



**KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Tel: 015 781 2410 Email: [reception@kingfisherschool.co.za](mailto:reception@kingfisherschool.co.za)  
Website: [www.kingfisherschool.co.za](http://www.kingfisherschool.co.za)

**RESPECT AND INTEGRITY**

**03 May  
2023  
EDITION 14**

**FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK**

I hope that you all had a good long weekend.

Welcome back to the IP pupils and their teachers. We thank Mrs Young, also the organiser of the tour, Mrs Montjoie, Mrs Marowa and Mrs van Rensburg for accompanying the pupils. By all accounts, a wonderful time was had by all.

A reminder that Grade 4 to 12 reports will be issued on Friday the 05th of May. Having edited all the reports, a common thread which runs through them is that many pupils, although passing, are not working to the best of their ability.

Examinations are just around the corner. We encourage parents to play an active role in their child/ren's examination preparation. Check that they have a realistic revision timetable and that they follow it. Sacrifices have to be made, such as less screen time, time spent socialising and free time. Leading up to and during examinations, weekends are for school work.

This week, we have sport matches, photo day, a cake and candy sale, High Flyers' assembly and the Mother's Day tea for the college Mother's and pupils on Saturday.

Thank you to Mrs van Rensburg who is acting in my absence. Her willingness to fill in for me afforded me the opportunity to fetch my husband from hospital in Johannesburg, where he has been for the past three weeks.

As an independent school, we have to be accredited by UMALUSI. Every six years they conduct an on-site evaluation. In-between, we conduct desk-top evaluations. We thank everyone who was involved in this exercise. A special word of thanks to Mrs Dawson who collated all the relevant documents.

**REPORTS**

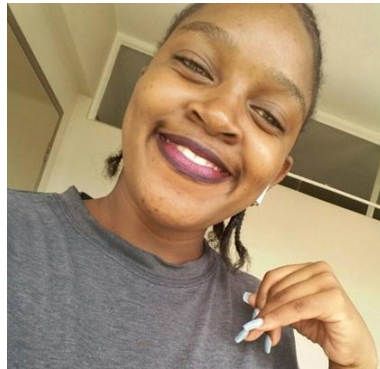
All College parents are reminded that reports will be issued on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. No reports will be issued to a pupil. Pupils must accompany their parents as this is an opportunity for you to consult with the teachers on the progress of your child. The pupils must be dressed in full school uniform.

**PRE-SCHOOL PET CARE TALK WITH MISS BIANCA LIEBENBERG**

Miss Liebenberg will be visiting the Pre-School to share her knowledge and tips for taking care of our pets on the 19th of May 2023.

## **EX KINGFISHER PUPIL - TUMELO LETSOALO**

Tumelo matriculated in 2013 from Kingfisher Private School. She then enrolled at Tshwane South TVET College in Tshwane where she studied and graduated with a Diploma in Chemical Engineering. Currently, Tumelo is an intern at Skill Tech Solutions in Johannesburg.



## **COLLEGE MOTHER'S DAY TEA**

The College tea will be held on Saturday the 06<sup>th</sup> of May in the school hall. This event is open to only College mums and their college child/ren. There are limited seats. The last day for payment will be the 02<sup>nd</sup> of May.

Hope to see you there.

Time: 11:00 – 14:00  
Venue: School Hall  
Fee: R110 per person  
Theme: White, off white, nude colours with a touch of gold

## **MUFFINS FOR MOMS – GRADES 1 - 3**



## **INTERSEN PHASE TOUR 2023**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 79 pupils set off to the Blyde Adventure Camp in Hoedspruit. You could feel and hear the excitement among the pupils!

After arrival, the pupils were shown to their dormitories and given a safety briefing. We were all excited to see a Zebra had joined the resident horse at the facility. A lovely treat for the children and teachers!



The first afternoon the pupils had an archery activity, emblem building and a treasure hunt task.



This was finished off with the famous Potjie competition. The competition was very close and challenging to judge. The teachers were pleasantly surprised with the pupils cooking skills.





