



KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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GRATITUDE

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FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK:



Dear Kingfisher family

After a very busy weekend with the Plushy-picnic, extraordinary Science Fair, historic rugby and mini-netball, we are right and ready for more to come! A big shout out to every single individual who was involved in these events. Your dedication and support contributed to the success and really makes our Kingfisher School to fly even higher!

This week hosts the IP-Phase soccer and netball, round 2 of the South African Maths Olympiad, the Eskom Science Exposition and a brand new IP-Fun Day-initiative. (See information) Support your child and support our school!

We knew that this term would be as fast as lightning and nothing emphasises it more than to realize that the College mid-year exams are already here. Grades 8 -11 start on Monday 25 May 2026 while the grade 12's will be busy with extra contact time and assessments. Please encourage and see to it that your child has the best opportunity to do his/her best.

The IP-Phase starts their exams on 9 June (grade 7) and 10 June. Please make sure your child adheres to the exam-timetable and have appropriate study time. Be aware of anxiousness, especially in grade 4, and nurture your child with love and understanding.

On a more personal level, our family celebrated the oldest son's wedding on Saturday 16 May 2026. What a wonderful event! We are grateful parents indeed.



God bless.



Board Member: Communications Portfolio

It is a privilege for Mrs Vutomi Mnisi to serve as the Board Member responsible for Communications. As a proud parent, with one child in Grade 3, another in Grade 11, and an eldest who matriculated from Kingfisher in 2021.

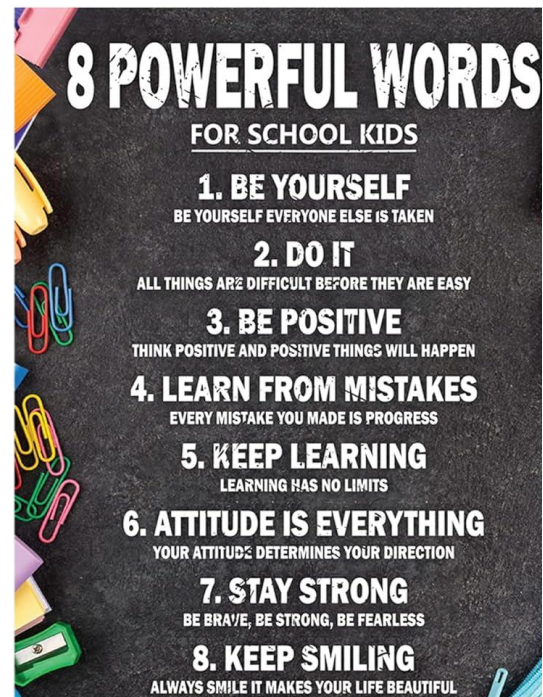
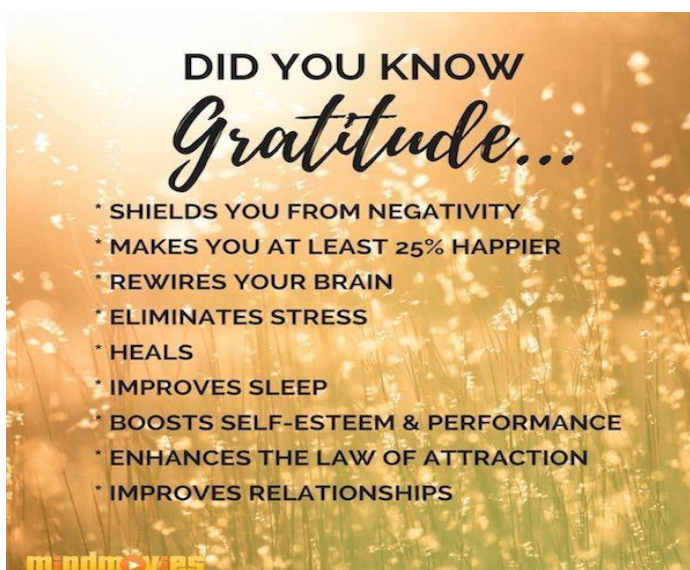
She brings a deep appreciation for the relationships that shape our community and supports a structured communication approach, where engagement flows through the appropriate channels: from class teacher, to HOD, to Principal, and ultimately to the Board of Governors ensuring clarity, respect, and accountability at every level.

