



KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK:



Dear Kingfisher family

Here we go again at full speed into this term!

I am always, and still, amazed by the kind of pupils we have in our school. They really do tick all the boxes in different spheres: emotionally, academically, in sport and in cultural activities. You only have to read this newsletter to catch a glimpse of the bigger picture.

Polar bear swimming:

Although we don't experience Alaskan temperatures here in Phalaborwa, it is still too cold to swim! Thank you to each brave swimmer! (The hot chocolate afterwards might have played a major role) This event forms part of why I say we have amazing pupils!

Mandela Day / Phalaborwa First:

I am sure you are aware of the challenge our school has set out to other schools regarding the above matter. Have you seen the photos on our Facebook page? What a lovely effort this has been! From little hands to big hands – all working together towards the same goal. Thank you to each and every participant. Let's keep it up!

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world!" (Anne Frank)

Sport:

We are participating in the soccer league with the College boys this year, as well as the hockey league for boys and girls in Grades 4–7, *for the first time*. We are very excited to give our pupils this opportunity. The value and benefit of this are far-reaching. I would like to use Guy Finley's quote in this regard: *"The real quality of life is not determined by what we have won from it, but what we have discovered within it."*

The Foundation Phase's little bodies will be participating in hockey and cross-country days. This is a wonderful way to explore, persevere and enjoy!

Foundation Phase will continue doing netball and rugby skills throughout the term (Grades R–3). The IP Phase will only be doing hockey, while the College girls will be doing netball as well as ringball skills.

Thank you for your support in motivating your children, filling in reply slips, contributing money for transport and supporting them at the fields and courts.

We need more of our parents next to the courts, please!

Co-curricular:

Please assist us in making sure your child participates and teach them to finish as strongly as they started. *Don't allow them to quit just because they no longer feel like it.*

Teach them the proper values to apply in life.

If there is anyone who can assist with choir, drama or drum majorettes, please speak to your child's register teacher.

IP Tour:

The IP Phase pupils are departing on Sunday and Monday respectively. Look, learn and enjoy!

Tumelong Donations:

Any contribution, no matter how small, can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. Donations of non-perishable food items such as canned food, rice, maize meal (pap), pasta, long-life milk and other basic groceries are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for helping us show kindness and care to our community.

May the week surprise you in the best way!

God bless.

Celia Meintjes

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We wish Ms Lerato Modjadji every success as she settles into her new role and becomes part of our school family. We trust you will find your time with us both rewarding and enjoyable.

Ms Modjadji is standing in for Mrs Ntlhe who is on maternity leave.

Welcome to the team—we are glad to have you with us!



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

FET PHASE

GRADE 7 HEAD AND DEPUTY LEADERS

Congratulations to the following Grade 7 pupils on being elected Head and Deputy Leaders.

Taonga Zulu – Head Leader

Boikanyo Khoetha – Deputy Head Leader

Congratulations, we are proud of you!



COLLEGE

PREFECT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL RESULTS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected as Prefect Representative Council (PRC) members for Terms 3 and 4.

Grade 8

- Rifumo Shirinda
- Mikateko Nziyane

Grade 9

- Ntsakisi Chauke
- Didintle Nokana

Grade 10

- Lebogang Mofokeng
- Ngoae Phenyo

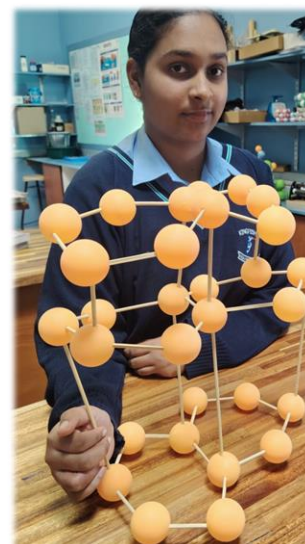


We congratulate them on their election and wish them every success during their term of office. May they serve the school with dedication, integrity, and excellence.

GRADE 10 – MODEL OF GRAPHITE

Manna Kurian in Grade 10 made a model of Graphite which is one of the allotropes of carbon.

This model will be useful for teaching giant covalent lattice.



YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP

On 26 June, Bianca Sekgobela had the opportunity to attend a youth entrepreneurship workshop hosted by the EFM Foundation in partnership with SABC 1. She was awarded with a certificate for the successful completion of the Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop.

The workshop was attended by members of the Skeem Saam cast, who shared their personal journeys and spoke about how the film and television industry is also a business. They explained that success in the creative industry requires passion, hard work, discipline, and an entrepreneurial mindset.

The speakers also encouraged them to always find ways to give back to their communities and help those who are less fortunate. This reminded me that success is not only about achieving my own goals but also about making a positive impact on others.

