

THE KING'S KEN – 24 JULY 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

At the beginning of this year, a friend of mine hosted some Australian visitors in his home. One day he asked them "So what do Australians think about South Africans?"

"Well Mate" said the visitor. "To be honest, we generally think South Africans are a bunch of whiners."

When my friend relayed this account to me, my first response was to think of some choice insults for Australians, but then it got me thinking. Are we really whiners?

One of the first things President Zuma did when he came into office was to establish a hotline to enable ordinary South Africans to "speak to the President." I wonder whether that call centre would classify us as a nation of whiners or as a people capable of criticizing constructively.

There is an organisation called Amnesty International who are devoted to protecting political refugees around the world. One of the major thrusts of their efforts is to have their members write letters to foreign governments pleading for political detainees. Imagine doing nothing else but send letters day in and day out on behalf of political prisoners who are not even known to you. Do we speak badly of our country without taking the time to write a letter or contact someone who can make a difference to the situation? And if we do, are we prepared to be part of the solution? South Africa needs solution-minded citizens.

It is easy to slip into behaviour patterns of people caught up in dependency. Just like the drunk man who kills an innocent bystander says "The booze made me do it", so too we can say "the crime in this country makes me be so negative". But what about our own personal choice. Alcoholics Anonymous recite their creed at every meeting, a creed that renounces the notion that any of us are helpless, ignorant victims of overwhelming forces. I am a human being, morally responsible and the choices I make affect not only me but also my family and society all around me. I will need help – from my friends and family and from God – but at the outset I must own my capability of moral choice.

I could imagine Esther or Daniel or Moses reciting that creed. Not whining or spouting negativities about their rulers, but making decisive personal choices to become part of God's solution in their nation. Let us commit ourselves to praying for this wonderful country of ours, to speaking hope for the future and to living out positive change on a personal level.

Mr. Ken Langley

Principal

WE PRAY FOR

- Nicolas Draper who's Grandfather died suddenly on 23 June 2009.

PARENTS EVENING – 28 JULY 2009

Time: 17:30 to 20:00

Parking: At the school **OR**

Park and Ride: Park at Spar Malcolm/Doreen Road, and catch the school shuttle! Shuttle departs from Spar on every hour and half-hour and departs from school every 25 past and 5 to the hour.

MEAL DEAL WITH NANDO'S

Nando's agreed to give our parents a special deal on 28 July. For every 2 meals ordered from them, they will give you a 3rd meal free of charge. Please support them!

VETKOEK ON SALE

Vetkoek on sale on 28 July @ R10 from 17:00. Order your vetkoek with Marlene on 087 808 1555.

Important dates for the 4th term

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| • Clearwater Exhibition | - | 24 – 26 July 2009 |
| • Reports handed out | - | 27 July 2009 |
| • Grade R school readiness assessments starts | - | 27 July 2009 |
| • Extra Mural Practices starts | - | 27 July 2009 |
| • Parents evening : 17:30 – 20:00 | - | 28 July 2009 |
| • Prefect introduction | - | 3 August 2009 |
| • Eisteddfod (NEA) starts | - | 3 August 2009 |
| • Prefect Voting | - | 5 August 2009 |
| • PUBLIC HOLIDAY | - | 10 AUGUST 2009 |
| • Prefect Inauguration | - | 12 August 2009 |
| • Prefect training | - | 14 – 15 August 2009 |
| • Group Photo Day (Sport, Culture and Prefects) | - | 21 August 2009 |
| • Gr. 9 Subject Choice Evening | - | 27 August 2009 |
| • Prayer Day and Worship Evening | - | 28 August 2009 |
| • Prelims start | - | 31 August 2009 |
| • Golf Day (see entry form in this issue of King's Ken) | - | 1 September 2009 |
| • Spring Art Exhibition | - | 1 – 3 September 2009 |

- Spring into Jesus (civvies day) - 1 September 2009
- Change into summer uniform - 1 September 2009
- Cultural Evening (Grade 3 to Grade 7) House Plays - 4 September 2009
- Grade 10 Job Shadowing - 14 – 18 September 2009
- Pre-School Concert - 17 September 2009
- Extra Mural Practices end - 18 September 2009
- School closes - 23 September 2009

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that the school now has a new contact number:

087 808 1555

Our fax number will be sent through as soon as we have it.

The King's School West Rand promotes the Matthew 18 principle of dealing directly with the relevant person when conflict arises. Please always feel free to speak directly with a teacher, HOD, Vice-Principal or Principal. If a meeting is required, please phone to set an appointment time. We discourage the spreading of discontent through gossip and appeal to our community to rather recommit to the Biblical model set before us. Charles Haddon Spurgeon sets out this better way in his book "Morning by Morning":

Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people Thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him (Leviticus 19:16 – 17).

Tale-bearing emits a threefold poison; for it injures the teller, the hearer, and the person concerning whom the tale is told. Whether the report be true or false, we are by this precept of God's Word forbidden to spread it. The reputations of the Lord's people should be very precious in our sight, and we should count it shame to help the devil to dishonor the Church and the name of the Lord. Some tongues need a bridle rather than a spur. Many glory in pulling down their brethren, as if thereby they raised themselves. Noah's wise sons cast a mantle over their father, and he who exposed him earned a fearful curse. We may ourselves one of these dark days need forbearance and silence from our brethren, let us render it cheerfully to those who require it now. Be this our family rule, and our personal bond – speak evil of no man.

