

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

Junior Head Newsletter



Friday, 26 May 2017

Dear Kingswoodian Family

Those who managed to watch last Saturday's Kings/Brumbies Super Rugby clash either live from the Mandela Bay Stadium, or on Television, will all agree that the Kings were tenacious in defeat. Outplayed for most of the match, their never-say-die attitude kept them in the lead for much of the game with the Brumbies only sealing victory in the last few minutes. Stats for the match will show that the Kings made 130 tackles (at a 92% success rate) while the brumbies were only called to make 55 tackles. They will also show the Kings obtained a meagre 34% of possession and even less (31%) of territory throughout the game, yet had it not been for a poor on-field decision, the Kings could actually have, against all odds and statistics, won this important match.

Why, you may be asking, am I relating some Super Rugby info in our weekly newsletter? Well the Kings team displayed the Grit and Determination we seek to instil in every Kingswood Junior pupil. This is not merely reserved for the sport's field but Grit and Determination for life in general. Our pupils have been addressed in various forums about Resilience and the ability to 'bounce back' and be tenacious in all areas of life. These characteristics will help mould them into well-rounded, determined and courageous human beings - all characteristics which can be achieved by everyone.

This is a very special weekend as we welcome the classes of 1977 and 1987 back to our campus for their special reunions. We hope they will all enjoy a wonderful weekend, rekindling friendships and networking with classmates.

On Tuesday the Honours students from Rhodes University's Chemistry Department visited the school. The Grade 7s were treated to some amazing experiments with many a bright colour and explosion. The pupils were taught about the common gases in the atmosphere and how the increase in carbon dioxide caused by pollution is causing our oceans to become acidic. After the demonstrations, everyone got to carry out their own experiments and much fun was had creating coloured slime and seeing the effects of acids on metal.





The main cast for our revised version of Alice in Wonderland musical, to be performed during Parents' Week in October, has been finalised and my congratulations to the following girls and boys: Alice - Tricia Vassiliou; Alice's Sister - Taryn Brown; White Rabbit - Ben Armstrong; Tweedle Dee - Qhama Buwa; Tweedle Dum - Luke Kelly; Mad Hatter - Lara Pinheiro; Queen of Hearts - Ophola Bulani; Caterpillar - Courtney Meikle; Hatter Minion 1 - Thato Kekana; Hatter Minion 2 - Ndemogbe Juana; Guard 1 - DJ Erasmus; Guard 2 - Lunga Nhanha; Queen's Henchman - Amy Hobson. Of course many others will also be cast in more minor roles during the course of this term. Rehearsals for some small groups have already commenced.

During the course of last week I attended a group dialogue session at Rhodes University where discussions amongst School Leadership around Transformation at the University was held. The dialogue was interesting and feedback from all those involved was meaningful. The Community Engagement office is driving this process which also involves another four stakeholders.

Our Grade 4 to 7 A-set Maths pupils recently participated in the first round of the South African Mathematics Challenge. The question paper consisted of 20 complex problem solving questions aimed at testing insight. We are delighted with the fact that 31 of our pupils have made it through to the final round, which will be written towards the end of this term.

Yesterday we hosted our internal Afrikaans and Xhosa Eisteddfod where approximately 98 pupils participated and today 106 will be involved in the English Eisteddfod. My thanks to our outside adjudicators Jaco Dreyer (Afrikaans), Denzil Fincham (English) and Sindi Beyi (Xhosa) for their input. Over 200 poems, readings and choral verse will be completed during the three Eisteddfods. More on this next week.

Thank you to all who supported our 'Tekkie Tax' in aid of Child Welfare. Our girls and boys have certainly enjoyed wearing their coloured tackies today - all for a worthy cause!

Derek Braans

Head: Junior School

BOARDING NEWS

Intermediate: It has been a fairly relaxing week with not many pressures on the girls. They have enjoyed a few quieter prep evenings and some fun relaxing times in boarding this week. Those moving up the treat ladder were rewarded with extra tuck.

There will be KWAM once again tonight followed by the usual bed time in order to be fresh for the hockey games due to be played against Clarendon tomorrow morning. In the afternoon the girls will do some mini art designing for a small square of wood they will be painting. Tomorrow evening, the much-anticipated movies and popcorn evening will round off the day. On Sunday, after morning Chapel, the girls will engage in the craft painting on their blocks of wood. We are hopeful that they can be turned into a collage for the 2017 girls. Some games on their electronics and iPads will also be enjoyed later on.

Our Stars for the Week were Sinead Meikle, Zizipho Gqoboka and Rene Hirschfeld for taking their responsibilities seriously and Emke Klopper for being an example to others in all that she does.