The workshop taught her not to limit herself to careers that are traditionally seen as successful. It showed her that art, creativity, and storytelling can open many doors, and that with passion, dedication, and perseverance, creative careers can be just as rewarding and impactful as any other profession.



GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP

The Grade 11 Leadership Training camp took place in Hoedspruit. Our pupils participated in the leadership activities planned for them and showed much enthusiasm and interest. Thank you to Mrs Barbara Huddle whose team facilitated and guided our Grade 11 pupils so well. Also, to Mr Nechombo and Mr Masilela who accompanied them.





PROVERTO OLYMPIAD – ACCOUNTING

Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in the Olympiad. We are so proud of you.

The following pupils received participation acknowledgements:

Grade 10:	Motlanelo Mononela	Grade 11:	Shiluva Mnisi
	Ntsako Mashele		
	Abundance Maluleke	Grade 12:	Lehlonolo Moremi

Congratulations to the following pupils who qualified to go to the second and final round on the 29th of July 2026:

Grade 10:	Manna Karian
Grade 11:	Malwandla Mthembu - both Accounting and Business Studies
	Thusano Kutumela - both Accounting and Business Studies
	Andzani Lebadika - Business Studies
	Noluthando Kwinana - Accounting
	Paballo Nkwane - both Accounting and Business Studies
	Kamogelo Mabilo - both Accounting and Business Studies
Grade 12:	Zoe Cloete - both Accounting and Business Studies
	Sipho Nkosi - both Accounting and Business Studies
	Reitumetsi Somo - Business Studies
	Mothapa Moraba - Business Studies

The following pupils qualified with outstanding results. Both attaining 90% for accounting:

Grade 10:	Boitumelo Shayi	Grade 12:	Lulama Mukhari
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KINGDOM DIPLOMATS CENTRE

Two of our pupils were awarded with the Dr Gaynelle Makhubele Excellence Academic Award for 2026. Thank you to the Kingdom Diplomats Centre for investing in our school and youth.

Our award winners are:

Sharon Joseph and Lulama Mukhari

Congratulations, we are proud of you!



BUSINESS SIMULATION

ONE DAY ONLY. On Friday 7 August, The Grade 12 Business Studies will be running **restaurants** as part of their Business Studies portfolio work. This requires them to operate a restaurant at school. This simulation is to emulate an actual restaurant. They have been preparing for the opening of the restaurants for the past few weeks. They have had interviews for chefs, waitrons and put out videos to advertise their restaurants. Please watch the adverts and “like” them, this is also part of the simulation requirements. **The restaurants will be open for business for one day only, from 15:00 - 18:00.** Parents are encouraged to support this very exciting venture. Make it a family outing and remember to book a seat at the table!



ALL PHASES

67 MINUTES FOR MANDELA DAY CLEAN UP

On 22 July, we participated in a community clean-up to support Mandela Day and *Phalaborwa First*.

Thank you for helping us make a positive difference in our community.



“It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it”

- Nelson Mandela



TIYANE MABUNDA LIMPOPO SOCCER LEAGUE

The Tiyane Mabunda Limpopo Soccer League kicked off on Wednesday, 22 July.

Kingfisher College hosted Ben Vorster at Impala Stadium with both the under 15 and under 19 teams. The results were not in our favour, but each match teaches new lessons.

Results were as follows:

U15: Kingfisher 2 - 4 Ben Vorster

U19: Kingfisher 1 - 3 Ben Vorster

Thank you to all colleagues and other supporters. A special thank you to Mrs. Marowa for supplying oranges from her own garden!

To our headmistress, your support goes a long way ma'am!



POLAR BEAR SWIM

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Polar Bear Swim. We are proud of all the pupils who took part and completed the swim. Certificates will be presented at next week's assembly. A sincere thank you to Aunty Mimi, Aunty Virginia and Aunty Loveness for preparing hot chocolate for everyone after the swim.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PRC TRAINING

The term 3 and 4 PRC members will be trained on Thursday 6 August from 14:15 to 16:00. Parents and pupils are to make the necessary transport arrangements. Pupils must bring sport uniform in their bags which they have to wear for their training.

FLEDGLINGS – GRADE 3 VENTRILOQUIST PUPPET SHOW

The Fledglings to Grade 3 pupils will enjoy an exciting Leo's Edutainment Ventriloquist Puppet Show.

This entertaining and educational performance is filled with laughter, fun, and valuable life lessons that pupils are sure to enjoy.

Event details:

- Date: Friday, 7 August
- Time: 11:00
- Cost: R50 per pupil

PREPARATORY SCHOOL SPELLATHON AND SPELLING BEE

All Grades 1 – 7 pupils are reminded of the Prep School Spellathon and Spelling Bee. The Spellathon takes place in the week 24 – 28 August during school hours. Pupils are reminded to practise their spelling words, as well as collect as many donations as possible. Pupils must make sure that they look after their donation forms, as parents will be invoiced for lost forms or forms not handed in. The Spelling Bee will take place on Thursday 10 September at 18:00.

