



## KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK

Welcome back to term three and what is essentially the second half of the academic year. I trust that everyone has enjoyed more family time than usual and perhaps a later start to the day, especially during the cold snap.

Traditionally, the third term was considered a "quieter" term, but that is no longer the case. It's a jam-packed term, starting with sport fixtures and the Kaskar event in Letsitele. The staff and some pupils also have first aid training this month. The entire staff must be trained in first aid bi-ennially.

Academically, this is the term for consolidating what has been taught and for the pupils to take stock of their academic journey so far. Once their reports have been issued, they need to reflect on their results. Consistent work in this term will make a significant difference to their end of year results.

Our Grade 12 pupils will soon be writing their preliminary examinations. We thank our teachers, who teach Grade 12 pupils, for giving up their first week of the school holidays for Winter School. Their dedication is appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Many of these teachers teach the Grade 12s on most Saturdays too.

Congratulations to our newly elected pupil office bearers. We wish the Grade 11 PRC Executive and the Grade 7 Leaders all the best for their terms of office. Being a leader brings with it great responsibility, but also opportunities for personal growth.

We wish all members of the Kingfisher Private School family a happy and successful term.

Aunty Moonyeen aka Mrs Dawson, is a granny for the third time. Congratulations to all concerned on the birth of Imené. We trust that she will bring much love and joy into your lives.



We will be supporting our Springbok Netball team and Banyana Banyana by wearing appropriate apparel on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July and on the 04<sup>th</sup> of August. This is not a civvies day and pupils who dress as if it is, will be sent home.

We identified a need for additional space for our pupils to change in, after school. Fortunately, we have sufficient toilets according to regulations.

Our new changerooms have been assigned to the Grade 7, 8 and 9 pupils. We trust that these will make a difference. The photo is on page 10 of the newsletter.

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**

There will be a celebration of life service for Mr Rudolph at school on Friday morning at 07:15. Parents are welcome to attend.

## **GRADE 7 INTERSEN PHASE LEADERS**

Congratulations to the following Grade 7 pupils on being elected as leaders:

Bontle Mashego  
Michaela Montjoie  
Lulama Shingange  
Maile Seruba  
Manna Kiurian  
Kaone Selepe  
Abundance Maluleke  
Relebogile Musetha  
Lungile Mthembi  
Phenyo Ngoae

## **GRADE 11 COLLEGE PRC EXECUTIVE LEADERS**

Congratulations to the following Grade 11 pupils on being elected as PRC Executive leaders:

Thabo Ledwaba  
Success Maluleke  
Rirhandzu Mashele  
Aubrey Mogane  
Mmaphefo Mokhabukhi  
Kelebogile Mosweu  
Nyeleti Muhlarhi  
Pat Ngobeni  
Kitso Nkabiti  
Ntando Sindane  
Nhlonipho van der Merwe

## **PRC EXECUTIVE TRAINING**

The training will be conducted from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of July at the Blyde Adventure Camp in Hoedspruit. Letters were issued to the parents of the Grade 11 pupils to inform them that payment must be made in the first week of the school term. It is compulsory for all the PRC Executive members to attend.

## **FIRST AID COMMITTEE**

Congratulations to the following pupils who were selected to be in the 2023/2024 First Aid Committee. Darren Mhondiwa, Dineo Magoro, Tsakani Njoni and Malebo Sentsho. We look forward to working with them in their term of office. First Aid training will take place on Saturday 22 July in the school hall, from 08:00 to 13:00.

## **STAR OF THE WEEK – TERM 2**

### Sportsmanship

Grade 1: Daview Mogane

Grade 2: Shua Ndhlovu

Grade 3: Caswell Mгимети

### Manners:

Grade 1: Akonaho Dagumi

Grade 2: Aurora Mabasa

Grade 3: Vukosi Chauke

## **EX KINGFISHER PUPIL – KARABO MABE**

After matriculating from Kingfisher Private School in 2015, I went on to study a BSc in Biology (majoring in Biochemistry and Human Physiology) at Wits. I then went on to do my Honours in Pharmacology in 2019 at Wits. After completing that, I started working for a pharmaceutical company called Roche in 2020 and I am still working there. I work in the clinical trials department.



## **MANDELA DAY 67 MINUTE COMPETITION**

Calling all pupils to make a difference!