The second day was action packed! The pupils took part in the new obstacle course followed by paintballing.



The Grade 4 pupils loved the mud, while the Grade 5 pupils were less enthusiastic. After lunch we started with the river activities – tube racing and the river crossing. The pupils were so brave and so many made it across the river without falling in.



The tubing was so fun! Mrs Young even joined in with the River crossing, not very successfully, I might add.

The evening activities involved 'Stalk the Lantern' and 'Night Line'. It was dark and exciting and many pupils found themselves out of their comfort zone. I am sure you have already heard some interesting and amusing stories.

The following morning, it was time to sadly leave. We left after breakfast, said our goodbyes and headed to the Reptile Centre in Hoedspruit.

For the first part of the Reptile Park tour, we received a very interesting and informative talk by the curator. We were then moved onto the practical demonstration where the pupils learnt some valuable information on what to do should they encounter a snake in the wild. Some pupils were even brave enough to have their photo taken with a friendly ball python.

Finally, we started our journey back to Phalaborwa. Most of the pupils slept in the bus.....a very quiet return to school compared to our departure.



### **SWIMATHON LUCKY PACKETS**

There are lucky packets for sale at R15 a packet. They can be bought from Mrs Jordaan during break only.

### **PUPILS – SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Please note that once pupils are dropped off at school and enter the school grounds, they may not leave the school premises until they are picked up by their parents or taxis.

### **TRITECH SCIENCE EXPOSITION SCHOOL ROUND**

The Trittech Science Exposition School Round will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May from 12:00 to 17:00. Participation is compulsory for all Grade 7 to Grade 9 pupils.



## **ESKOM DISTRICT SCIENCE EXPOSITION**

The Eskom District Science Exposition will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May at 08:00 at the Namakgale Hall. Pupils who are participating are please to ensure that their projects have been completed by Wednesday the 03<sup>rd</sup> of May and to submit them to Mr Nechombo and Mrs Young. This will give them the time to check the projects before the District ESKOM Science Exposition. We encourage parents to make the necessary transport arrangements for the day. We are always grateful to our parents for their support.

## **SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD – SECOND ROUND**

Thirteen college pupils have progressed to the second round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad. The second round will be written on 11 May. We wish them all the best.

## **INTERSEN PHASE REPORT CYCLE ONE**

The Intersen Phase pupils are parents are reminded that the Report Cycle One reports will be issued on Friday 05 May from 14:30 to 16:00. There will also be parent meetings during this time. Reports must be picked up by parents as no reports will be sent home with the pupils.

## **ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

Parents, please take note that no items such as food, stationery, clothes, sport equipment and money may be brought to school during school hours. Please ensure that your child/ren have all they need for the school day. Items will not be taken in at Reception and please do not ask a groundsman, worker or teacher to give the items to your child/ren.

## **SCHOOL HATS**

Please remember, **NO HAT NO PLAY**. Please write your name on your hat and do not share hats.

## **LOST BOOKS AND READERS**

- Past procedure: Lost books and readers were invoiced and then credited because the books were found by the pupils.
- This will no longer be allowed, as there will be a cut-off date for the return of books and readers, after which invoices will be issued and not credited, when the book is returned.  
All Intersen Phase books and readers must be returned by the second day that the exams are returned and gone through at the end of Term 4.

No credit notes will be issued after the deadline. Please take note, that ordering one or two books, normally involves additional courier costs, as we are not ordering in bulk, let alone the additional work it creates for the teacher to source one book. Any missing book will have additional courier costs charged to the book, to cover the delivery for these textbooks.

Please talk to your child about taking care of the resources issued to them, as it will cost you additional and unnecessary expenditure.

## **AFTERCARE FEES 2023**

Aftercare fees for 2023 are R444.33 per month. Children can also attend aftercare on a casual basis which has to be arranged in advance at Reception. Daily rate: R28.20.

