

THE KING'S KEN – 6 AUGUST 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - BRANDON ROOS – CLASSMATE, FRIEND, CRICKETER



In the early hours of Wednesday 29 July, Brandon Roos in Grade 6 tragically lost his life together with his parents, Katia and Manie. A devastating fire had ripped through the house, killing all 3 in a matter of minutes. Jordan Roos, a younger sibling in Grade 3 managed to escape the flames without injury.

Brandon Roos was in Teacher Robyn's Grade 6 class at The King's School West Rand. He had been a student here since Grade R in 2003 and was loved by his teachers and his peers.

Teacher Robyn commented that "Brandon will always be remembered as the guy with a smile on his face. He was a gentle person, who really cared for others, putting them before himself. To his closest friends he was the one who always stood up for them, who was prepared to voice any problems they had to someone who could help. Brandon's quiet sense of humor and his fun loving nature will be missed by us all. On Tuesday night at Parent's Evening my parting words to his mother Katia were: "You can be so proud of yourself as a mother for the way that Brandon is maturing into such a kind hearted, responsible young man."

Brandon played in Mr. Theunissen's cricket team and helped the sports department as an assistant coach. Mr. T described Brandon as "incredibly helpful, gentle and polite – just a real quality kid."

Brandon's mother Katia was a superb example to so many other mothers. She helped out at school in the MIA group before she returned to full-time work, but remained well-informed of her children's schooling. She was much loved by the whole community always showing a heart for people. A friend, Christine Little, told us that Katia had a deep strength of character and remained a lovely person even as she worked through many hardships.



We will miss the Roos family.

Mr. Ken Langley

Principal

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the How Good is Our School Questionnaire. Your responses help us to plan future strategic developments in the school. It is a pleasure for me to serve in a community of families that are so supportive, involved and loyal. Among the responses we have had was 'too spiritual' – 'shouldn't these matters be left to Sundays at church?' The King's School West Rand follows a policy of BIBLICAL INTEGRATION into the extended school programme. We believe the Bible is universally relevant and applicable to all aspects of life and should not be marginalised to specific religious activities.

Karl Bath once made the following comment on the relevance of the church and I would like to substitute The King's School West Rand because it sums up what we believe:

'The King's School West Rand exists to set up in the world (of education) a new way which is radically dissimilar to (the world's) own manner and which contradicts it in a way which is full of promise.'

Sometimes we don't realize just how different God's way is from the world's manner and that his desire for us is unlike what we wish for ourselves. Teacher Lee led a devotion in the staffroom recently where she spoke to those of us who are parents. 'Most of you strive for happiness for your children', she told us, 'but God has a higher priority. For Him, it is HOLINESS that He desires before happiness – not instead of happiness – but holiness before and above happiness.'

This is such a different mindset in our instant gratification, me-first kind of society. **Holiness before happiness.**

It's not to say we don't want good things for our children, but firstly we want to teach them to seek after God and to desire Him.

We want to oppose these things in our present culture that say 'if things don't go exactly my way, then I will strike, boycott or protest until I have my way.' Holiness speaks of a 'different way' that involves respect for authority and honouring your word - letting your yes be yes and your no be no. Recently the Springbok rugby team were in trouble for wearing white armbands in protest of the IRB's disciplinary measures against Bakkies Botha. How sad for our young children to see their heroes in rebellious defiance of the world rugby bosses instead of pursuing legitimate and honourable channels of engagement.

Our prayer at The King's School West Rand is to be instrumental in guiding a new generation of young people to make choices based on holiness and who integrate Biblical truth into their everyday activities.

KEN LANGLEY
PRINCIPAL

BREAKING NEWS FROM ACSI HEAD QUARTERS:

It is our pleasure to notify you that the International Accreditation Commission of ACSI has awarded **ACCREDITATION** to The King's School West Rand. The term of accreditation is for Reception year through Grade 12 and is effective January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014.

Important dates for the 4th term

- **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.

MIA MEETING

A MIA Meeting is scheduled for 14 August at 07h45. All moms are welcome to attend.

PUZZLE CORNER

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: 1. A single word. 2. A is Friday and B is Monday 3. Ice
4. Winston Churchill was born prematurely in the ladies rest room while his mother attended a ball.

SEE HINTS ELSEWHERE IN THIS KING'S KEN; ANSWERS NEXT WEEK

1. Nico's telephone number is 741-5963. He is able to remember it by thinking of just one letter. Which letter?
2. What is the smallest positive whole number which contains the letter 'a' when written out in words?
3. What do reindeer have that no other animals have?

AND ONE FOR OUR BUDDING SCIENTISTS:

4. A man is holding a bucket full of water. He turns the bucket upside down but the bucket remains full of water. How come? (Before you answer: the bucket has no lid, the water is not frozen, the man is not in a space capsule, and he is not swinging the bucket around so that centrifugal force keeps the water in the bucket.)

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.