Boys' Village: 'To hug a boy does not make him less of a man'. Research shows that hugs have therapeutic value. We want to thank our matrons, Mrs Ann Duggan, Mrs Rina Oosterhagen and Miss Debbie Duggan for nurturing and caring for our Van Vuuren Village boys. Their unconditional support for our boys when they are

feeling down, when they are homesick or in need of some 'motherly love', often helps our boys get through a difficult day.

Our U11 and U13 Hockey boys are in PE this afternoon playing matches against Clarendon. After they return there will be time for a quick shower before supper and off to Kwam. Tomorrow the rugby boys are up against Clarendon, here at Kingswood, and with the Senior School playing Stirling, the campus will be a buzz of activity. We predict that come Saturday night the boys will be keen to put their feet up and relax with some snacks while watching a movie.

Sunday is a rest day with no physical activities planned. After the Reunion Chapel Service in the morning the boys will have a prep session followed by lunch. After lunch each house will be challenged to finish a puzzle and once this is done the boys will be allowed their devices. Building puzzles develops spacial perception but also encourages social interaction.

Our Stars of the Week are Simba Chaparira, Ashton Pieterse, Franco Klopper and Litha Madinda.

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected as Leaders for the term at Van Vuuren Village: Jordan Mildenhall (Head of House); Deputies - Simba Chaparira, Nathan Anayawa and Jethro Hoops. We wish them all of the best with their duties.

PREP DEPARTMENT STARS OF THE WEEK

Stars for the week before half term were:

Grade 1KC - Bella Jepp

Grade 1VH - Lucas Obermeyer

Grade 2S - Kate Wilson

Grade 2M - Jenah Isaacs / Ross Barnard

Grade 3K - Ovayo Mvaphantsi

Grade 3V - Alyssa Govender / Uviwe Planga

Well done to you all!



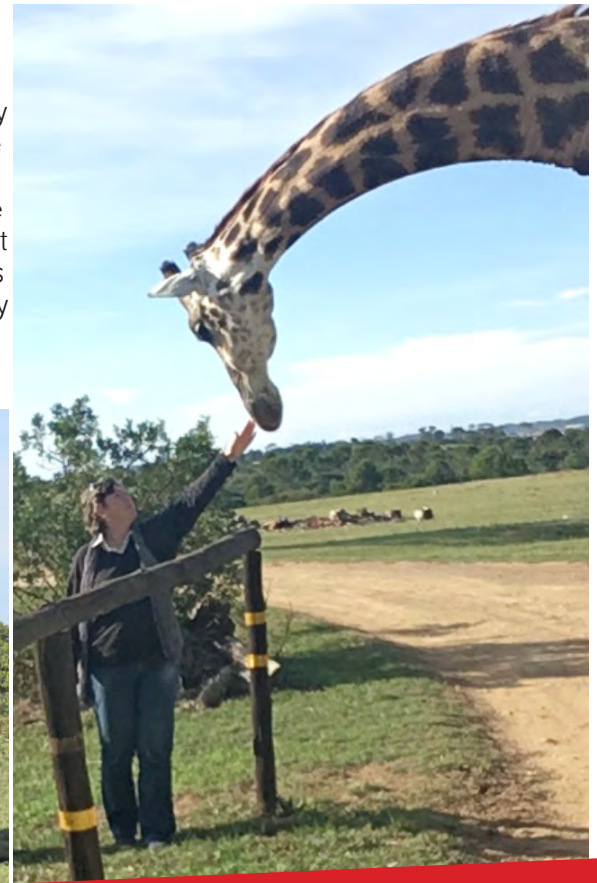
PRE-PRIMARY NEWS

Recently we purchased some more dress up clothes for the children to wear on the playground as they engage in fantasy play. We have also acquired more trains / railways / tunnels this week to add to what we bought earlier on in the month. During the course of the next month we hope to be adding a fairy garden and dinosaur spot to our playground. Should anyone have any old bridesmaid dresses / fantasy play clothes / dinosaur / fairy figurines that their children no longer play with, and would like to donate to the Pre Primary, we could really put them to good use. We look forward to hosting our Grandparents next Friday.



GRADE 1 OUTING TO MANSFIELD

Under a beautiful blue South African sky the Grade 1 pupils set off on an outing to Mansfield Reserve to see some of the animals they are studying this term. It started with much excitement as Gambit the hand reared orphan giraffe blocked the entrance and was in no hurry to move as he munched on leaves on this early autumn morning. The pupils enjoyed a fun, bumpy game drive on the landrovers and were able to see some wild life close up. Gambit even put his head into the landrovers so that some of the children could touch him! What a treat to see the actual size of, and touch this magnificent creature. This was followed by a snack in the beautiful park area near the river. A happy group of pupils returned home safely after some fresh air and much fun with friends.