In celebration of Mandela Day, we invite each pupil in our school to participate in our 67-minute Competition. Show us how you have contributed to and improved your community or family by submitting a photograph along with a one-sentence write-up of your noble act. The winners will be awarded R67 and recognised for their outstanding efforts.

Categories:

1. Pre-School
2. Foundation Phase
3. Intersen Phase
4. College

Submission guidelines:

1. Capture a photograph of your community service project.
2. Write a single sentence explaining the impact of your action.
3. Submit your entry to your class WhatsApp groups with the subject line “Mandela Day”. Class groups will be open for this time.

Deadline for submissions – 28 July 2023

Remember, as Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Let’s join hands and make a difference.

## **ESKOM REGIONAL SCIENCE EXPOSITION**

The Exposition will be held from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August at Namakgale Foskor Hall. All pupils who participated in the ESKOM District Science Exposition are expected to take part. All changes to projects must be made by the first week of August.

## **PROVERTO HIGH SCHOOL OLYMPIAD**

Congratulations to the following Grade 10 pupils who participated in the first round of the Proverto High School Olympiad. They all qualified for the second round to be written on the 02<sup>nd</sup> of August.

Anna Kurian and Vivek Pauly – Accounting  
Darren Mhondiwa – Business Studies

## **INTERSEN PHASE REPORT CYCLE 2 REPORTS**

A reminder that the Intersen Phase Report Cycle 2 reports will be issued on Friday 25 August. Reports will be given only to parents and no reports will be sent home with pupils. There will also be parent meetings during this time.

## **GRADES RR TO 3 REPORTS**

Reports for pupils in Grades RR to 3 will be issued on Friday 28 July.

## **COLLEGE AND INTERSEN PHASE SPIRIT WEEK**

Spirit Week will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 (Wednesday to Friday). This is part of the Grade 11 fundraising effort. Each pupil is to pay a once off R15 fee (to their register/class teachers) for dressing up on the different days of the Spirit Week. The different themes and activities will be announced in the first week of Term 3.

Wednesday: Men in Black and Shades  
Thursday: Favourite Celebrity  
Friday: Ekaso Gangster

## **SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY OLMPIAD**

The SANGO Primary (Grades 6 and 7) is being written on Tuesday 25 July after school. We wish the pupils who are participating in this Olympiad all the best.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Staff:	Mr Nechombo	24 July
Grade 2:	Mahlet Abyo	20 July
Grade 7:	Lungile Mthembi	21 July
	Tshegofatso Ngoae	24 July
Grade 9:	Ndzalama Nkanyani	20 July
	Zoe Cloete	22 July
	Lehlonolo Moremi	25 July
Grade 10:	Hlalefang Sekoati	20 July
	Thabang Monyela	21 July



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

First Aid training  
Co-curriculars start (whole school)  
SANGO Primary – Grade 6 & 7  
Grade 9 Spur evening

22 July            08:00 – 13:00  
24 July  
25 July  
25 July

## **ENTREPRENEUR'S DAY – TERM 2**

The Grade 8 & 9 Entrepreneur's Day went well. Thank you to all the teachers who assisted as well as the pupils for all their support.



## **SPELLATHON AND SPELLING BEE**

Term 3 is Spellathon and Spelling Bee time for the Preparatory School. The information letter and donation forms will be issued on Wednesday. The Spellathon will take place at a time specified by your class/English teacher during the week 14 – 18 August. Remember to practise your spelling words and collect as many sponsorships and/or donations as possible. Money collected will be used to buy reading books for the Prep School. Make sure that you look after your sponsorship and donation forms, as your parents will be invoiced for lost forms or forms not handed in. The pupils in Grades 1-7 who spell the most words correctly in the Spellathon, will take part in the Spelling Bee on 31 August at 18:00. There will be a monetary prize for the winner of the Spelling Bee in each grade. It is compulsory for all Grade 1-7 pupils to attend the Spelling Bee dressed in their formal uniform. Please note that no children who are five years old and younger will be allowed to attend the Spelling Bee, and there will be no babysitting facilities available.

## **INTERSEN PHASE TEST TIMETABLE AND ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES**

Intersen Phase pupils were issued with their test timetable and assessment schedules for Term 3 today. They are to keep these documents safely in their flip folders.