## **INTERSEN PHASE COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Intersen Phase pupils must please make sure they continue working at home during the holidays to “earn” money to donate towards the Santa Shoebox project. The amount of money that we would like each pupil to donate is a minimum of R200.00 and the date on which it must be brought to school is Thursday 31 August 2023.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Staff:	Miss T Sigidi	04 May
Grade 3:	Kelebogile Madji	08 May
Grade 4:	Naledi Mabasa	07 May
Grade 6:	Hlompho Mokoena	09 May
Grade 8:	Xihlovo Mkhabele	06 May
Grade 11:	Tlotlo Mokoena	09 May



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Intersen Phase & College reports issued	05 May	
College Mother's Day tea	06 May	11:00 – 14:00
u/15 & u/19 Soccer @ Merensky School	08 May	14:30
Round Proverto National High School Olympiad	10 May	14:00 – 15:30
Prep school chess vs BBCA	11 May	
SAMO Round 2	11 May	14:00 – 16:00
Eskom District Exposition	12 May	08:00
“Muffins for Moms”	12 May	12:00 – 13:00
Intersen Phase Wheelie fun afternoon	12 May	14:15 – 16:00
Soccer & netball @ Southern Cross	13 May	08:00 – 14:00
Netball u/10, u/11, u/12 & open & soccer u/11 & u/13	13 May	
Mother's Day	14 May	

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **TERM 2 CHESS DATES:**

Friendly matches  
Prep School vs BBCA - 11 May 2023  
College vs Frans du Toit - 11 May 2023

Mopani District Tournaments  
20 May 2023 - Hoerskool Ben Vorster, Tzaneen  
10 June 2023 - Southern Cross Schools, Hoedspruit

### **SOCCER AND NETBALL MATCHES**

The Foundation Phase girls, Preparatory boys and girls and the College boys and girls will be playing in soccer and netball matches on the 13th of May. Players will receive letters. All information is in the letters. Please make sure these are returned asap.

## **CYCLING**

Well done to Aron van den Borre who came second in the Limpopo XCO this weekend at Standford Lake College. We are proud of you. The next race is on the 13th of May in Mokopane.



## **SOCCER**

The boys soccer teams played against the Namakgale Development Teams in Namakgale on Wednesday the 26th of April.

The Under 16 team lost 2-1

The Under 19 team lost 3-1

We are proud of our teams who did their very best. Thank you to Mrs Jordaan and Mrs Vundla who accompanied the pupils to Namakgale.

The boys will be playing against Merensky on the 08th of May in Tzaneen. We wish them well.





## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – TERM 2**

Term 2 co-curriculars are as follows:

Soccer  
Netball  
Chess

### **SOCCER MATCHES**

College soccer match: 08 May @ Merensky  
College soccer match: 10 May @ Frans du Toit

The details of the matches are in the participation letters.

### **SOCCER MATCHES**

We apologise for the inconvenience that the date changes have caused. This is out of our hands as we are part of the Mopani soccer league and schools are withdrawing without prior notification. We hope to sort out this matter with the organisers soon.

### **HOUSE T-SHIRT ORDERS**

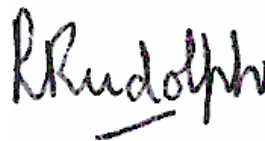
To order a House T-shirt, please write the name of the pupil on an envelope and send it to Reception with an amount of R150.

### **ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER**

Parents can advertise in the newsletter, as too can their businesses. One advertisement for one newsletter costs R25. Payment can be made to Mrs Dawson at Reception. The advertisement must be emailed to [reception@kingfisherschool.co.za](mailto:reception@kingfisherschool.co.za) in Word and this must be emailed the Friday before the Wednesday when the newsletter is issued.

### **MARKED BELONGINGS/LOST PROPERTY**

Please make sure that all your belongings (stationery, clothes, shoes, lunch box) are clearly marked with your name and that you look after them carefully. The procedure for lost property is as follows. **Pupils will be allowed to look in the box on Wednesdays and Fridays from 07:00 – 07:10.** 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. ***Please mark all items with the full names and surnames. If an item has been passed down to the younger sibling, please re-mark the item with the full name and surname.***



.....  
Mrs Renée Rudolph  
Headmistress