MUSIC

Well done to the following who collected practising stars this week: Jasper Hamer (x3), Emily Poultney (x3), Aimee Newcombe (x2), Lesang Ralebala (x2), Josie Field, Megan Sheard, Amy Hobson, Kelsey Addison, Paula Caiger, Taizya Mpande, Lineo Tsoele, Yusuf Nagdee, Sethu Zothe, Ndamulelo Baloyi, Lauren Maddocks, Uviwe Zondeki, Rosalie Reid, Mahalia Martin, Rickus Oosthuizen. Jasper Hamer and Emily Poultney are currently leading the competition with three stars each.

A reminder about the First Band Workshop at the Music School this Sunday, 28 May, from 10h30 to 15h30. There will be a short concert at 15h00. Parents are most welcome to attend. An email, giving details, was sent out to Band parents this week. Vuyani Libi, the Marimba teacher, has organised for his ensemble, the Creator Marimba Group, to play at the Music School on Wednesday, 30 May, during the Grade 4 to 7 Marimba Group rehearsal session (13h15-14h00). We encourage all children who play marimbas to come and listen to them perform.

Please note that the Bach Concert scheduled for Friday 2 June has been postponed.

This year's K Day concert will be held in the SAC Centenary Hall on Tuesday 13 June at 19h00. Our Concert Band and the SAC/DSG Wind Orchestra will be playing a combined piece and there will be solo/small ensembles from the three schools. The next Sundowner concert is on 15 June. This may be an opportunity for boarder parents, who will be at Kingswood for K Day on 17 June, to hear their child perform. Please email Alke Bradfield on a.bradfield@kingswoodcollege.com if you would like to use this opportunity in order for your child and the teacher to prepare accordingly.



SPORT

It has been another extremely busy sporting week with our youngsters participating in Hockey (boys and girls), Tennis, Squash, Netball and Rugby matches during the past few days. A large number of our youngsters played against Union in Graaff-Reinet last weekend and after the 05h15 departure I was, again, pleased with the efforts and performances of many of our youngsters. Results of all matches were as follows:

Girls' Hockey vs Union

U13A lost 0-2
U13B lost 0-4
U11A vs Union U13C won 2-0
U11B vs Union U13D lost 0-4
U9A won 2-1
U9B lost 0-3

Girls' Hockey vs VP

U11B drew 0-0
U11A lost 1-0

Netball vs Kenton

U9A lost 3-6
U10A won 13-3
U11A lost 4-10
U11B lost 2-10
U12A won 18-7
U13A lost 5-15

Rugby vs Union

U13A lost 0-49
U13B lost 15-17
U11A drew 0-0
U11B won 49-5
U9A won 24-5

Rugby vs Kenton/Port Alfred

U11A vs Kenton won 20-5
U11A vs Port Alfred lost 5-10
U13A vs Kenton won 14-7
U13A vs Port Alfred lost 10-24

Boys' Hockey vs Grey

U11A lost 0-6
U13A lost 1-5

Boys' Hockey vs Oatlands

U9A won 2-0
U9B won 4-0

Boys' Hockey vs Yellowwoods

U9A drew 2-2
U9B won 4-1

Tennis: Warwick Bailey Cup (Boys)

1st Graeme 154 games
2nd St Andrew's 127 games
3rd Kingswood 100 games
4th Port Alfred 69 games

Tennis: Cheryl Luden Cup (Girls)

1st DSG 130 games
2nd Kingswood 128 games
3rd Victoria Girls 99 games
4th Port Alfred 93 games



FIXTURES FOR THIS WEEKEND AND THE WEEK AHEAD:

Tomorrow we host Clarendon Park for girls' Hockey and Rugby matches, while our U11 and U13 boys' Hockey teams travel to Port Elizabeth, this afternoon.

