



## KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**INTEGRITY, LOYALTY, KINDNESS AND RESPECT.**

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### **FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK**

We welcome back Ms Jacqui Dunlop who is doing her second teaching practice with us. She is in her fourth year now. We are so pleased that she has chosen to return to our school for her last teaching practice.

We have had a busy, fun-filled, celebratory week. Our Grade 7 to 11 pupils were exposed to careers which they did not know even existed, thanks to a Career Afternoon arranged by Foskor. A special word of thanks to Mrs Ledwaba who is a parent at our school and who was the organiser of the event.

The College played a chess match against Frans du Toit on Thursday, after treating the whole school to their cake sale goodies on Wednesday.

Friday morning dawned, cloudy and overcast, just right for the Polar Bear Swim. The swim was held at 07:15 instead of break, as is usually the case. Ironically, despite the colder than usual weather, a record number of pupils turned up to brave the cold water. A special mention must go to the Grade 12 pupils, who turned out in their numbers. Such good role models for our pupils and ambassadors for our school.

At the initiative of Mrs Jordaan, we held our first ever Grandparents' Assembly on Friday. We were overwhelmed by the number of grandparents who attended our assembly in their honour. We celebrated their knowledge and wisdom, but most of all their contribution to and their support of our pupils.

Science reigned supreme in the school last week, with our pupils participating in the Trittech Science Exposition and the Eskom Science Exposition on Friday and Saturday respectively.

To top off last week, pupils from all grades participated in the annual Kaskar events in Letsitele.

We wish Ms Ntimane all the best for her examinations she is writing this week. Strength to her arm.



Ms Jacqui Dunlop



## **PAST PUPIL – VINAYA PAULY**

In January 2010, I entered the gates of Kingfisher as an apprehensive Grade R pupil, and in December 2022, I stepped out of the same gates, as a newly matriculated student. Entering the real world was daunting at first, but I can say with full confidence that my years at Kingfisher definitely equipped me with the necessary skill sets in order to flourish in my new arena. Kingfisher played a pivotal role in shaping me into a better student and laying a solid foundation for my journey at the Medical University of Varna, in Bulgaria. The supportive environment, dedicated teachers, and diverse extracurricular activities at Kingfisher were instrumental in my academic and personal growth. The rigorous academic curriculum at Kingfisher honed my study habits and time management skills. I learned to balance a heavy workload; a skill crucial for succeeding in

medical school. The teachers at Kingfisher were not just educators but mentors who encouraged critical thinking and a deeper understanding of subjects. Their passion for teaching inspired me to pursue excellence in my studies and fostered a genuine love for learning. Extracurricular activities at Kingfisher also had a profound impact on my development. Participating in science expositions, camps, and community service projects enhanced my communication and leadership skills. These experiences taught me the importance of teamwork, empathy, and resilience—qualities essential for a future healthcare professional. Moreover, the supportive community at Kingfisher encouraged me to pursue my interests and provided numerous opportunities for personal growth. The friendships I formed and the lessons I learned about perseverance and determination have been invaluable in my medical studies. I will always be thankful for my Kingfisher family and the impact everyone has had on me.

## **CAKE SALE GRADE 10 TO 12**

Thanks to all the pupils and parents who supported our recent College Cake Sale. Your contributions, whether by bringing delicious baked goods or purchasing treats, made this event a tremendous success, and the funds raised will go a long way in supporting our school activities and programmes. We raised R 3217.30.

## **AFRIKAANS MOVIE NIGHT**

The College held an Afrikaans movies night on the 19th of July. The movie dealt with real issues that teenagers encounter. It was both sad and educational. Thank you to all the parents who supported the event and to Mrs Pretorius for organising it. Not forgetting the teachers who chaperoned the evening and the Grade 11s for providing a tuckshop.

## GRADE R CAREER DRESS UP DAY



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the week for: Putting up hands

Grade 1; Princess Mgimeti

Grade 2: Ditebogo Maake

Grade 3: Tarisirai Zvakavapano

Next week: Good manners

## POLAR BEAR SWIM

Thank you to Ms Siziba, who organised a very successful Polar Bear swim, and to Aunty Mimi who assisted her. The hot chocolate was to “swim” for! Certificates will be handed out to the brave POLAR BEARS on Friday.



