



**KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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From the Headmistress' tablet

Thank you to Mrs van Rensburg who acted as headmistress while I attended the Independent Examination Board meetings in Pretoria. These meetings are always most worthwhile, as we are always reminded why we opt to write the IEB matric examinations.

Ten teachers, from all phases, attended Teachers' Day at Mitchell House on Saturday. We left at 05:00 and returned at 17:00. Thank you to the Board of Governors for enabling us to attend this type of staff development.

We wish Mrs Vundla well for her post graduate examinations she will be writing. Her first examination is on Monday.

Last week representatives from the local police force attended our assemblies and spoke to the pupils about possible threats to their safety. We always look forward to these visits. Sargeant Mongwe has a captive audience as our children enjoy his talks.

Mrs Dorcas Mambaso will be retiring at the end of the month. Aunty Dorcas, as she is known to us, has been at Kingfisher Private School for sixteen years. Our pre-school children have grown up on her lunches and snacks. So too the Aftercare children who have enjoyed her lunches and her special treat of popcorn on a Friday afternoon. Aunty Dorcas has also cleaned many classes over the years and thereby assisted us in keeping our school clean. She has also been a mother figure to many pupils and she has given them a reassuring hug or spoken kind words where necessary. She has also admonished them when necessary, playing a vital role in the life and work of our school. We wish her all the best for the future and plenty of "me time".

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following Kingfishers:

Staff:	Mr C van Zyl	05 February
Grade R:	Maite Malungane	04 February
Grade 6:	Nsovo Mashimbyi	06 February
	Nsovo Nkwini	03 February
Grade 10:	Lungile Makhoba	03 February

**"MEET THE PARENTS"
EVENING**

A reminder of the "Meet the Parents" meeting is on 31 January at 18:00. Important information will be discussed at the meeting. All families must be represented.

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2018

Meet the Teachers meeting	31 January	18:00
Educational display	31 January	17:30
Grade 7 Leadership training	01 February	14:00 – 16:00
Lost property check	01 February	07:15 – 07:30
Lost property check	06 February	07:15 – 07:30

TUCKSHOP – MENU

Thursday 31 January:

Sandwiches R15

Friday 01 February:

Boerewors rolls R25

Monday 04 February:

Sandwiches R15

Hot chips R12

Tuesday 05 February:

Russian Rolls R20

Wednesday 06 February:

Chicken & Beef burgers R20

Exercise for Children

Like adults, children need exercise. Most children need at least an hour of physical activity every day. Regular exercise has many benefits for children. It can help them:

Feel less stressed

Feel better about themselves

Feel more ready to learn at school

Keep a healthy weight

Build and keep healthy bones, muscles and joints

Sleep better at night



As children spend more time watching TV, they spend less time running and playing. Parents should limit TV, video games and computer time. Parents can set a good example by being active themselves. Exercising together can be fun for everyone. Competitive sports can help children stay fit. Walking or biking to school, dancing, bowling and yoga are some other ways for children to get exercise.

ACADEMICS

FOYER DISPLAY 2019

4 February	Fledglings
18 February	Grade R
4 March	Grade 1
3 April	Grade 2
6 May	Grade 3
20 May	Grade 4
3 June	Grade 5
16 July	Grade 6
29 July	Grade 7
12 August	Grade 8
26 August	Grade 9
9 September	Fledglings
8 October	Grade R
21 October	Grade 1
4 November	Grade 2
18 November	Grade 3

STAR OF THE WEEK – 21 – 25 JANUARY

Star of the week: Putting up hands

Grade 1: Pheahane Maponya

Grade 2: Natalie Captain

Grade 3: Angel Lingvati

AMESA – 2019

The dates and entry fees for AMESA 2019 will be announced during the term.

SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

The South African Mathematics Olympiad registration closes on the 30th of January. All pupils are encouraged to pay before or on the 30th of January.

MATHEMATICS CLUB

The Grade 4 & 5 pupils will attend the Mathematics Club on Tuesday at 15:00 and the Grade 6 & 7 pupils will attend on Thursday at 15:00.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL ENGLISH ORAL FESTIVAL

The Preparatory School English Oral Festival will be held on Thursday 28 February from 18:00 – 19:20. It is compulsory for all Grade 1 – 7 pupils to attend and to be dressed in their formal school uniform.

SPORT & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-murals started on the 21st of January for all grades. Pupils must participate in at least one co-curricular activity per term.

- Swimming is compulsory for all grades R-11 – this is a life skill
- Pupils must please have the following items with them when participating in swimming: Blue cap and Blue/Navy swimming costume. No cap – no swimming.
- Pupils must please have the following items with them when participating in athletics: Blue boxer shorts and school t-shirt and white tackies.

If pupils are not dressed correctly **they will not be allowed** to participate in any physical co-curricular activities.

COLLEGE INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

The College Inter-house athletics will take place on Friday 08 February at 14:00. All College pupils are to attend and participate.
Tuckshop facilities will be available.

COLLEGE INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA

When: Friday 01 March
Time: 14:00 – 16:30
Where: Kingfisher swimming pool

Tuckshop will be available.