In this role, she helps oversee clear and consistent school communications, supports the development of communication policies, ensures timely sharing of important updates, and promotes constructive engagement between parents, staff and the Board.

With a warm and approachable outlook, Vutomi is committed to fostering open dialogue, strengthening trust, and ensuring every member of our community feels heard, valued, and connected, while upholding the standards and unity of our independent IEB school.



Vutomi Mhlongo



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

FOUNDATION PHASE

Star of the Week

Spelling:

Grade 1: Lesiba Mokone

Grade 2: Keith Nkuna

Grade 3: Max Bertens

Congratulations!



MINI NETBALL AND RUGBY

On Saturday, our u/6, u/7 and u/8 boys became part of history when they marched onto the rugby field for the very first time!

And wow... they played like real Bulletjies! There were tags, big smiles, dusty knees and loads of fun. We are pretty sure some of the boys even slept with their rugby socks on afterwards!

A huge thank you to Uncle Koeks, Uncle Kabelo, Coach Alex, Coach Armand and Aunty Anita as well as for the Nail and Beauty Room cheer leaders for giving up so much of their time to help our boys. We really appreciate all the support, encouragement and energy you bring.

Boys, you did the groundwork — from now on we just move forward! Keep playing hard, keep having fun and keep making us proud. The future of Kingfisher rugby is looking bright!

The netball girls also made us proud! They played like real ladies. Well done, girls — we are improving step by step, throw by throw!



u/6 rugby team



u/7 rugby team



u/8 rugby team



INTERSEN PHASE

SOUTHERN CROSS SOCCER

The results of the soccer matches played on the 14th of May 2026 at Southern Cross in Hoedspruit are as follows:

Under 11 boys, played very well but unfortunately, the boys lost their match, 2 – 0 to Southern Cross.

The Under 13 boys and a girl, Khani, team played extremely well and the players were hungry of goals. The Kingfisher team won 3 -1. The result was because of combined effort among the players thus co-operation always leads to success. Well done, as Kingfishers, we are all proud of you.



GRADE 4 – 7 NETBALL AND SOCCER MATCHES

A big well done to all the Foundation Phase boys and girls who participated in the soccer and netball tournament last Tuesday. You played exceptionally well and represented Kingfisher with pride and sportsmanship!

A special thank you to Coach Armand and Coach Alex for all your hard work, encouragement, and dedication.



INTERSEN PHASE PLUSHY PICNIC

The Intersen Phase Plushy Picnic was a lot of fun. No matter how old you are, your Plushy from childhood is always a best friend.

Thank you, Aunty Lucy, for the scrumptious meal.



Best Innovative Project

- Didintle Nokana Grade 9

Best Energy/ Engineering Project

- Michelle Shilowa Grade 8

Best Display Project

- Katelynn Titus Grade 7

6. Top Three pupils per category were presented prizes as follows

Position 3: A power bank sponsored by BSPH

Position 2: Volkano Headphones sponsored by a parent and R200 cash from Azimuth

Position 1: A Rizen Tablet from Alco Mining

6.1 Engineering Project Awards

- 3 Kavish Purbhoo Grade 9
- 2 Xingwavila Mthombeni Grade 11
- 1 Mpho Chauke Grade 7

6.2 Biomedical and Health Sciences Awards

- 3 Oratilwe Mofokeng Grade 9
- 2 Katelynn Titus Grade 7
- 1 Malwandla Mthembu Grade 11

6.3 Social Sciences Awards

- 3 Langavi Rikhotso Grade 8
- 2 Didintle Nokana Grade 9
- 1 Omphile Setagane Grade 8