TRITECH SCIENCE EXPOSITION REGIONAL ROUND

The Trittech Science Exposition Regional Round will be held on Friday, the 31st of July 2026 at Frans du Toit. Each pupil will organise his or her own transport to and from the venue and also food as no lunch will be provided. Pupils will depart Kingfisher Private School to Frans du Toit High School at 12:45 pm and judging will end at 17:00. All pupils to be fetched by 17:10, please.

All the best to all our participants." Watch this space!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

PRC EXECUTIVE VOTING

After a successful training camp, the PRC executive voting will take place on Thursday 30 July. College teachers and learners will vote for 10 members who will form the executive. Executive portfolios will be voted later in the year.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

We are welcoming all grandparents of Grade 1 – 3 pupils on Friday, 31 July. Unfortunately, this year, the Intermediate Phase learners will not be able to participate, as they have Mopani Hockey League fixtures on the same day. The league dates are determined by the Mopani Hockey League, and we are required to adhere to their schedule.

MINI-HOCKEY

Our first mini-hockey festival is also just around the corner and will be held in Letsitele. Parents of Grade 1–3 players are asked to budget for this away fixture. Participation letters will be sent home with the relevant pupils.

MOPANI HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Mopani Hockey League has officially started, and we are excited to see our teams representing Kingfisher Private School. There are plenty of league fixtures this term, and we encourage all players to attend every match.

Our first match is taking place this Friday the 31st of July at. **The venue will be confirmed.** Participants have received participation letters. (Please remember to return your reply to slips).

Our next league fixtures will take place on 18 August in Hoedspruit, where our teams will play Southern Cross and Drakensig. The school will provide taxi transport at a cost of R190 per player. Participation letters with all the relevant details will be sent home before the matches.

Please ensure that your child has the correct Kingfisher hockey match uniform, including the navy and turquoise hockey socks. Hockey socks are available from Lane Centre at approximately R180 per pair. Please label all socks clearly with your child's name.

Let's support our hockey-stars in numbers! **Parent support is of upmost importance and contributes to unity and success!**

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

We kindly ask parents to avoid withdrawing pupils from the team unless there is a genuine emergency. Hockey is a team sport, and when a player is absent, it affects the entire team and may result in matches being forfeited. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we build our hockey programme.

TUMELONG DROP-IN CENTRE DONATIONS

The Grades 10 to 12 pupils and their parents are reminded to please send their donations and hand them to their respective register teachers. We expect that all our pupils in the FET phase will have donated by the 31st of July. Mr Nechombo and some selected pupils will hand over the donation on behalf of the school on Friday 31 July.

Thank you for your continuous support and positive attitude regarding this very important and sensitive matter!

IP TOUR REMINDER:

The time has come!

The IP tours take place on:

Grade 7 Tour: 2–5 August

Grade 4–6 Tour: 3–5 August

Please see and sign the necessary documentation. We wish the pupils and teachers accompanying them all the best. Learn and enjoy!

GRADES 4 – 11 REPORTS

A reminder to the Intersen Phase and College pupils that the Report Cycle 2 reports will be issued on **Wednesday 12 August from 16:30 – 17:30**. Please make sure that at least one of your parents picks up the reports, **as reports will not be sent home with children**. There will be some parent meetings with the teachers at the same time.

DATES TO DIARISE

29 July	Proverto Final Round – Accounting	14:15
30 July	SAMO Round 3	09:00 – 13:00
31 July	IP & College civvies day	-
31 July	Tritech Regional Round	12:00 @ FDT
31 July	FP Grandparents Day: Grades 1 - 3	13:15 – 14:00 @ KFS
31 July	Mopani Hockey league u/10, u,11 & u/13	See programme
03 - 05 August	IP tour: Grades 4 - 7	Hoedspruit – Blyde Adventure Camp
03 August	Soccer @ Veritas @ Polokwane	See programme
04 August	Grades 10 – 12 Dankie ²	-
07 August	Fledglings to Grade 3: Ventriloquist Puppet Show	11:00



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Staff:	Mr M Ntokozo	31 July
	Mr C Mabunda	31 July
Fledgling:	Songolabo Zitha	03 August
Grade R:	Prince Mgimeti	31 July
Grade 1:	Nkazimulo Dlangalala	30 July
Grade 4:	Nsuku Sithole	30 July
Grade 6:	Junior Mofokeng	31 July
Grade 8:	Naledi Moleya	31 July
	Tristan Hendriks	04 August
Grade 9:	Amyoli Mnyipika	30 July
Grade 11:	Andzani Lebadika	01 August

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