



KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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INTEGRITY, LOYALTY, KINDNESS AND RESPECT.
Change begins with me.

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FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK:

Good day Kingfisher family,



Here we are at the end of Term 1, unbelievably true!

This term was packed with learning, joy, connection and growth. From a shaky start in January during times of uncertainty, to the joyous moment of welcoming our pupils back to our hallways. Even the rainy days brought laughter as we turned indoor play into “rainy-day-invention-workshops” with the Fledglings and grade Rs! We have welcomed our precious grade ones into “Big School” and been entertained by our “new” grade 8s in their Talent Show. Learning and growing, we have been constantly busy investing in our school community and assisting the broader community with our fundraising initiative. There have been many memorable moments, such as when we opened our taps and out came water from our own borehole, as well as when we had power from our own generator while others were in the dark. All of this could not have happened without the continued effort of our pupils, parents, staff and Board Members.

Academically, we saw the progress sought after by every teacher and parent. Pupils have moved up in reading levels, mastered new concepts and spelling words, and successfully completed the required assessment tasks. The real growth, however, has been deeper than marks. We have seen pupils finding their “space in the sun” and friendships go from strength to strength. Pupils have developed greater resilience and humility when things haven't gone perfectly the first time. You can be proud – your children are growing into confident, kind and curious young people!

We set high expectations for attendance, behaviour and homework completion. I am pleased to report that overall attendance was very good and that all classes met or exceeded their curriculum targets. However, we have noticed that punctuality after events and consistent homework submission in a few grades, still need improvement. These are not failures – they are signposts for Term 2. With your continued support, we know we will close these small gaps quickly!

You may have noticed the fresh coat of paint at the school's main entrance and an overall improvement in our school's gardens. A shout-out to the grade 7 parent group for the visible change in their allocated area! Other classes have plans, but the implementing phases are apparently still in progress. Watch out for the Fledglings and Grade R-playground as there are big plans in the making! During the holidays, there are plans to have the pavilion fixed and to tackle some other smaller projects. If you are able to contribute in any way, whether with time, advice or in any other way, please feel free to come forward. Any assistance is welcome

You will receive your monthly invoices in hard copy this term to ensure that everyone is reached. Please make sure to follow-up and meet your financial obligations, as we are totally reliant on school fees for the proper functioning of our school.

We will continue to have parent-teacher conversations, as they are vital to ensure that our pupils flourish. The Grades 4 – 12 reports will be issued during the second week of Term 2 in consultation with the parents.

We are formally saying goodbye to Mrs Alison Young, as mentioned in a previous newsletter. She has touched so many hearts and lives! Ma'am, a Kingfisher thank you from our hearts. You will be deeply missed! All the best for your future endeavours.

Enjoy memory-making times with your child/ren during the holidays. Choose presence over pressure. Charge those batteries to be fully loaded for an exciting Term 2!

Thank you once again for trusting us with your most precious treasures!

God bless!
Celia Meintjes

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM AUNTY LUCY'S TUCKSHOP

We would like to inform you that the tuckshop will be introducing a few updates to the menu, effective from the beginning of the upcoming term. The revised menu has been carefully planned to offer a wider variety of meals and refreshments that are both enjoyable and suitable for our pupils. Our goal is to ensure that all items provided are of good quality, reasonably priced, and appealing to the pupils.

We encourage you to discuss the menu options with your child to help them make suitable choices.

Please take note of the following important changes, **effective from Term 2:**

- The tuckshop will no longer allow purchases on credit. All purchases must be paid in cash.
- A weekly tuckshop menu will be shared with parents via WhatsApp every Friday afternoon for the following week.

Foundation Phase (Grade R-3):

Meal combos will be available at R50 per meal, which includes a meal, drink and snack.

- When making payment, please use the following reference: Pupil's name and grade (e.g. Ndzalamo Grade 3)
- If you would like to order food for only one or two days in the week, this must still be done in advance over the weekend or by Monday morning.

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Account holder: Lucy Malatji

Contact number: 078 150 1880

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Account number: 1686320750

Account holder: KS Malatji

Contact number: 078 150 1880

Cash payments:

Please place the money in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the child's name and order. The money will be collected on Monday morning.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring a smooth transition to this new system.