6.4 Agricultural Sciences Awards

- 3 Tshegofatso Mamaila Grade 9
- 2 Lesedi Mohatli Grade 7
- 1 Nsuku Mathebula Grade 8

6.5 Mathematics and Computer Science Awards

- 3 Lebokang Mofokeng Grade 10
- 2 Paballo Nkwane Grade 11
- 1 Abundance Maluleke Grade 10

6.6 Environmental Sciences Awards

- 3 Rifumo Shirinda Grade 8
- 3 Hannah Jordaan Grade 10
- 2 Aron van den Borre Grade 7
- 1 Boitumelo Shayi Grade 10

7. R500 Jacket vouchers from Dorisign were presented to pupils with Best projects in different Grades:

- Mpho Chauke Grade 7
- Omphile Setagane Grade 8
- Abundance Maluleke Grade 10

8. HP Laptop, laptop bag and a mouse sponsored by Bill Smith Plant Hire were presented to a pupil with the **Overall Best Project**.

- Didintle Nokana

Grade 9

Thank you to the following:

Board of Governors:

Thank you for your leadership and for backing this initiative. Your vision set the foundation for the Kingfisher Science Fair. The Board of Governors played a pivotal role to market and support in the form of money, material prizes and banners. Thank you.

To our sponsors and partner companies:

Thank you for your financial support and belief in our pupils. Your investment provided the materials and resources that turned ideas into working projects. As this Science Fair will be an annual event, and we plan to invite other schools in coming years, we encourage you to continue partnering with us. Your ongoing support will help us grow the impact and reach more young innovators.

1	Alco Mining 3 x Rizzen Nova Tablets
2	Azimuth 2 x Takealot Vouchers + 1200 cash
3	Bill Smith Plant Hire 1x HP Laptop 1x Laptop bag 1x Mouse 6x Amplify Headphones 6x Power banks
4	Forest Fleet R5000
5	Makungu Valoyi Occupational Therapist R500
6	ZK 8 x Pencil cases 3x KF mugs
7	Paris Cash and Carry R1000
8	W Tech 3x Science Expo Flasks
9	DoriSign 3 x R500 Jackets vouchers
10	Players Lounge 3x science Expo 2026 Mugs
11	Payporwax 3 x Scientific calculators, 5 cases of water

Thank you once again!

To our parents:

Thank you for encouraging your children and for your financial and moral support that made the event possible. We appreciate the financial and material support ranging from money, material prizes, catering for staff and pupils and the Kingfisher Science shirts. Well done to our parents.

To our teachers: Thank you for guiding, mentoring, and pushing learners to think deeper at every stage. We delegated responsibilities to each of the committee members and you did your part diligently. Let us continue to work as a team for the betterment of our Kingfisher learners. All the teachers played an important role before, during and after the event, thank you. A special thank you to Mrs Young for her role as the Judges Coordinator, she is an example of a hard worker even though she left the school at the end of term 1.

To our workers and support staff: Thank you for managing the venue, equipment, and logistics so everything ran smoothly.

Pupils: Thank you for your creativity, hard work, and confidence in presenting your work. You are the reason we held this Science Fair. Let us prepare to participate in the Eskom and Tritech Expositions.





UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERSEN PHASE SOCCER AND NETBALL MATCHES

Good luck to all our Intersen Phase boys and girls who will be playing in the soccer and netball matches against Meridian and Phalaborwa Academy on Wednesday, 20 May. Matches will start promptly at 14:00 and finish at 17:00.

Please make travel arrangements in advance and double-check that you have your correct match uniform ready. We wish all our players the very best — play hard and make Kingfisher proud!

DISTRICT ESKOM SCIENCE EXPOSITION

On Friday 22 May, Kingfisher pupils will participate at the District Eskom Science Exposition. The selectors will select pupils at Kingfisher Private school.

