



KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Change begins with me.

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FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Grade 12 Parents' meeting and Meet the Teachers' meeting held last Thursday. We appreciate your presence and look forward to a successful year with the parents as our partners in educating our pupils.

Our matric teachers will be attending online IEB User Group Conferences online this Saturday. This year they are online and next year they will be held in person.

“The only trick of friendship, I think, is to find people who are better than you are — not smarter, not cooler, but kinder, and more generous, and more forgiving.”

Hanya Yanagihar

GRADE 7 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Grade 7 Leadership Training was a success. Thank you to Mrs Marowa for organising this event and to all the Grade 7s for their enthusiastic participation.





PAST PUPIL – THEMBINKOSI VUNDLA

My name is Thembinkosi Vundla. I left Kingfisher Private School at the end of 2023 and enrolled at Capsicum Culinary Studio in Cape Town for a chef course in 2024.

I completed the one-year professional pastry programme that is internationally recognised, earning all the necessary credits in December 2024. I am now a Professional Pastry Chef. The programme included an 18-week internship in the industry to gain practical experience.

I learned about various types of pastries, hotel industry management, and unexpected topics like fire extinguishers and their purposes. My favourite aspect of the programme was the opportunity to experiment with new techniques and improvise when ingredients were unavailable. It was a rewarding and enlightening experience that allowed me to enhance my pastry skills. Now that I have completed the programme, I plan to start working and pursue additional courses to further develop my skills and deepen my knowledge of the hospitality industry.

FLEDGLINGS AND GRADE R CAKE SALE

The Grade R and Fledglings cake sale went well. Thank you to all who donated goodies for the cake sale, as well as to those who supported by buying on the day. The amount raised will be in next week's newsletter

TEN DAYS OF SCHOOL!

Our Tenth School Day was yesterday and we are pleased to announce that our current pupil enrollment is 308. Thank you to Aunty Mooyneen and everyone who dealt with the admissions this year. It was a mammoth task.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

International Zebra Day	31 January
Grade 8 Pygmy Play	06 February 17:30 – 18:30
Civvies for merits	07 February
College Gala	07 February 14:15 -17:00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Grade R:	Naledi Phasha	05 February
Grade 4:	Barack Mashele	30 January
Grade 5:	Kuhlula Ngobeni	04 February
Grade 6:	Maite Malungane	04 February

PLEASE NOTE: TELEPHONES DOWN

The school phones are currently down. To contact the office, please email either reception@kingfishersschool.co.za or admin2@kingfishersschool.co.za or call the Aftercare number (066 095 6296) between 07:30 and 14:00.

SUMMER UNIFORM

No long pants may be worn by the Preparatory School boys and girls during summer.

INTERSEN PHASE UNIFORM, HAT AND STATIONERY CHECK

There will be a uniform, hat and stationery check for all Intersen Phase pupils on Monday 03 February. Please make sure that you have the correct stationery and your hat at school every day.

OUTSIDE CHESSBOARD

A reminder that the outside chess board is open for matches at break.

NEW MATCH UNIFORM ORDER FORM

An updated order form for the sport match uniforms has been sent out with the newsletter. Please note that the girls' skirt and shirt have been separated to make it easier to fit and order the correct size.

CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION

In the case of irregularities, Kingfisher strives to be fair and put the pupils' concerns first. There is an open-door policy. Concerns are brought to the attention of the necessary people through the following procedure:



SWIMATHON 2025

Swimathon sponsor letters were issued on the 22nd of January. Please make sure that you have read the content of the letter.

FOUNDATION PHASE HAT RULE

The rule is NO HAT NO PLAY, so remember to bring your hat to school. It is part of your formal uniform.

GRADE 7 VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are going to celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, the 14th of February from 14:15-16:00. For R70, the Grade 4-6s will have fun and plenty to eat at our Valentine's celebration. If you wish to attend, please hand in your payments to your register teacher before the 5th of February.

The Grade 7s are also selling raffle tickets for R10.00.

