



KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK:



Dear Kingfisher family

Brrrr... what lovely winter weather we are encountering! I hope all is warm, safe and sound!

Another Women's Day has passed as well as the precious long weekend!
After such a busy week, I think it was welcomed by all!

An important reminder of the issuing of reports **TODAY** at **16:30-17:30** for grades **4-12!**

SCIENCE EXPOSITION: Some didn't have the luxury to rest all the time... The Regional Eskom Science exposition took place on Friday and Saturday. We've had a record number of pupils participating with high-quality projects. TWELVE of our pupils were medal winners! Our school was awarded the floating TROPHY – See photo attached. What an honour! Congratulations to all those involved: pupils, teachers and parents. We are waiting in anticipation for the names of pupils who will qualify for the International Science Fair.

Not only did our Kingfisher pupils make us very proud, (see the detailed report in this newsletter,) but so did our school's "Mr Science" himself! Mr Nechombo was awarded an honorary award for playing an enormous role in the Eskom Science exposition for TEN years! A decade in training and preparing future scientists. A decade in playing a crucial role and years of being an adjudicator. We, as a school community, are truly thrilled by this enormous milestone! *Congratulations, you make us proud!*



SANGO (South African National Geography Olympiad): We are proud to announce that Kingfisher Private School has earned yet another notable award!

Our school has won the SANGO-award in the category for the Most Improved School in Geography for grades 10-12. Congratulations Mrs Ndlovu and all our pupils involved! Keep up the good work.

SPIRIT WEEK: This week is Spirit Week and we encourage all pupils and staff to take part and show the Kingfisher spirit!

PUNCTUALITY: A large number of pupils arrive late at school. ***This is not a practice we support.*** Punctuality is a vital habit that reflects discipline, respect and responsibility. Late arrivals not only disrupt the teaching process but also cause pupils to be anxious and to lose focus. **Whatever the reason may be, please adhere to the time!** Let's work together, please!

SCHOOL FEES: Thank you to all parents and stakeholders who do their part by paying school fees on time. Please verify your statements and ***keep your account up to date.*** Parents must please make sure that the school has the latest email and contact numbers. **This won't count as an excuse as it is your responsibility to update any changes.**

May all be safe and warm during this cold and windy week!

God bless.
Celia Meintjes



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

FOUNDATION PHASE

FLEDGLINGS – GRADE 3 VENTRILOQUIST PUPPET SHOW

Our Fledglings to Grade 3 pupils were treated to a wonderful performance of laughter, entertainment and learning when Leo's Edutainment visited Kingfisher Private School!

The pupils enjoyed an exciting puppet and ventriloquist show, filled with colourful characters, humour and plenty of audience participation. From our youngest Fledglings to our Grade 3 pupils, everyone was captivated by the lively performance and eagerly joined in throughout the show.

The performance provided more than just entertainment—it encouraged our pupils to listen, participate, use their imaginations and learn through play. The combination of puppetry, ventriloquism and interactive storytelling created a memorable experience for all our young Kingfishers.

There were plenty of smiles, giggles and enthusiastic responses as the characters came to life, making it a morning our pupils are sure to remember!

A big thank you to Leo's Edutainment for bringing so much fun and excitement to our school. We look forward to welcoming you back for another fantastic show!

Thank you to Mrs Botma for the use of her classroom for the performance and to the Intersen phase for putting up with the laughter and enthusiastic singing of our little ones.



GRADE R DRESS UP DAY – “WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE”

Our Grade R pupils had an exciting Career Day, where they had the opportunity to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up!

From doctors and nurses to teachers, firefighters, police officers, pilots and many more, our little pupils proudly showed off their dream careers.

A special thank you to our wonderful Grade R pupils and their parents for helping make the day so much fun!



INTERSEN PHASE

INTERSEN HIGH FLYERS – TERM 2 2026

Grade 4:

Refilwe Mamaila	85%	Gold
Ripfumelo Shirinda	80%	Gold
Thembinkosi Mokumo	79%	Silver
Ndzalama Hlatshwayo	76%	Silver
Lungelo Mokgope	75%	Silver



Grade 5:

Zukile Ngidi	79%	Silver
Vutlhari Baloi	76%	Silver



Grade 6:

Didintle Moletsane	84%	Gold
Caswell Mjmeti	81%	Gold
Reabilwe Chiloane	78%	Silver

Bokang Mopanya	77%	Silver
Kgadi Mamaila	76%	Silver
Ntsako Mahlaola	76%	Silver
Olesego Malatji	75%	Silver
Unarine Gumula	75%	Silver



INTERSEN PHASE TOUR

Our Grade 4–6 and Grade 7 tours were a tremendous success! Our pupils embraced every opportunity to learn, grow and have fun. From exciting dam activities, river walks, obstacle courses and traditional South African games to unforgettable excursions to the Kruger National Park, Blyde River Canyon and the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, there was never a dull moment!

Evenings were filled with campfires, games, Nightline challenges, potjiekos competitions and laughter. It was wonderful to see our pupils' building friendships, developing teamwork and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

A special thank you to Ms Marais for organising the trip and accompanying the pupils, as well as to Mrs Mangere, Mrs Botma and Mrs Marowa for going along and assisting throughout. We truly appreciate your time, effort and dedication!