## KASKAR 2024

The KASKAR was fun, as always. Thank you to Aunty Mimi for the arrangements and Aunty Gugu for organising the transport. Thank you to all the teachers who assisted on the day. A special thanks to Mr. Francomb and Oom Koeks for assisting on the day.



## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Thank you to all who helped and attended Grandparents' Day. A special thank you to the PRC for all their assistance.



## The significance of Grandparents by Ntando Sindane

What are grandparents? Grandparents are not just family titles, they are living embodiments of love, wisdom, and have this way of weaving the threads of generations together. These important people are the carriers of tradition and culture in any form in which you can think of: food, songs and even teachings. I have never in my life met nor ran by a person who can say that there is a love stronger than the one your grandparents have for you. Bo koko, Va Kokwani, oupa en ouma, granny and grandpa there are various ways to refer to these prestige individuals, in so doing not only are we giving them a title but the name in which we refer to them illustrates the level of love, respect as well as importance that they have in our lives.

Grandparents are seen as natural transmitters of values such as perseverance, loyalty, hard-work, patience and sacrifice. In my own understanding grandparents are what we should consider as one of the most special people as they are the life makers of our parents, without their contributions, we as children would not have learnt so much about life. Grandparents are like stars, you do not always see them but you know they're always there.

They stand in to parent when our parents need the help, they stand in as doctors when the wound needs cleaning, they stand in as comforters in times of sorrow. As a granddaughter i know if my parents say no, my grandparents would never say no to anything thats why they are the best to ever exist. It is our duty as grand children to cherish the time we have with our grandparents: cater to them, love them, share stories with them and even take the time to listen to their stories as they have wisdom. Most people say you can never realise the need to have a grandparent in your life until you lose one of your grandparents, cherish them while they still have breath.

In the book of 2 Timothy chapter 1 verse 5 it states "I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you." Grandmothers and grandparents teach us to be God fearing, to love the Lord without hesitation, to praise him without ceasing, thus sharing of God's word should be seen as generational. We would like to appreciate in any form possible, honour you and thank you for your unconditional love. Our prayer is for the Lord to protect you until the passage of time but when His will takes stand, may we have peace that we have honoured and learnt from your teachings.

Thank you.



## CHESS MATCH KF VS FRANS DU TOIT

On Thursday 25 July, the College played a chess match against Frans du Toit.

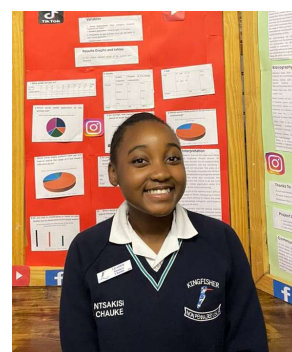
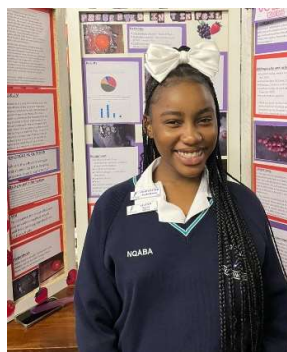
Frans du Toit won the match by one game. Our pupils played very well, and we are extremely proud of them. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this event a success.



## TRITECH SCIENCE EXPOSITION REGIONAL ROUND

The Trittech Science Expo regional round was held on Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 at Frans du Toit High School from 13:30 hours to 17:30 hours. Twenty-one pupils from Kingfisher Private School, represented the school very well. The pupils were smartly dressed, and their behaviour was exemplary. Congratulations to the pupils on their excellent achievements. The national round qualifiers will be notified in due course and the next round will held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 at Merensky Agricultural Academy.

Aman Pati Grade11	Gold
Lulama Mukhari Grade 10	Gold
Nqaba Khoza Grade 7	Gold
Ann Abraham Grade 9	Gold
Vivek Pauly Grade 11	Silver
Resego Moletsane Grade 9	Silver
Noluthando Kwinana Grade 9	Silver
Paballo Nkwane Grade 9	Silver
Ntsakisi Chauke Grade 8	Silver
Kamogelo Mabilo Grade 9	Silver
Kavish Purbhoo Grade 7	Silver
Nrateng Mofokeng Grade 7	Silver
Shiluva Mnisi Grade 9	Silver
Maile Seruba Grade 8	Silver
Hannah Jordaan Grade 9	Bronze
Bonolo Seshothela Grade 10	Bronze
Anna Kurian Grade 11	Bronze
Motlanalo Mononela Grade 8	Bronze
Lulama Shingange Grade 8	Bronze
Sentsho Malebo Grade 11	Bronze



Lastly, we acknowledge the dedication and hard work by all the teachers, pupils and parents in supporting these pupils. Your efforts play an important role in nurturing minds of our young scientists, as shown through their presentations.

## RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL ESKOM SCIENCE EXPOSITION

Our pupils were smartly dressed in their formal uniform. Their behaviour was exemplary. Kingfisher Private School dominated in the ESKOM Special Awards.

### ESKOM Special Awards

Aman Pati and Vivek Pauly's Projects- The Best Innovation Projects.

Noluthando Kwinana's Project-The Best Female Project.

Our medal winners were as follows:

### **Bronze medal**

Hannah Jordaan Grade 9

### **Silver medals**

Ann Abraham Grade 9

Kamogelo Mabilo Grade 9

Vivek Pauly Grade 11

Anna Kurian Grade 11

Jamessy Monawe Grade 11

### **Gold medals**

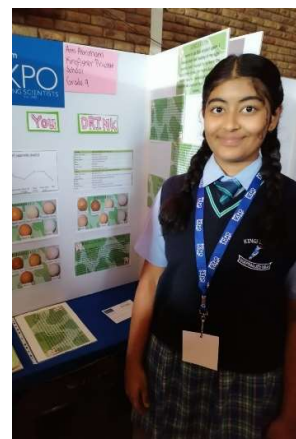
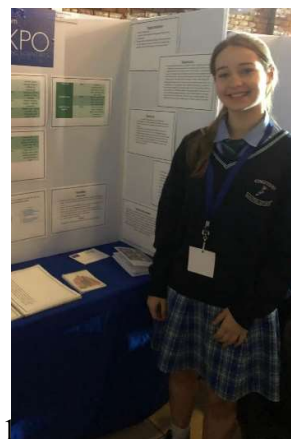
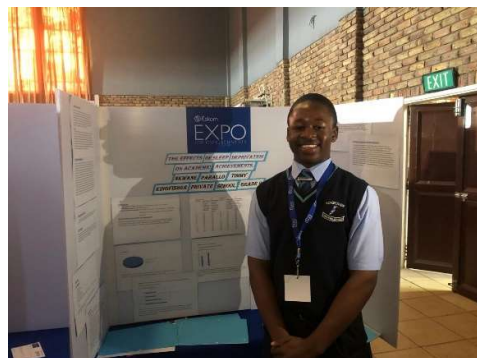
Paballo Nkwane Grade 9

Noluthando Kwinana Grade 9

Dineo Magoro Grade 11

Aman Pati Grade 11

Congratulations to all our Kingfisher Private School pupils who participated and represented our school. We are proud of you, young ladies and gentlemen.





Paballo Nkwane in Grade 9 was awarded a gold medal at the Regional ESKOM Science Exposition held at Namakgale Town Hall on Saturday 27 July. We are proud of you, young man.

### **ART FESTIVUS AT HOËRSKOOL BEN VORSTER**

Congratulations to the following pupils who participated in the Art Festivus at Hoërskool Ben Vorster last week:

Ora Mofokeng –  
Poetry: “Solitude” 85%

Mothapa Moraba –  
Public speaking: “My life as a teenage girl” 80%

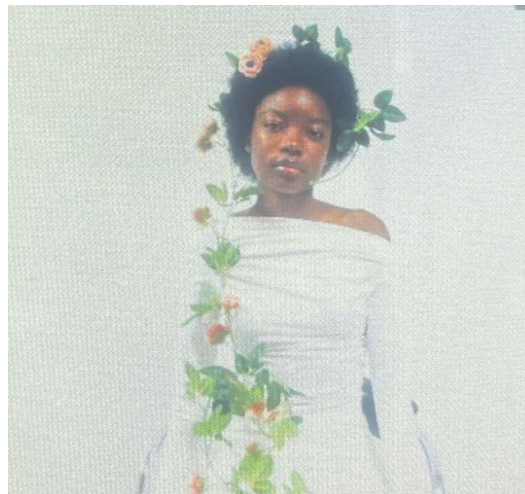
Abundance Maluleke –  
Public speaking: “The importance of no tolerance to bullying” 83%

Lesedi Moleya –  
Public speaking: “Music has healing powers” 77%

Zoë Cloete –  
Drama: “Remember” 84%

Bianca Sekgobela –  
Photography: “People expressing themselves through fashion” 78%

Well done to all our participants! We are very proud of you!  
Bianca Sekgobela’s submitted images.



