



KINGFISHER PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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VIRTUE THIS MONTH: INTEGRITY

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FROM THE HEADMISTRESS' DESK:

Dear Kingfisher family



Week 5 and going strong!

Matrics 2026:

Our matrics are starting with their preliminary exams this Friday. We know that you are strong and able. Remember: *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me the strength."* Philippians 4:13. We wish them all the best during this demanding time!

Grade 9 Aptitude-test feedback:

Some of the grade 9-pupils had the opportunity to write aptitude tests in conjunction with the tertiary institution, Academia. The feedback sessions were very fruitful. We deeply encourage more parents to make use of the opportunity when it's advertised again next year.

Tumelong Donations:

We humbly ask all our pupils and Kingfisher families to open their hearts and donate. ANY and EVERY donation makes a huge difference in the lives of those who have so much less than we do. We ask for non-perishable foods (maize meal, rice, beans, canned goods) and any monetary donations. Please, let us make a real difference wherever we can.

"Teachability"

The following piece is from the well-known Dr Brad Johnson, an internationally recognized leader in Relational Leadership.

"Dear Parents

*Remember, your child does not need to be the smartest in the class, the best on the field or the most talented in the room - BUT, they do need to be **teachable**.*

We are raising a generation that can Google anything, yet too many are forgetting how to listen, how to respect and how to learn.

*Being teachable is not about grades or intelligence. It is about **humility**.*



It is about knowing you do not have all the answers. It is about being open when someone is trying to help you grow.

Our job is not to raise kids who always get it right. It is to raise children who can take feedback without shutting down. Who can admit when they are wrong. Who can disagree without being disrespectful. Who can be corrected without becoming defensive.

In the long run, teachability will take them further than talent alone."

Enjoy the week and we'll hopefully see you next to the athletics, hockey or soccer fields!

God bless

Mrs C Meintjes

"TEACHING KIDS
TO COUNT IS
FINE, BUT
TEACHING THEM
WHAT COUNTS IS
BEST."

 **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?** 

 *A peek at all the fun, learning & adventures!* 

 **FOUNDATION PHASE** 

 **Learning • Growing • Exploring • Having Fun!** 

STAR OF THE WEEK – 03 AUGUST

A neat desk:

Grade 1: Hassan Usman (absent)
Grade 2: Rorisang Buhle
Grade 3: Kutloano Diholo



STAR OF THE WEEK – 10 AUGUST

Putting up hands:

Grade 1: Phenyo Mohale
Grade 2: Hlelokuhle Cele
Grade 3: Esperanca Candiero



INNIEMANDJIE MINI HOCKEY IN TZANEEN

Our mini-hockey players had a wonderful time at the Inniemandjie Fees on Saturday, 15 August! The players thoroughly enjoyed the day and represented Kingfisher Private School with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship.

Thank you for your continued support of our mini-hockey players! They make us proud!



LION DAY

Langaletu Ntimba in Grade 2 gave a wonderful speech about lions and their importance in our environment. He taught us about the “King of the Wilderness” with confidence and enthusiasm. We all enjoyed learning from him and left with smiles on our faces.

Well done, Langaletu



INTERSEN PHASE

 **Learning • Growing • Achieving • Inspiring!** 

FRIENDLY CHESS MATCH

On Thursday, 13 August, Kingfisher Preparatory School played a friendly match against Phalaborwa Academy. Both the Foundation and Intersen Phases lost their games, but a lot of experience was gained.

Thank you to Aunty Roz and the coaches for the organisation and arrangements.



COLLEGE

 **Learn • Grow • Dream • Achieve!** 

TRITECH SCIENCE EXPOSITION REGIONAL ROUND

The Trittech Science Expo regional round was held on Friday, the 31st of July at Frans du Toit High School. **Twenty-four** pupils from Kingfisher Private School, represented the school. Congratulations to the twenty pupils on their achievement and to the Trittech Science Expo **national round qualifiers**, which will be held on the 11th and 12th of September at Merensky Agricultural Academy.

