primary	
10h30		KC U9A vs Erica Girls
11h45		KC U9A vs St George's Prep

U10A		
Time	Mini Astro (St George's)	Crusaders A1 (Cricket Stadium)
08h45		KC U10A vs Clarendon Primary
09h15		KC U10A vs Erica Girls
10h45	KC U10 vs Sunridge	

U13A		U13B	
Time	Crusaders B (Cricket Stadium)	Time	Crusaders A3 (Cricket Stadium)
08h40	KCU13A vs Clarendon Primary	09h20	KC U13B vs Merrifield
09h40	KC U13A vs St George's Prep	11h30	KC U13B vs St George's Prep
11h30	KC U13A vs Sunridge	12h30	KC U13B vs Summerwood

MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017

Boys' Hockey vs Port Alfred (Home)

Time	Astro
14h00	U8B and U9B
14h30	U8A and U9A

Netball vs DSG (Home)

Time	KC Court 1	KC Court 2
14h30	U11A	U10A
15h00	U11B	U10B

TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017

Rugby vs Graeme (Home)

Time	Dold A
14h30	U13B
15h25	U13A

U9 Girls' Hockey vs Oatlands (Home)

* Please note these matches have been cancelled by Oatlands. The girls will have normal practice.

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2017

Netball vs PJ

Teams playing will be the U10A, U11A, U12A and U13A. The buses will leave the school at 13h30 and should be back by 16h00.

FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2017

Hockey Internal League

KC Boys' U11C vs Oatlands U11B at KC - 15h00 (Astro/Gane)
KC Boys' U13D vs Oatlands U13B at KC - 14h00 (Astro/Gane)
KC Boys' U13C vs DSG U15C at KC - 15h15 (Astro/Gane)
KC U13C MIXED vs Oatlands U13C Mixed at KC - 14h00 (Astro/Gane)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Don't watch the clock: Do what it does, keep going!'

- Sam Levenson

MARKETING CALENDAR

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

ZAMBIA - MARTIN HOUSE TRUST SCHOOL (CHISAMBA)

Marketing Director, Mr Mfundo Ncube will be exhibiting at the *Martin House School Expo* to provide you with an opportunity to learn about Kingswood College's Co-Educational offering.

Date: 9 - 10 June 2017

Time: Friday 10h00 to 17h00 & Saturday 08h30 to 13h00

Venue: Martin House Trust School

LUSAKA - ONE ON ONE VISITS WITH PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Date: 10 June 2017

Time: 17h00

Venue: Protea Hotel Lusaka (Arcades)

We encourage our current parents to inform any prospective parents that Mr Ncube will be available to meet with them on Saturday, 10 June from 17h00.

To make appointments please email: m.ncube@kingswoodcollege.com

EDUCATING FOR LIFE



Kingswood Golf Day

Become a Legend and sponsor a Tee Off or a Green at The Kingswood Legend Golf day on the 15th June. Contact Carri on 083 3042389 or Warren on 083 3911177