## CAREER DAY

The Grade 7 to Grade 11 pupils attended a career guidance session on Tuesday 23 July 2024. Foskor provided all the facilitators for the afternoon. Mrs Ledwaba, one of the Kingfisher parents, who works at Foskor, working in liaison with Mr Nechombo organised the Careers Day. The pupils were given information about the various careers available at the mine. The session was insightful and beneficial for the pupils.





## **SAEON KIDS 2024 INATURALIST CHALLENGE**

This competition took place during school holidays and I made most of my observation in the Johannesburg Botanical Garden. It was a fun and relaxing competition, as it allowed me to spend some time in nature which is the biggest prize for me. I made over 600 observations and therefore won the Inaturalist Challenge. I won four books which are almost worth R2000, which I will be donating to Kingfisher.

- Aman Pati Grade 11



## **SANGO SENIOR ROUND [GRADE 10 – 12]**

Well done and congratulations to all the pupils who take Geography and who participated in the SANGO Olympiad.

Well done to the following pupils:

- Tlotlo Mokoena in Grade 12 who was awarded a silver certificate for being in the Top 10% nationwide
- Aman Pati in Grade 11 who was awarded a gold certificate for being in the Top 5% nationwide.

We are proud of you both for raising the Kingfisher flag even higher.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Grade 10 -11 Career Expo (Polokwane)	01 August
Readathon	02 August
Lollipop Day	02 August
PRC Executive Training	02 August – 04 August
National Book Week	05 August
Spirit Week	05 August – 08 August
Women's Day	09 August
International Youth Day	12 August
World Elephant Day	12 August
Spur Evening Grade 9	13 August 18:00
Grade 6 and 7 Cake Sale	14 August
Girl's Hockey vs Red School	14 August

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Staff:	Chris Madunda	31 July
Grade 1:	Andile Nkosi	07 August
Grade 4:	Olesego Malatji	07 August
Grade 6:	Tristan Hendriks	04 August
Grade 9:	Andzani Lebadika	01 August
Grade 12:	Siyabonga Nemathithi	07 August

## **SPUR EVENING DATES**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Date (Tuesday)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
3	13 August	Grade 9
4	05 November	Grade 7

## **IMPORTANT CHESS DATES:**

### **MOPANI DISTRICT CHESS TOURNAMENTS:**

17 August - Venue to be confirmed  
07 September - Fauna Park Primary School

### **FRIENDLY CHESS MATCHES:**

22 August - Prep school and College vs Meridian College.

## **TUMELONG DROP- IN CENTRE DONATIONS**

This month of July, Grades 4 and 5 are donating either a packet of rice or mealie meal towards the centre. Pupils and parents are to please assist us by buying on of the above-mentioned items.

## **OUTSIDE CHESSBOARD**

A reminder that the outside chess board is open for games to be played during break time for all pupils from Grade 3 – 12.

## **READ-A-THON (02 AUGUST 2024)**

Pupils are reminded that on Friday, 02 August, the school will run its annual Read-a-thon event. This year promises to be filled with much laughter and adventure. Hold on tight to your seats as you await the surprise that will blow you away.

## **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 REPORT CYCLE 2**

A reminder that the Intersen Phase Report Cycle 2 reports will be issued on Friday 23 August. Reports will be given only to parents and no reports will be sent home with pupils. There will also be parent meetings with the teachers during this time.

## **GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

All the Grade 11 pupils will attend the leadership training from 02 to 04 August 2023. On 02 August, we will depart at 12:30 as we are expected to arrive there at 14:00. All the Grade 11 pupils should come to school in the morning with their luggage as there will be no time to go home and fetch the luggage. Pupils are reminded to carry their medication if they have medical conditions. Indemnity forms need to be completed by all pupils. On 04 August, we will arrive at Kingfisher Private school at 14:00. Parents are to please fetch their children by 14:15.

## **GEOGRAPHY TRIP**

The grade 10 to 12 Geography pupils are reminded of the upcoming trip on the 8th of August 2024.

Please complete the reply slip attached to the letter and return it to Mrs Vundla. Payment should be made by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2024. Clearly indicate your school reference number and that it is for the College Geography trip.