With this ticket, you can win a hamper filled with various goodies. The more tickets you buy, the better your chance at winning. The draw will take place on Friday the 14th of February.

Let us share the love...after all... that is what makes the world go round!



COLLEGE VALENTINE'S DANCE

Join us for "A Night to Remember" on Valentine's Day at Kingfisher Private School! On February 14, from 17:00 to 21:00, we invite all pupils to an amazing Valentine's Dance, where they can enjoy an evening of elegance and delight. The event's theme is Formal - Glitz and Glam, which sets the stage for a beautiful night. One of the highlights of the evening will be a magical dinner under the stars, creating unforgettable memories. The cost of attending is R180 per person, so don't miss out on this magical event!

COLLEGE INTER-HOUSE GALA

The gala will take place on the 7th of February 2025 from 14:15 to 17:00 at our pool. Every College pupil will take part in the gala and all pupils are encouraged to attend the College swimming practices. All pupils must have the correct house T-shirt on the day of the gala.

PYGMY PLAY PRACTICE

The Pygmy Play practice runs every afternoon from 14:15 to 16:15, Monday to Friday. Attendance is compulsory for all grade 8 and grade 12 pupils, and is essential as we prepare for the performance on the 6th of February 2025. Let's make it a great show!



NEW HIGH FLYER CRITERIA

We have revised the High Flyer criteria and will now differentiate between the various levels of high flyers. They are as follows:

High Flyers:	Grade 10 – 12	70% - 79% - Silver
		80% - 89% - Gold
		90% - 100% - Platinum
	Grade 4 – 9	75% - 79% - Silver
		80% - 89% - Gold
		90% - 100% - Platinum

SWIMATHON

The Swimathon will be held on the 7th of March. Please remember to collect as many donations as possible, so we can buy much needed equipment for the pool area!!!

MARKED STATIONERY

Grade F-3 stationery must be here on Friday, clearly marked. Please consult the stationery list which has been issued to the pupils.

TUMELONG DROP-IN CENTRE DONATIONS

Grades 11 and 12 will donate packets of rice and mealie meal to the Tumelong Drop-in Centre in February. Mr Nechombo and some PRC Executive Members will hand over these items on behalf of the school to the centre at the end of February.

We thank the parents and pupils for their continued support of vulnerable children in our community.

COLLEGE TOUR

As stated in the College Tour letter, the tour will take place from the 15th to the 20th of March 2025. We will be going to Mankele Mountain Biking Park and Resort. The due date for payment is the 20th of February 2025. Parents are encouraged to start paying installments every month from now. When making payments, please make use of the following reference- College Tour and the name which you use for your child's school account e.g. College Tour - THEKISO022. We hope to have most of the College pupils going on tour.

INTERSEN TOUR

The Intersen Phase Tour for the **Grade 4-6** will take place from **6-8 August 2025 (Term 3)**, at the Blyde Adventure Camp in Hoedspruit.

The cost of the tour is **R2 400 per pupil**. This includes accommodation, three meals a day and transport. The resort offers many fun and adventure activities such as archery, "kettie" paintball and an obstacle course. We would like all the Grade 4 – 6 pupils to attend the tour.

The Grade 7 Tour will take place **from 5-8 August 2025 in Term 3 (3 nights)**, at the Blyde Adventure Camp in Hoedspruit. The cost of the tour is **R3 200 per pupil**.

Parents can either pay the money as a lump sum before this date, or pay monthly from January 2025 – June 2025 (**R400 per month over 6 months**).

Grade 7 parents (**R535 per month over 6 months**).

The due date for all money to be paid is **27 June 2025**. **No payments will be accepted after this date.**

Please note that when you pay, **YOU MUST USE THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE;**

TOUR and your personal school account code (Check your school statement to find out) e.g. **TOUR -TH022**.

Pupils who are not attending the tour will be expected to attend school on the above dates.