NO	NAME	MEDAL
1	Didintle Nokana	Gold
2	Abundance Maluleke	Gold
3	Maile Seruba	Gold

4	Malwandla Mthembu	Gold
5	Paballo Nkwane	Gold
6	Hannah Jordaan	Gold
7	Ann Abraham	Gold
8	Mpho Chauke	Silver
9	Lesedi Mothatli	Silver
10	Omphile Setagane	Silver
11	Rifumo Shirinda	Silver
12	Tshegofatso Mamaila	Silver
13	Eric Mualusi	Silver
14	Kaone Selepe	Silver
15	Xingwavila Mthombeni	Silver
16	Nsuku Mathebula	Bronze
17	Michelle Shilowa	Bronze
18	Langavi Rikhotso	Bronze
19	Mashoko Kutumela	Bronze
20	Boitumelo Shayi	Bronze

The eight pupils below qualified for the next round and are required to do the following:

- Individually register through the link before 21 August.
- Upload the project abstract on Google Classroom before 31 August.

1. Didintle Nokana
2. Ann Abraham
3. Tshegofatso Mamaila
4. Abundance Maluleke
5. Maile Seruba
6. Malwandla Mthembu
7. Paballo Nkwane
8. Hannah Jordaan

We acknowledge the dedication and hard work put in by all individuals involved in supporting the pupils. Thank you, Mrs Meintjes, the teachers, pupils and parents, your efforts play an important role in nurturing minds of our young scientists, as shown through their project presentations.



Gold medallists



Silver medallists



Bronze medallists



Tritech qualifiers

   **ALL PHASES**   

 **Learn • Grow • Explore • Achieve • Shine!** 

SPirit WEEK

The Grade 11 pupils successfully hosted **Spirit Week** from **12 to 14 August**, creating a fun and lively atmosphere at school. The week concluded on **14 August** with a **Game and Movie Night**, which was enjoyed by the pupils who attended.

A big thank you to all the pupils who participated in the Spirit Week activities and supported the social event. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the teachers who assisted, supervised and helped make the event a success.

Well done to the Grade 11 pupils for their effort and enthusiasm in organising an enjoyable week for the school community.



JUNIOR AND SENIOR DEBATE

Our school was invited to a debate festival hosted by Rainbow Combined School in Tzaneen on Saturday the 15th of August.

The pupils observed attentively, participated well and gained valuable insights and confidence that will help them prepare for future competitions.

Thank you for the extra effort and time!



UPCOMING EVENTS

  *Exciting moments • Special occasions • Fun to come!* 

FRIENDLY ATHLETICS: 21 AUGUST 2026

It's that time of year!

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. **Please come to school dressed in your house shirt on Friday.** Please ensure that transport arrangements are done to collect you at 17:15 at the latest.

Programme:

Grades 1–3:

🕒 13:15–14:00 80m and 100m

Programme:

Grades 4–7:

🕒 14:15–17:00 80 m, 100m, 200m, Shot Put, High Jump and Long Jump

A tuckshop will be available during the afternoon.

We wish all our athletes the very best! Run with determination, compete with pride and, most importantly, enjoy the day! Parents are invited to join in the fun!

MINI-HOCKEY MATCHES

Good luck to our upcoming hockey stars from Grades 1 – 3 who will be travelling to Dr Annecke in Letsitele for their mini-hockey matches on Saturday the 22nd of August. Please remember to return your completed reply slips. A special thank you to all our parents for their continued

support and assistance with our Grade 1–3 hockey players. Your involvement and encouragement are greatly appreciated.



CROSS COUNTRY

Pupils participating in the Cross Country are reminded that they will be going to Dr Annecke in Letsitele on Saturday 22 August.

Please remember the following:

- Reply slips must be returned by the 19th of August
- Transport fee R200

Let's do our best and run like the wind!