The Holy Spirit, however, permits us to censure sin, and prescribes the way in which we are to do it. It must be done by rebuking our brother to his face, not by railing behind his back. This course is manly, brotherly, Christlike, and under God's blessing will be useful. Does the flesh shrink from it? Then we must lay the greatest stress upon our conscience, and keep ourselves to the work, lest by suffering sin upon our friend we become ourselves partakers of it. Hundreds have been saved from gross sins by the timely, wise, affectionate warnings

of faithful ministers and brethren. Our Lord Jesus has set us a gracious example of how to deal with erring friends in his warning given to Peter, the prayer with which he preceded it, and the gentle way in which he bore with Peter's boastful denial that he needed such a caution.

HOW GOOD IS OUR SCHOOL?

Parents, please will you return the "How Good is our School" Questionnaire by the end of this week. Your feedback is valuable to us to plan and make strategic decisions regarding the future direction of the school. We have asked you to supply your name so that we can sort the responses according to ages of the students as this also gives valuable information. Thank you for your assistance.

PUZZLE CORNER

Hints further in this King's Ken; answers next week.

1. A woman's sons are all blue-eyed but two, all brown-eyed but two, and all grey-eyed but two. How many sons does she have?
2. When in the last 200 years was there a year which read the same upside down?
3. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have their 3 sons with them. Each son has with him his wife, his sister and his son. How many people does that make all together?

And a Science puzzle to try:

4. If you put a cork in a glass of water, the cork will always float to one side. How can you get the cork to float in the middle of the water? (Note: The glass must be sitting on a flat surface. Whirling the glass of water around is not the answer)

WIN A R10 TUCKSHOP VOUCHER FOR THE MOST CORRECT ANSWERS

Name: _____ Class: _____

Answers: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

(Hand reply slips to Mrs. Mooki at Reception)

THE SCHOOL WEAR SHOP

Operating hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 07:45 – 12:00

If parents need assistance or to make alternative arrangements, please contact Liza on 072 108 3670.

- Winter uniform must be worn during the 3rd term.
- There are a number of accounts outstanding and you are requested to settle these as a matter of urgency.

FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY

Collection for **Friday 24 July 2009** will be **SAMP/RICE**.

31 July	-	Pasta
7 August	-	Powdered Milk/Long Life Milk
14 August	-	Cleaning products
21 August	-	Cold drink/Juice
28 August	-	Sugar

In addition to the above, any warm clothes for children from 3 months to 9 years old will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT!

CYCLE TEST ROSTER

GRADE	30 JULY	6 AUG	13 AUG	20 AUG	27 AUG	3 SEP	10 SEP	17 SEP
4	Maths		Theme		Afrikaans		English	
5	Afrikaans		Maths		English		EMS	
6		English		Afrikaans		Maths		Theme
7		EMS		Afrikaans		English		Maths

HINTS FOR PUZZLE CORNER

1. What is the smallest number of sons with those colour eyes?
2. Which digits are still a number when turned upside-down? Remember when the year is upside down, you will read from the opposite direction.
3. The sister is the same person for all 3 brothers.
4. The cork always floats to the highest point on the water.

WAITING CLASS FOR FOUNDATION PHASE AND PRE-SCHOOL

MONDAY	Mrs. Cassel de Almeida Mrs. Erika Delpport
TUESDAY	Mrs. Claire Frith Mrs. Bronwyn Forsyth
WEDNESDAY	Mrs. Cassel de Almeida Mrs. Annelie Groenewald
THURSDAY	Mrs. Erika Delpport Ms. Angela Goodwin



ACCEPTANCE LETTER FOR THE KING'S SCHOOL WEST RAND GOLF DAY

DATE : 1 September 2009
VENUE : Roodepoort Country Club
COMPETITION : Betterball Stableford on all holes
TEE-OFF : 11:00 both Tees with 7 minute intervals (PLEASE BE ON TIME)
PRIZE GIVING : 18:30
DINNER : 19:30 (Optional)

	OPTIONS	NO OF PLAYERS	TOTAL
1	Playing @ R400 per player (R1,600.00 per 4 ball)		
2	Sponsor for green or tea – R750.00		
3	Sponsor a full hole – R1,600.00		
4	Sponsor a four ball – R2,350.00		
5	Donations		
	ACCUMULATIVE TOTAL		

CONTACT PERSON : _____

COMPANY : _____

TELEPHONE NO : _____ FAX NO : _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS : _____

Player's names : _____ Handicaps (Official or max 18)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Preferred tee-off time 11:00 – 12:59 : _____

No of players for dinner : _____

Spouses attending dinner (additional cost R90 each) : _____

Cheques to be made out to **The King's School West Rand** to be received by 24 August 2009

Banking details : The King's School West Rand
 ABSA BANK : HORIZON BRANCH
 BRANCH CODE : 632005
 ACCOUNT NUMBER : 4058533552
 DEPOSIT REFERENCE : KSWR Golf Day

Please send your acceptance letter by hand, fax or e-mail to Mrs. Sarah Stay at:

Phone : 072 119 5712 **Fax** : 086 609 1692 **E-mail** : gstay@discoverymail.co.za

Or Mr. Conrad Botha at:

Phone : 011 958-5188/9 **Fax** 011 672-2280 **E-mail** : gecphase@kswr.org