## **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.

## **UNIFORM**

No tracksuit tops are allowed to be worn with formal uniform. Tracksuits may be worn only with sport uniform. Remember to wear navy blue socks with your long navy pants, white socks may not be worn with long pants.

If you do not have time to mark your child's uniform and stationery, then we do not have time to look for mislaid items. The number of lost items is staggering.

## **SCHOOL HATS**

Please remember, **NO HAT NO PLAY**. Please write your name on your hat and do not share hats. The Grade 1 – 3 will have break detention if they fail to bring their hats to school.

## **FOUNDATION PHASE PUPILS' AFTERCARE STATIONERY**

Aftercare pupils must please bring their own stationery to Aftercare and refrain from using their school stationery.

## **INTERSEN PHASE UNIFORM, HAT AND STATIONERY CHECK**

There will be a uniform, hat and stationery check for all Intersen Phase pupils every Monday. Pupils are to please come properly prepared for school every day.

## **INTERSEN PHASE COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Intersen Phase pupils must please make sure they continue working at home 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.

## **SANTA SHOE BOX STATIONERY DRIVE**

Pupils in Grades 1 – 3 are kindly requested to collect stationery items for the Santa Shoe Box. Even a second-hand pencil will make a difference. Let's contribute to this meaningful cause and support those in need.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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Co-curricular activities will commence on Monday of next week. Please ensure that you have your hockey sticks ready for practice.

### **PHALABORWA ACADEMY TOURNAMENT – ~~!!CANCELLED!!~~**

There will be a tournament hosted by Phalaborwa Academy at Frans du Toit High School on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. The tournament will feature netball and soccer. Make sure to prepare and participate in these exciting events. R30 per pupil is payable to the register teacher. Letters were issued today.

### **WORLD CUP**

In support of the Women's Soccer World Cup and the Netball World Cup, which is being held in Cape Town from the 28<sup>th</sup> of July to the 06<sup>th</sup> of August, we will be wearing SA supporter shirts on the following Fridays: Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July and Friday the 04<sup>th</sup> of August.

### **KASKAR**

The annual Kaskar event will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. A letter was issued to the pupils today. Please note that due to limited space in the teams, participation will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please budget for R150 transport. Parents may also make use of the transport provided by the school.

### **LIMPOPO SCHOOL CYCLING**

The first Limpopo School cycling event will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July at Merensky High School. If you are interested in participating, kindly speak to Mrs Jordaan for further details.

### **MINI HOCKEY – GRADES 1 – 3**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, there will be a Mini-Hockey event specifically for pupils in Grades 1 – 3. The event will be held in Duiwelskloof. Please make sure to budget R150 for transport expenses.

### **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.

## PREPARATORY SCHOOL INTERHOUSE MATCHES

Interhouse netball and soccer matches were played on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. The results are as follows:

Intersen Phase soccer:

Kookaburras – 2  
Malachites – 1

Intersen Phase netball:

Malachites – 36  
Kookaburras - 2

College under/16 girls netball:

Malachites - 8  
Kookaburras – 7

College girls open team netball:

Malachites – 12  
Kookaburras – 6

College team soccer:

Kookaburras – 1  
Malachites - 1





## **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.***

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

The following tasks were completed in the school holidays:

1. The new chess area was laid out in the parking area.
2. The sides of both the big and baby pool were re-painted.
3. The fences around the pool were re-painted.
4. The roof and gutters of the school building were cleaned. Thank you to Uncle Hans and his team.
5. Burglar bars were installed in Mr Mhlanga's, Mr Chihona and Miss Sigidi's classrooms.
6. The window frames in the Intersen Phase classrooms were painted.
7. One of the walls in the Archive was painted.
8. The pre-school jungle gym area was painted.
9. Additional change rooms were erected at the back of the hall.
10. A memorial plaque was erected in the memorial garden, which has been moved to outside the Grade R classroom.
11. The concrete tables and chairs at the sport field were painted.
12. A podium was designed and made for all the sport events.
13. The pool bathrooms were repainted.

Thank you to the ladies and ground staff for the cleaning of the school building and the grounds.



**New-look change rooms by the swimming pool**



**Our new change rooms, being shown off by Miss Vundla**

*R Rudolph*

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**Mrs Renée Rudolph**  
**Headmistress**