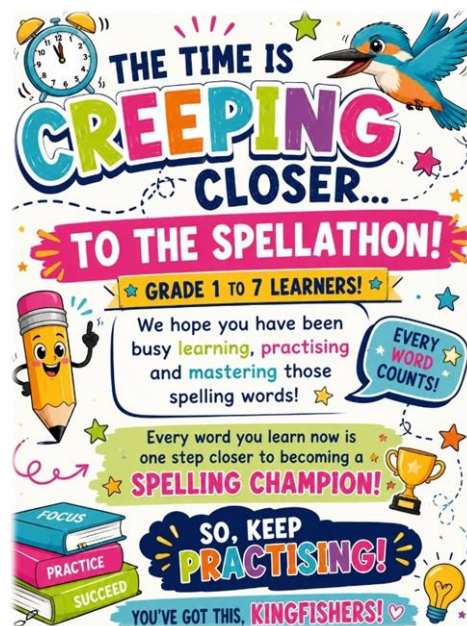
INTERSEN PHASE INTERHOUSE QUIZ

Parents of the Intersen Phase pupils are reminded that the interhouse quiz will take place next week on Wednesday 26 August from 14:15 – 15:30. All pupils are required to attend the quiz and there will be no Intersen Phase co-curriculars on the day. If your children are not at Aftercare, please make the necessary arrangements to have them picked up at 15:30. As Wednesday is their PE day, they will be dressed in their sport clothes, but they must **please wear their house shirts instead of their usual sport shirts.**

SPELLATHON

Prep School pupils are reminded that Spellathon will take place in the week 24 – 28 August during school hours. Please continue to practise your spelling words, as well as collect as many donations as possible. Money collected will be used to buy reading books for the Prep School. 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 due date for all forms and money to be handed in to school is Friday 28 August. The pupils in Grades 1 - 7 who spell the most words correctly in the Spellathon will take part in the Spelling Bee on Thursday 10 September. There will be a monetary prize for the

winner of the Spelling Bee in each grade. It is compulsory for all Grade 1-7 pupils to attend the Spelling Bee dressed in their formal uniform. Please note that no children who are five years old and younger will be allowed to attend the Spelling Bee, and there will be no babysitting facilities available.



GRADE 3 AND 4 OPEN DAY

Friday, 11 September, the Grade 3 and 4 classes are going to swap places... yes, you read right! The Grade 3 class will be coming up to the Intersen Phase from period 1 and the Grade 4s will reminisce about days gone past...

The Intersen Phase teachers will break the ice for the Grade 3s and show what it is like to be "upstairs".

We look forward to hosting the Grade 3s and know that Mrs Koekemoer will enjoy having her "babies" back for a short while- and see how they grew up!

See you Friday, Grade 3!

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 DIARISE

21 August	Grade 12 prelims start	
21 August	Fledglings' dentist visit	TBC
21 August	Grade 1 – 3 athletics	13:00 – 14:00

21 August	Grades 4 – 7 athletics	14:15 – 17:00
22 August	Grade 1 – 3 mini hockey – Dr Annecke	05:45
22 August	Cross Country – Dr Annecke	05:45
26 August	Grades 8 – 12 cake sale	10:25 – 10:55
26 August	IP interhouse quiz (No co-curriculars)	14:15 – 15:30



Fledgling:	Jayden Sonyana	24 August
	Vusi Mavasa	24 August
Grade R:	Sapi Matete	24 August
Grade 3:	Mpiloenhle Lebeya	19 August
Grade 5:	Zukile Ngidi	19 August
Grade 6:	Rixongile Ndlovu	24 August
Grade 7:	Aayan Pati	19 August
Grade 9:	Kegaugetswe Sekgoka	20 August
Grade 12:	Ripfumelo Khoza	19 August



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ALL PROCEEDS RAISED GO TOWARDS CANCER RESEARCH.

DATE 31 OCTOBER 2026	VENUE GROENSKOOL RUGBYVELD, PHALABORWA, BOSVELDFEES	REGISTRATION AT MARULAMED, 33 PARK STREET	SCHEDULE REGISTRATION: 06:00 – 07:30 WALK/RUN STARTS: 08:00
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EVENT OPTIONS 5KM FUN WALK 10KM RUN RUN	ENTRY FEES: ADULTS: R50 KIDS [5-12]: R30
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CATEGORY PRIZES: - Best Dressed Male / Female - Best Dressed Couple / company group / Family Group - Biggest Company Group Entry - Biggest Family Group Entry	SUPRISE GIFT AND LUCKY RAFFLE TO BE HELD
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GRADE 4 - 9

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- Kingfisher Private School
- EF Digital Learning Services
- Numeric Maths Coaching
- Khayelitsha Academy
- Frans du Toit High School

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching (Accounting and EMS)
- Advanced Certificate in Intermediate Phase Mathematics and English First Additional Language Teaching

SUBJECTS OFFERED

- EMS / Accounting (Monday)
- Mathematics (Tuesday)
- English (Wednesday)
- And more

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	EMS / Accounting
TUESDAY	Mathematics
WEDNESDAY	English

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