FIRST AID TRAINING

We are pleased to announce that 6 pupils have been selected to be part of the First Aid Committee. They are: Naledi Makgopa Gr 10, Ivan Mashiane Gr 10, Adhiya Ramdial Gr 10, Munashe Mangere Gr 10, Siphosenkosi Nkosi Gr 11 and Sharon Joseph Gr 11

The team will receive First Aid training to equip them with the necessary skills to assist in emergencies.

Training Details:

Date: Thursday, 30 January 2025

Time: 14:10 - 17:00

Location: School Library

The First Aid team will be working closely with Ms. Ndlovu to gain the knowledge and skills required to provide first aid in case of emergencies.

Congratulations to the First Aiders of 2025!

We look forward to seeing you make a difference in the school community!

CO CURRICULARS

Please note that co-curriculars started on the Monday the 20th of January. All pupils are required to participate in at least one co-curricular activity per term.

SWIMMING FOR 2025

Remember, it is a swimming term! You must have a navy or black swimming costume and a swimming cap. Only team swimmers may have a school cap. Remember that swimming is compulsory!

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.

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 have 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.

SCHOOL BLAZER NOTICE

Blazers are available by order only. Julian Thom does not keep stock on hand; they are made when an order is placed. The prices range from R950 for sizes 32 to 38 (S to XL) and R1150 for sizes 40 (XXL) and up.

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 - YOUR STATEMENTS

Please remember the statements are sent out on the 25th of each month. If you have not 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.

Parents are once again requested to use the correct reference for all payments. Having to continually ask parents to identify payments is a waste of the Bursar's time.

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.

FETCHING PUPILS LATE

Parents, please remember that you will be fined should you fetch your children late after an event, whether it is a school function, aftercare or an away match.

HAT AND SHIRT ORDERS

Please email Proof of payment to admin2@kingfisherschool.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.

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@kingfisherschool.co.za in Word and this must be emailed the Friday before the Wednesday when the newsletter goes out.



KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL 2025

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STAFF STARTS
PUPILS START
SCHOOL CLOSES
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
STAFF CLOSES

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- ◆ NEW YEAR'S DAY - 01 JANUARY
- ◆ HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - 21 MARCH
- ◆ GOOD FRIDAY - 18 APRIL
- ◆ FAMILY DAY - 21 APRIL
- ◆ FREEDOM DAY - 28 APRIL
- ◆ WORKER'S DAY - 01 MAY
- ◆ YOUTH DAY - 16 JUNE
- ◆ WOMEN'S DAY - 09 AUGUST
- ◆ HERITAGE DAY - 24 SEPTEMBER
- ◆ DAY OF RECONCILIATION - 16 DECEMBER
- ◆ CHRISTMAS DAY - 26 DECEMBER
- ◆ DAY OF GOOD WILL - 26 DECEMBER

SPECIAL DAYS

- ◆ MOTHERS DAY - 12 MAY
- ◆ AFRICA DAY - 25 MAY
- ◆ FATHERS DAY - 16 JUNE
- ◆ GRANDPARENTS' DAY - 28 JULY
- ◆ NELSON MANDELA DAY - 18 JULY



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SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE 2025

1. ASSESSMENT TEST FEES

A non-refundable R250.00 Assessment Fee per pupil is payable for the testing of the pupil.

2. REGISTRATION FEES

A once-off, non-refundable, Registration fee of R4 950 is due per pupil, and has to be paid up when the child reaches GRADE 1. See the School Fee Structure for the split if the child enrolls before Grade 1.

After acceptance of the pupil, a R300 non-refundable deposit must be paid with the return of the Application Admission form to ensure placement of the pupil. **This R300 will be deducted from the Registration Fees.**

	2025	2026	2027	2028
Gr RRR	R1 237.50 per year	R1 237.50 per year	R1 237.50 per year	R1 237.50 per year
Gr RR	R1 650 per year	R1 650 per year	R1 650 per year	
Gr R	R2 475 per year	R2 475 per year		
Gr 1	R4 950			
Other Gr 2 & Up	R4 950			

3. DEVELOPMENT FEES

An annual Development Fee of **R900 per pupil will be payable in January** of each year.