GET PHASE

GET PHASE HIGH FLYERS - TERM 2 2026

Grade 7:

Katelynn Titus	83 %	Gold
Cebo Madlala	82 %	Gold
Zukiswa Ngidi	81 %	Gold
Katleko Kwinana	81 %	Gold
Boikanyo Khoetha	79 %	Silver
Mahlaku Chiloane	79 %	Silver
Tumisho Mokumo	76 %	Silver
Mohau Moremi	76 %	Silver



Grade 8

Naledi Moleya (absent on photo)	84 %	Gold
Omphile Setagane	83 %	Gold
Lesedi Lephaka	81 %	Gold
Rifumo Shirinda	78 %	Silver
Nsuku Mathebula	77 %	Silver



Grade 9

Mualusi Romuwana	76 %	Silver
Kavish Purbhoo	77 %	Silver
Hlompho Mashale	78 %	Silver



COLLEGE

COLLEGE HIGH FLYERS

Grade 10:

Boitumelo Shayi	89%	Gold
Bontle Mashego	82%	Gold
Kaone Selepe	77%	Silver
Abundance Maluleke	76%	Silver
Relebogile Musetha	71%	Silver



Grade 11:

Paballo Nkwane	84%	Gold
Ann Abraham	82%	Gold
Malwandla Mthembu	81%	Gold
Noluthando Kwinana	81%	Gold
Kamogelo Mabilo	81%	Gold
Hannah Jordaan	77%	Silver
Resego Moletsane	76%	Silver
Shiluva Mnisi	76%	Silver



Grade 12:

Lulama Mukhari	77%	Silver
Sharon Joseph	75%	Silver
Mosa Motloutsi	74%	Silver
Kegoratile Moleya	74%	Silver
Lehlonolo Moremi	73%	Silver
Siphosenkosi Nkosi	70%	Silver
Mokgadi Sekgobela	70%	Silver



BUSINESS SIMULATION – ONE DAY RESTAURANT - GRADE 12

The one day only restaurant went well. Thank you to MrsVundla, Mr Ntthe, Mr Mhlanga, Mr Nechombo and Mrs Cloete. They all work tirelessly. The help and support are greatly appreciated.

This gave us the opportunity to experience the practical side of running a business and put some of the knowledge we had learnt into action.



GRADE 12 BUSINESS SIMULATION ACTIVITY – POLOKWANE - (Feedback from Mothapa Moraba)

On Saturday Eagles Nest Christian School proudly hosted six schools for a robust, interactive and exciting Grade 12 Business Simulation activity.

We focused more on the theory side of the Business Simulation. We sat together in our different teams, including Rosewood Bloom and Bites & Delights, which are both teams from our school and consist of pupils from our class.

We were given questions based on the IEB syllabus that we have covered throughout the year. We then worked together, discussed the questions, shared our ideas and collectively came up with answers. Overall, the Business Simulation allowed us to connect the practical work we did at school with the theory and knowledge we have gained throughout the year. It taught us the importance of teamwork, communication, critical thinking and problem-solving.

It was a great opportunity to work together because we weren't only relying on what we knew individually. We had to listen to each other, consider different opinions and use our knowledge to reach answers as a team.

We also had the opportunity to see how other pupils and schools approached the activities, which made the experience even more educational and interesting. Some of our matric pupils also took part in the Business Simulation, allowing them to apply what they have learnt in a practical setting.

We would like to sincerely thank Mr Ntlhe and Mrs Vundla for accompanying us to Eagles Nest and supporting us throughout the day. We would also like to thank Mrs Meintjes for allowing us to attend and giving us the opportunity to take part in this experience.

We really appreciate our school for giving us the chance to step outside of our usual classroom environment and experience something that connected directly to what we have been learning. Lastly, we would like to thank all the pupils and everyone who supported us, were patient with us and showed us kindness throughout the experience.



COLLEGE SOCCER

The Tiyane Mabunda School Soccer League is gaining momentum and proving to be exciting competition. We are delighted to report that our Kingfisher College teams have earned their first points on the league table.

The Under 15 boys secured an important point in a highly contested away match against Veritas School on Thursday, 6 August. The match ended in a 1–1 draw after an excellent display from both teams.

The Under 19 boys were awarded all three points after Veritas forfeited the fixture, moving Kingfisher College up to third place on the league table.

With the competition still wide open, every match is becoming increasingly important as schools battle for the top spot. We wish our teams all the best for the remaining fixtures and look forward to more exciting performances in the weeks ahead.



ESKOM SCIENCE FAIR REGIONAL ROUND @ MOPANI FET HALL

Congratulations to all our pupils who participated at the Eskom Mopani regional Science Fair. Our pupils showcased their ideas, critical thinking and innovation as they were able to present their ideas to the judges and to the invited guests. We are so proud of all our participants. We now await the list of those pupils who will qualify for the International Science Fair.