## **BUSINESS STUDIES SIMULATION ACTIVITY**

The grade 12 Business Studies pupils will be participating in a Business Studies Simulation activity at Eagle's Nest Christian School, on Saturday 17 August 2024. Please complete the reply slip attached to the letter. and return it to Mrs Vundla. Payment should be made by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2024. Clearly indicate school reference number and that it is for the Business Studies simulation. We will depart from school at 05:30 as we are supposed to start at 08:00. The simulation activity is supposed to take 5 to 6 hours depending on the speed at which the pupils work. Time of arrival back at school will be communicated as the day progresses.

## SPIRIT WEEK

It is that time of the year again, spirit week is coming up. This will take place from Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August to Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. It will be R5 per day or R20 once off. Please note that the school dress code still applies on all the days.

### **Themes:**

Monday: Pyjama day

Tuesday: Opposite gender day

Wednesday: Country vs Country club

Thursday: Future career



## **CO CURRICULARS**

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Co-curriculars started on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. Each pupil must participate in at least one school co-curricular activity per term.

### **HOCKEY**

We are excited about playing hockey this term. Please ensure you have the correct socks, available at Lame Centre, next to the Ford Garage @ R 90. Remember to budget for away matches.

### **HOCKEY COACHES NEEDED**

We are looking for young coaches to assist with hockey coaching. If you know of anyone suitable, please inform Mrs Jordaan.

### **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 in the envelope.

### **CRICKET TEAM RECRUITMENT FRANS DU TOIT**

We are excited to announce that we are looking for boys who are interested in playing cricket for Frans du Toit High School team. We are especially seeking players for the Under 14 and Under 15.

Please contact Mr Sean Knoetze at Frans du Toit High School.

Telephone number  
(015) 781-2871

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

#### **ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

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

## **PARENTS - YOUR STATEMENTS**

Please remember the statements are sent out on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you haven't received one, please email Mrs DeWitt to request one. We have parents with email addresses that are no longer working, and who have not responded to the request to supply us with a new email address. Use this email to request your statement: [finance@kingfisherschool.co.za](mailto:finance@kingfisherschool.co.za).

Please use your reference number or child's name and surname when making a payment. We have payments made where no reference is allocated ('School Fees' is not a reference). Please inform the teacher if you have made payments between January and July 2024 where it does not reflect on your account so that we can allocate the payment to the correct account.

## **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. 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.***

## **PARENTS AND CLASSROOMS**

Parents are not allowed to go into a classroom to look for lost items in the mornings, or afternoons without the teacher's consent. If there is lost property that you are looking for, please check in the lost and found on a Wednesday or Friday between 07:00 and 07:10 in the morning. All lost items are sent to the Lost and Found Box.

## **AFTERCARE FEES 2024**

Aftercare fees for 2024 are R468.77 per month. Children can also attend aftercare on a casual basis, which must be arranged with Mrs Dawson in advance, at reception. Daily rate: R 29,74.

## **PARENTS CONTACT INFORMATION AND OTHER DETAILS**

Please inform the school of any changes in your contact information, names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Should an emergency occur, and you have not informed us of your new contact details, we will not be able to get hold of you. While your WhatsApp number can change on the group chat, the office does not have access to these groups, and they only work with the details that you supplied to the school when you enrolled your child/ren.

## HATS AND SHIRTS ORDERS

Please email Proof of payment to [admin2@kingfishersschool.co.za](mailto:admin2@kingfishersschool.co.za) with the child's name, grade and item as a reference when paying for Hats and Shirts via EFT, e.g. SusanGr5 Shirts. We now offer bigger hats for sale, but we only have a limited amount in stock. Here are the available sizes:

<b>S/M Child</b>	<b>R195</b>
<b>M/L Child</b>	<b>R200</b>
<b>Adult S/M</b>	<b>R220</b>
<b>Adult M/L</b>	<b>R220</b>
<b>Peak Cap</b>	<b>R115</b>

## ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER

Parents can advertise in the newsletter, as too can their businesses be advertised. One advertisement for one newsletter costs R25. Payment can be made to Mrs Dawson at Reception. The advertisement must be emailed to [admin2@kingfishersschool.co.za](mailto:admin2@kingfishersschool.co.za) in Word and this must be emailed the Friday before the Wednesday when the newsletter goes out.

YOUR OWN CROCHETABLE CROCHET SCRUNCHIES!!!

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