4. SCHOOL FEES

Monthly school fees are payable in advance, **for 12 months**.

Grade	Monthly school fees	FFZ (Fundraising Free Zone)	Monthly (EXCL Aftercare or instalments)
Grade 000 – Grade R	R3 094.00	R100 (Per family per month)	R3 194.00
Grade 1 – Grade 7	R3 537.00	R100 (Per family per month)	R3 637.00
Grade 8	R4 091.00	R100 (Per family per month)	R4 191.00
Grade 9	R4 694.00	R100 (Per family per month)	R4 794.00
Grade 10 - 12	R4 787.00	R100 (Per family per month)	R4 887.00

5. AFTERCARE FEES

Aftercare: Aftercare is R468.77 per month. Children can also attend aftercare on a daily or hourly basis, which must be arranged in advance at Reception. Daily rate: R29.74 per day. Please note point 8.3

6. OTHER FEES

IEB Grade 12 Examination registration. Payable before June in the pupil's Grade 12 year. The amount is determined by the IEB. Notices will be sent to parents well in advance.



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In respect of Grade 12 pupils, if fees are not fully paid by the time the matriculation entries are due for dispatch to the Independent Examination Board, we accept that the school may withhold your child's entrance for the Matriculation Examination.

7. DISCOUNT

- 7.1 A 3% discount will be granted, if the school fees are paid in advance and for the full academic year. This needs to be paid before the 28th or 29th of February, in order to qualify for the discount. Please inform the bursar that you will be paying in full.
- 7.2 Parents with a 2nd or 3rd child will qualify for a discount of 5% on a second child; 10% on a 3rd or 4th child's school fees. These discounts do not apply to aftercare fees or to any pupil already on a bursary or fee assistance scheme. If a child within a family is already on a scheme, no discount will be granted to any sibling.

8. BANKING DETAILS & OTHER

- 8.1 Fees are payable in advance and are due on or before the 3rd of the month.
- 8.2 Payment method : A Debit Order, Deposit or Bank Transfer (EFT) into our banking account. **NO CASH PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.**

FNB, Cheque account, 620 130 094 45, Branch 270-452, Email finance@kingfisherschool.co.za. Please use your child's surname and Grade as a reference, until you have received your unique reference number from the school.
- 8.3 **A CALENDAR MONTH'S written notice or the equivalent fee is required before the withdrawal of a child from School / and or aftercare. Notice MAY NOT be given for the end of November, as the fees are payable over 12 months. December's fees are payable whether the child attends / does not attend school in November.**
- 8.4 Any outstanding fees from the previous year must be settled before registering at **the start of the next calendar year.**
- 8.5 The School shall have the right to take action to recover any outstanding amount in a court of law, in which case the parents are liable for and consent to pay costs and interest to any attorney on the attorney / client scale, this sum including any collection commission and tracing fees.
- 8.6 The School may refuse re-admission of a pupil if there are any School fees outstanding, unless a specific written agreement has been reached between the School and the parents, with regard to the settlement of the outstanding fees. **If the parent defaults on this agreement, the pupil will be asked to leave immediately.**
- 8.7 A 10 % administration fee will be deducted from any refunds.
- 8.8 The parent/s or guardian/s take responsibility for the pupil's support material provided by the school. The parent/s or guardian/s shall personally ensure that such material is returned to the school in proper condition. In the case of losses, they are liable for the cost of replacing of such material and will be invoiced accordingly.
- 8.9 Parents may pay the Development Fee & Registration Fee off, providing that they sign an agreement with the school. See the Bursar for more details.

9. PENALTIES

Penalties will be issued in the form of fines for the following circumstances:

- 9.1 Late collection aftercare / after school and or functions R50.
- 9.2 Late arrival for school R100.00.
- 9.3 R50 per report reprint
- 9.4 Swimathon / Readathon. R50 per missing form. R50 per zero return form.

Date updated: 2024/11


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Mrs Renée Rudolph
Headmistress