Gold medallists

Aayan Pati - ***"Served on Nature"***

Hannah Jordaan - ***How does accents affect the ability of deaf people to lip read***

Didintle Nokana - ***Developing technology driven strategies for humans- baboons coexistence.***

Paballo Nkwane - ***Weighted Sequence Instability Index: A higher sensitivity alternative to standard deviation for early instability detection in heart rate signals***

Silver medallists

Kavish Purbhoo - ***How fan size affects rocket stability***

Malwandla Mthembi - ***Stretching Sustainability: Investigating the Effect of Glycerine concentration Bioplastic Strength***

Michelle Shilowa - ***Smart Socket Guardian***

Naledi Moleya - ***How different types of containers affect the temperature of food***

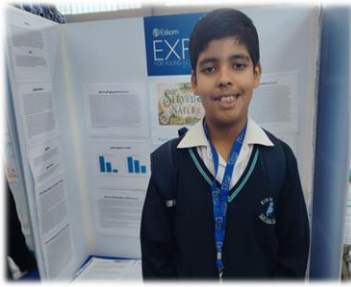
Noluthando Kwinana - ***Converting Food Waste into Biofuel***

Rifumo Shirinda - ***The Albedo Effect - Earth Sciences***

Bronze medallists

Abundance Maluleke - ***The effective use of Artificial Intelligence for Academic Achievements***

Lebokang Mofokeng - ***Using AI to detect early diseases in crops***



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Hannah Jordaan - Gold



Paballo Nkwane - Gold



Kavish Purbhoo - Silver



Malwandla Mthembu - Silver



Michelle Shilowa - Silver



Naledi Moleya - Silver



Noluthando Kwinana - Silver



Rifumo Shirinda - Silver



Abundance Maluleke - Bronze



Lebokeng Mofokeng - Bronze

Best female Project

Didintle Nokana - *Developing technology driven strategies for humans/baboons coexistence.*

Congratulations to all our pupils!



Didintle Nokana - Best female project

UPCOMING EVENTS

INNIEMANDJIE MINI HOCKEY IN LETSITELE

Good luck to our mini-hockey players who are playing in the Inniemandjie fees this weekend. The pupils received their letter last week Wednesday. Please send the reply slips back in time with the money for transport. They will be receiving their letters for next Saturday's match today.

GRADES 4 – 11 REPORTS

A reminder to the Intersen Phase and College pupils that the Report Cycle 2 reports will be issued today, **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.

CYCLING

Good luck to our cyclists taking part at Merensky High School on Saturday the 15th of August. We wish all our participants the very best!

SPIRIT WEEK IS HERE !!!

Get ready for a **WHOLE WEEK** of fun, dressing up, challenges, and activities!!

ENTRY: ONLY R5 PER DAY! Pay R5 each day to participate and join in on the fun! But that's not all... We've got activities happening throughout the week, including:

PHOTO BOOTH — ALL WEEK! Come take pictures with your friends and capture the memories!

GUESS THE JELLY BEANS IN THE JAR! Think you can guess the exact number? Put your skills to the test!

SPLASH A SENIOR! Get ready to soak your favourite grade 11s and Matrics with a water balloon or water gun!

AND SO MUCH MORE...

Whether you're dressing up, taking pictures, competing in challenges, or just joining in on the fun, there's something for everyone!

COME DRESSED. COME HAVE FUN. LET'S MAKE THIS A WEEK TO REMEMBER!



MOPANI HOCKEY LEAGUE

Our next league fixtures will take place on 15 and 18 August in Hoedspruit, where our teams will play against Southern Cross and Drakensig. The school will provide taxi transport at a cost of R200 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 Lamé Centre at approximately R180 per pair. Please label all socks clearly with your child's name.

FRIENDLY ATHLETICS MEETING

Our Friendly Athletics Meeting will take place on 21 August. Grade 1–3 will participate from 13:00–14:00, and Grade 4–7 from 14:15–17:00. Pupils will participate in class groups rather than age groups – to encourage mass participation.

Parents are invited to join the events!

STORYTOWN PRODUCTIONS

Abundance Maluleke will be interviewed by Storytown productions for IdeeMakers-session 2 series, to be shown on DSTV in 2027. Congratulations Abundance!

Kingfisher is producing superstars!

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATES TO DIARISE

12 – 14 August	Spirit week	During school
13 August	Chess friendly match vs Phalaborwa Academy: IP Phase	14:15 – 15:30
13 August	Chess friendly match vs Meridian: College	14:15 – 15:30
14 August	Mopani Hockey league – u/10, u/11 & u/13 vs Mariepskop & Orighstad @ FDT & Green School	
14 August	College detention	14:15 – 16:00
14 August	College social (Grade 8 – 11)	17:00 – 22:00
15 August	Grades 1 – 3 Mini Hockey @ Laerskool Tzaneen	
15 August	Cycling @ Merensky in Tzaneen	

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Grade R:	Ululamile Baloi	18 August
Grade 1:	Keitumetse Nkwane	14 August
Grade 3:	Amukelani Mkhabele	14 August
Grade 6:	Nkutsulo Nkuna	16 August
Grade 7:	Katlego Kwinana	15 August
Grade 11:	Shiluva Mnisi	16 August



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