- It seems that there was a factory fault on the winter jackets in the size 5-6 years. If you bought your child a jacket in that size, please return it to the school wear shop – Liza will gladly replace the jacket.

MIA MOMENT - My Prayer

God, give me eyes that I might see

The work that can be done by me.

God, give me ears that I may hear
The cries of those who need me near.

God, give me lips that I might speak
Comfort and peace to all who seek.

God, give me a mind that I might know
To help the ones that need me so.

God, give me hands that I might do
Some large or simple task for you.

God, give me prayer that I may pray
For help and guidance every day.

And these things all else above
God, give me a heart that I may love.

(Source unknown)

FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY

Collection for **Friday 7 August 2009** will be **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 | 13 AUG | 20 AUG | 27 AUG | 3 SEP | 10 SEP | 17 SEP |
|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
| 4 | Theme | | Afrikaans | | English | |
| 5 | Maths | | English | | EMS | |
| 6 | | Afrikaans | | Maths | | Theme |
| 7 | | Afrikaans | | English | | Maths |

HINTS FOR PUZZLE CORNER

1. Check the sequence on the key of your cell phone.
2. The number ends with `...and-one`
3. They have them just after they've been pregnant.
4. The man is probably making use of SCUBA diving equipment.

UNKNOWN DEPOSITS

Please contact the school and bring proof of deposit.

| | | |
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| 08 June 2009 | Unknown | R2 000 |
| 10 July 2009 | Industria | R2 360 |
| 13 July 2009 | Unknown | R5 800 |

**THE KING'S SCHOOL WEST RAND
EXTRA MURAL PROGRAMME**

Term 3 Activities



| | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|

HIGH SCHOOL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14:00- 15:30 Girls Soccer Ms D vd Westhuizen | 14:30- 16:00 Tennis Ms S vd Berg | 14:30- 16:00 Girls Soccer Ms D vd Westhuizen | 14:30- 16:00 Dance and Music Mrs Mostert |
| u14 Cricket Mr Mostert | Drama Mrs Moster | u14 Cricket Mr Mostert | Open Cricket Mr Blignaut |
| 14:00- 15:00 Hip Hop Abs Mrs Botha | Open Cricket Mr Blignaut | EE3 Ms Schoeman | Tennis Ms S vd Berg |

INTERMEDIATE PHASE

| | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| 14:00- 15:00 Chess Mrs Ramsami | 14:00-15:00 U10 Hockey Mrs E Fouche | 14:00- 15:00 Tennis Girls Ms M Van Rooyen | 14:00- 15:00 Chess Mrs Ramsami |
| Cross Country Hayley | Cross Country Hayley | Cross Country Hayley | Cross Country Hayley |
| 14:15-15:45 Boys Hockey Ashley | U11 Hockey Ms H Swart | Drama Mrs M Swanepoel | U10 Hockey Mrs E Fouche |
| | Tennis Boys Ms M Van Rooyen | 14:15-15:45 Boys Hockey Ashley | U11 Hockey Ms H Swart |
| | 14:00- 15:30 U12 Hockey Mrs M Luchies | | 14:00-15:30 U12 Hockey Mrs M Luchies |
| | U13 Hockey Amy Botha | | U13 Hockey Amy Botha |
| | U10/U11 Cricket Graham Vorster | | U10/U11 Cricket Graham Vorster |
| | U12/U13 Cricket Ken Hutchinson | | U12/U13 Cricket Ken Hutchinson |

FOUNDATION PHASE

| 13:30- 14:30 | 13:30- 14:30 | 13:30- 14:30 | 13:30- 14:30 | 13:00-14:00 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| U7 Cricket Mrs C Frith | Chess Mrs A Groenewald | U7 Cricket Mrs C Frith | Chess Mrs A Groenewald | Gr 1 Drama Mrs M Swanepoel |
| U8 Cricket Mrs B Forsyth | Art Club Mrs F Bettencourt | U8 Cricket Mrs B Forsyth | Art Club Mrs F Bettencourt | |
| U9 Cricket Mr Theunissen | Tennis Ms A Goodwin | U9 Cricket Mr Theunissen | Tennis Ms A Goodwin | |
| U7. U8 Hockey Mrs L Baggott | Recorder Ms M Swanepoel | U7. U8 Hockey Mrs L Baggott | | |
| 13:15- 14:15 | | 13:15- 14:15 | | |
| U9 Hockey Ashley | | U9 Hockey Ashley | | |
| Gr 2 Drama Mrs M Swanepoel | | | | |

Golf Day

Our Golf day has proved to be immensely popular in the past, and affords parents and friends of the school the opportunity to participate in what is an enjoyable day.

The Golf Day is on 1 September 2009 at Roodepoort Country Club. We encourage parents to support us in this school project. Please refer to the back page of the Kings Ken on how you can be involved to make this day a great success.



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 : HORISON 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 : 087 808 1555 **Fax** 011 672-2280 **E-mail** : gecphase@kswr.org