Kind regards

Mrs Lucy Malatji

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

STAFF WARM UP FOR THE SWIMATHON



FP and Intersen Phase teachers



Admin staff



Foundation Phase staff



College teachers

UPCOMING EVENTS

SWIMATHON – 26 MARCH



SWIM-A-THON REMINDER!

Dear Parents and Pupils,
Please take note:

All pupils must be seated by 16:45 sharp!

We start at 17:00 sharp!

No shoes or socks allowed!

Pupils must wear their swimming costumes and sports uniform

LUCKY PACKETS ARE R20
GLOW STICKS ARE R2

The poster features a blue and white bird logo with the motto 'NON PENNA, SED USUS', a blue alarm clock, two pink alarm clocks, a blue swimsuit, a blue sports uniform, a yellow duck, and several glow sticks.



Swim-a-Thon TUCKSHOP MENU

Chips R30

Boerewors roll R30

Yankees R15

Pap Beef Stew & Coloured Greens R45

Refreshments Available!

The poster shows a variety of food items including a bowl of chips, a boerewors roll, a Yankee hot dog, a plate of pap beef stew with colored greens, a can of soda, a water bottle, a cup of iced coffee, a cup of iced tea, a beach ball, and a pair of flip-flops.

Timetable for the last day of Term 1: 27 March 2026

- 07:10 School starts
- 07:29 Register period and Grade 8 and 9 pupils will set up
- 08:00-09:30 Grade 8 and 9 Entrepreneur's Day
- 09:30 Register period Grade 8 and 9 pupils pack up
- 10:00 School closes – pupils leave
- 11:00 Teachers leave

ESKOM SCIENCE EXPOSITION

There is going to be a workshop for Eskom Science Exposition at Leboneng in Namakgale on Thursday 26 March starting at 10:00. Pupils were identified from grade 7 – 12.

The workshop will further equip our pupils with new developments in Science Exposition. Pupils are to bring their research plans and the progress they have made up to so far. Pupils will also receive advice on how to proceed with their projects. Pupils are to please dress in formal school uniform and to bring enough food. Thank you for your co-operation.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

GRADES 4 – 12 REPORT HANDOUTS AND PARENT MEETINGS

Grades 4 – 12 pupils and parents must please note there will be parent meetings on Tuesday 21 April and Thursday 23 April from 16:00 – 18:30. Parents will be required to attend a 10-minute meeting on one of these days where they will receive their children's reports. Further information and the opportunity to book time slots will be made available to the parents in the first week of Term 1.

SCIENCE FAIR DAY

Our Kingfisher Science Fair Day will be held on Saturday 09 May 2026. The pupils will display their projects and judging will take place. After judging is completed, there will be public viewing by our stakeholders, sponsors and our parents. We will expect our Grades 7 to 12 Kingfisher parents to be present and see what their children are doing in Science Fair.

There will be a prestigious Prize giving where pupils will receive prizes for being top in their categories and for the best project. Letters have been sent to some sponsors so that we are able to fund for the day. Anyone who would like to support this initiative by sponsoring with money or material prizes, please feel free to do so by contacting Mr Nechombo or Mrs Marowa. Sponsors will be given the opportunity to market their business by putting up a stall or to present the prizes.

HOEDSPRUIT EISTEDDFOD

A reminder of the Hoedspruit Eisteddfod taking place in Hoedspruit from the 19 to 23 May 2026. It is both in English and Afrikaans. The closing date for entries to school is 29 April 2026. Entries must be submitted through the school as no entries from individual people will be accepted by the organisers. Please note that it is the full responsibility of the parents to make sure that their children are properly prepared for any item/s they wish to present at the Eisteddfod. It is also the responsibility of the parents to transport and supervise their own children at the eisteddfod. Both the English and Afrikaans syllabi and the instructions are available on the class WhatsApp groups. The English and Afrikaans teachers also have copies of these documents.

DATES TO REMEMBER

26/03/2026	Swimathon	17:00 – 20:00
27/03/2026	Grade 8 & 9 Entrepreneur's Day	08:00 – 09:30
27/03/2026	School closes	10:00
14/04/2026	School re-opens	07:10

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