SWIM-A-THON

All pupils received their Swim-a-thon sponsorship forms and letters today. The Swim-a-thon will be held on Thursday the 07th of March from 17:00 – 20:00.
This is a compulsory event for the whole school.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS – COLLEGE

The College inter-house athletics will be held on Friday 08 February from 14:00 – 16:30.
All College pupils must attend.
Tuckshop facilities will be available.

ACTIVITIES

CAKE SALES 2019

20 February	Pre-school
13 March	Grade 1 - 3

SPUR DATES 2019

26 February
28 May
23 July
26 November

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Parents are welcome to visit our second hand uniform shop.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The school uniform shop hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday: 13:40-14:30

Parents, please donate unwanted/outgrown uniform items to our second-hand uniform shop.

INTERSEN PHASE STATIONERY CHECK

There will be a stationery check for all Intersen Phase pupils on Wednesday 6 February. Pupils must make sure that they have the correct stationery at school every day.

POLICIES

A number of policies have been uploaded onto the school's website and parents are welcome to access and read them. Should the need arise for these policies to be amended before then, a notification will be put in the newsletter.

HOUSE T-SHIRTS ORDER

To order a House shirt, please write the name of the pupil on an envelope and send it to the register teacher with an amount of R100.

GRADE 7 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Grade 7 pupils will be attending a leadership training course on Friday 01 February from 14:00-16:00 in Mrs van Rensburg's classroom. Pupils must pack their sport uniform, swimming costumes, caps and towels. A snack and cooldrink will be supplied.

FUN AFTERNOON – GRADE 4 – 6

The fun afternoon for the Grade 4 – 6 pupils will be held on the 15th of February from 14:00 – 16:00. Pupils must please pay R50 to their register teachers before or on 08 February to avoid disappointment as catering is involved.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Aakifa Sheik for the donation of eight books and to Khatu Ngobeni for the donation of two books to our library.
Your kind gesture and interest in our library is much appreciated.

PRE-SCHOOL CAKE SALE

The Pre-school will have their cake sale on Wednesday the 20th of February.
Bring plenty of money!

KINGFISHER HATS

Kingfisher hats must be worn by all pupils when they go out for break. It is part of the school uniform and not an optional extra.

MARKED BELONGINGS/LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure that all your belongings (stationery, clothes, shoes, lunch box) are clearly marked with your name and also that you look after them carefully. The procedure for lost property for this year is as follows. Lost property that is marked will be returned to the owner. Unmarked lost property will be put in a box in the sick bay. Pupils will be allowed to look in this box on a **Wednesday and Friday after assembly, 07:10 – 07:30**. Should they find their lost items in the box, they will have to pay an amount of R1.00 per item to have them returned.

INTERSEN PHASE TOURS

Letters for the Intersen Phase tours were handed out today. Please return the reply slips by Friday 01 February. It is essential that the reply slips are returned so that the correct bookings can be made. We encourage parents to start making small payments each month in order to make the financial pressure less.

VALENTINE'S DAY – GRADE 7

Each year it is the duty of the Grade 7s to host certain Valentine's Day activities:

A Raffle: The raffle will consist of three prizes: a gift hamper, a meal for two at Sephapane Lodge and a spa voucher at a beauty salon. Tickets will be sold by the Grade 7s, so hurry and buy your tickets before it's too late. Tickets will cost R10 each. The raffle draw will take place after assembly on the 15th of February.

A sale: On the 14th of February the Grade 7s will be selling all types of goodies. Please support them by bringing plenty of money.

A disco: A disco will be held for the Grade 4 – 6s on the 15th of February from 14:00 – 16:00. Please return the reply slip and money to your register teacher.



VALENTINE'S DANCE - COLLEGE

Date:

15 February

Time:

18:00 – 21:30

Dress code:

Semi-formal (anything with a touch of red)

Entrance fee:

R60 per person

R50 for a friend (from outside the school)



MENU:

Boerewors rolls:

R25

Popcorn:

R7

Cooldrinks:

R10

Food combo:

Boerewors roll, cooldrink & popcorn:

R40



THANK YOU - SPAR

Thank you to Spar for the donation of stationery to the Foundation and Intersen Phase.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

PYGMY PLAY – WELCOME TO SMURF LAND

The Pygmy Play is the annual concert in which the Grade 8 pupils are the star attractions in the play, which is written and directed by the Grade 12 pupils. This event signals the final induction of the Grade 8 pupils into the College.

Practices started on Tuesday 22 January. These are compulsory for all Grade 8 and Grade 12 pupils.

All pupils and parents are welcome to attend the evening. No entry fee is payable, but a donation will be greatly appreciated. There will be a tuckshop available from 17:30.

The Pygmy play takes place at the Foskor Hall on the 07th of February at 18:00-19:00. Pupils must please be fetched by 19:00, as there will be no supervision after this time.

This is a compulsory event for all the college pupils.

Help us to **Go GREEN** and save some paper.

If you currently receive your statement or newsletter by hand, please consider receiving it via email.

Please send us an email to request this.

Use the email kfpschool@telkomsa.net



Use the heading Newsletter via email or Statement via email please.

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "R Campbell-Brown".

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Mrs Renée Campbell-Brown
Headmistress