Boys' Hockey fixtures this afternoon

KC Mixed vs DSG U13E at DSG 14h00
KC U13C vs PA U13A at KC Astro 14h30
KC U13D vs SAP 5ths at KC Astro 14h00
KC U11C vs SAP Colts C at KC Astro 15h00

Boys' Hockey vs Clarendon Park (Away)

Time	Top Field	Bottom Field
13h30	U11A	U11B
14h10	U13A	U13B

SATURDAY 27 MAY 2017

Rugby vs Clarendon Park (Home)

Time	Dold A	Dold B
09h00	KC U13C vs Clarendon U13D	U9A
09h45	U13B	U11B
10h30	U11A	
11h15	U13A	

Girls' Hockey vs Clarendon Park (Home)

Time	City Lords Astro	Webster Astro	Gane
08h10	U11A	U9A / U9B	U13B
08h40		U11B	
09h30		U13A	

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017

Girls' Hockey vs VP (Home)

Time	Astro
14h15	KC U9B vs VP U9B
14h45	KC U9A vs VP U9A

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017

Netball vs Port Alfred (Away)

The following teams will be playing against Port Alfred
U9A, U10A, U11A, U12A, U13A (Times tbc)

The buses will leave from outside the Junior School at 13h00 and packed lunches will be provided. The pupils should be back by 17h30. Practices for the other girls will continue as normal.

FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2017

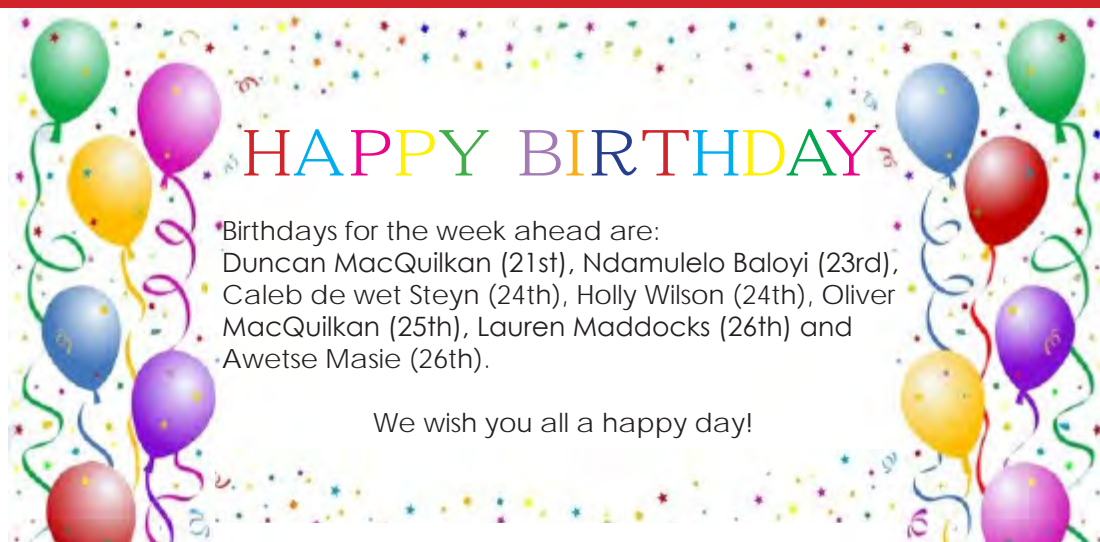
Boys' Hockey Internal League

KC U11C vs PA 11A at KC - 15h00

KC 13D vs SAP 4ths at KC - 14h00 (astro)

KC 13C vs SAP 6ths at Prep - 15h00

KC 13 MIXED vs DSG U13D at KC - 14h00 (Gane)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“The principle goal of education is to create men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done” - Jean Piaget

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



Kjpa indian evening

We are very excited to be hosting our second Indian Dinner on Saturday 3 June 2017 at the Wyvern.

The evening will start at 18h00.

Theme dress is optional, otherwise smart/casual.

Kesentri Govender will be hosting and preparing a delicious authentic Indian cuisine.

Tickets are R150pp and are available from Nicole at the office.

Booking is essential for catering purposes.

It promises to be a spicy evening with loads of fun.

We look forward to seeing you there!

MARKETING CALENDAR

Kingswood Junior School Grandparents' Day Friday 2 June 2017



Programme

- 09h00** Pre-Primary School visit (for those Grandparents with Grandchildren at the Pre-Primary)
- 10h00** Junior School Grandparents meet in the College Chapel for Senior Primary Entertainment
- 11h00** Tea for Grandparents on the Junior School Lawns
- 11h40** Prep Dept Entertainment in Foundation Hall
- 12h20** Visit your Grandchildren in their Classrooms

For further information phone 046 6036600 or email d.bowker@kingswoodcollege.com

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Grade 8 Information Evening

The Kingswood College Senior School Head invites all parents of Grade 7 pupils wishing to join our Senior School in 2018 to an information evening. Come and hear what pupils can expect as they move into the Senior School environment, and how you as parents can support them.

DATE: Tuesday, 6 June 2017

VENUE: The Wyvern

TIME: 18h00

To RSVP please email Danél Pruisen at d.pruisen@kingswoodcollege.com or phone 046 603 6627

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