Pupils should have the research plan, the report file, the abstract, the journal and their display. Based on the school round, pupils are to upgrade areas that were recommended by judges.

The District Eskom Science Exposition is compulsory for pupils who want to participate at the Eskom regional round. The selectors will be at school at 11:00 and will finish after 15:00. Pupils and parents are to organise transport accordingly.

TAALFEES

The Annual Taalfees will take place on 26 May during school hours. Pupils will receive Afrikaans poems to practise at home. Parents, please support and encourage your children as they prepare for this exciting event.

FOUNDATION PHASE RUGBY

On 27 May, our Foundation Phase boys will be playing rugby against Phalaborwa Academy. We wish our young rugby stars all the best for their upcoming matches!

The programme and match details will be confirmed next week.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

INTERSEN PHASE EXAM TIMETABLES AND EXAM BREAKDOWNS

The Intersen Phase pupils have been issued with the exam timetable and breakdowns. Parents must please make sure that their children begin preparing for their exams in good time.

COLLEGE MID YEAR EXAMINATIONS

Pupils received the timetable for the examinations which start on Monday 25 May. We advise both pupils and parents to always check the dates for examinations in order to plan the transport and other logistics. On Friday our college pupils will set up for the examinations. We expect that by 11:00 all the pupils will have been fetched.

TUMELONG DROP IN CENTRE

A reminder to all Grades 4 and 5 pupils who did not donate to please do so.

SOUTH AFRICAN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Ten College pupils will take part in the second round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad (SAMO) on Thursday 14 May. The Olympiad starts at 14:00 and will last for one hundred and twenty minutes. SAMO participants are expected to make their necessary transport arrangements.

GRADE 9 INFORMATION EVENING

There will be a Grade 9 Information Evening for the Grade 9 parents and pupils. This will take place on the 21st of May 2026, (in the school hall at 17:30). All parents are to please attend, together with their children. This is extremely important as we discuss subject choices for Grade 10. These choices have a significant impact on the pupils' career paths.

DATES TO REMEMBER

INTERSEN PHASE FAMILY DAY

A reminder of the Intersen Phase Family Day on Saturday 23 May from 09:00 – 13:00. The whole family is welcome to join in the fun. Food will be on sale on the day. The entry fee for the day is one food item per family for the Tumelong Drop-in-Centre.

This is an event not to be missed!

SPONSORSHIPS

We are still looking for sponsors for our little soccer boys. We need soccer balls, as balls are perishables and can get damaged quickly with regular use. Your company's name can be placed on any ball you sponsor. We would also appreciate sponsorship of mini goal posts/box goals. If there is a handy person out there who would be willing to build some for us, we would be truly grateful. Thank you for supporting our children and helping them grow in sport!

DATES TO DIARISE

21 May	Prep school & College Chess friendly match	14:15
21 May	Grade 9 Parents information evening	17:30
22 May	Civvies Day	
22 May	District Eskom Science Exposition	
22 May	College detention	14:15 – 16:15
23 May	Intersen Phase family day	09:00 – 13:00
25 May	College exams start	
25 - 29 May	Hoedspruit Eisteddfod	
27 May	Mini rugby vs Phalaborwa Academy	13:15
29 May	Grade 12 English PIT productions	

CALLING ALL SPORT SPONSORS!
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Support Our Young Athletes! ♥

Mini-Netball • Mini-Hockey • Mini-Rugby • Mini-Soccer

We need YOUR support!
Seeking Sponsorship For:

- Team Water Bottles
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Plus, Additional Items:

- Netball Balls
- Rugby Balls
- Soccer Balls & Training Cones
- Training Gear & Ribbons

Sponsor & Support Our Kids!

- ★ Promote Your Business
- ★ Build School Spirit
- ★ Make a Difference!

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Thank you for helping our young stars shine! ★★

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only R95.00



WEDNESDAY

PIZZA

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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R95.00

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½ CHICKEN

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only R55.00



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Headmistress