

THE KING'S KEN – 20 AUGUST 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

In the 1990's when Communism finally collapsed in Eastern Europe, Christian organizations flooded into those countries. They found the inhabitants to be hungry for the Gospel, devouring all the material provided by the missionaries. The church in those areas has continued to expand rapidly since then and overall church growth has been unparalleled in the modern era.

At the same time the decline of the church in Europe and North America has never been as significant as it is now. Less than 37% of Americans now attend weekly church services and the situation is far more drastic in Europe. One hundred years ago 98% of all Dutch people attended church regularly; today that number is in the low teens. Almost half of all the church buildings there have been converted into restaurants or condominiums.

So as the church appears to be dying in Europe and North America, it is blossoming in Asia, Africa and South America. Overall statistics indicate a net worldwide growth, yet the trends in the various regions are almost polar opposites. It would really seem as if God goes where he is **wanted**.

We all know the verse 'if my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land' (2 Chron 7:14).

Looking at this, it makes me wonder how much we **want** God in our lives. We all know we need Him, but do we really want Him? Do we have that insatiable desire for the things of God that was seen in those Eastern European countries in the 90's?

In our school it is an admission requirement that parents need to be worshipping regularly at a local church. This is not necessarily going to make them better people – after all, Christ said of some 'churchgoers' "these people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" – but there are good reasons to be attending a local church regularly.

1. **Christ loves the church.** He calls her his bride and says there is 'no flaw' in her (see Song of Songs 4:7). We are often critical of the church, but it does represent those who Jesus shed His blood for.
2. **Christ will bless you through the church.** God can bless you in any manner of means but he most often chooses to demonstrate his power through the body, which is the church. He has entrusted his work to this body and he is the one that makes them competent to perform their function.

3. **You will grow spiritually in the church.** Proverbs 27:17 says that 'as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another'. Are you allowing the regularly preaching of the Word to come into your life and 'sharpen' you?
4. **It is a Biblical directive.** Hebrews 10:25 exhorts us to 'not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing'. Our encouragement will come from the church.
5. **Christ will use you in the church.** God has made us 'competent as ministers of a new covenant' (2 Cor 3). In the church you will find an opportunity to serve. God will equip you for this service and will fulfill you in this service.

May you be faithful in attending at a local church and may God bless you with spiritual growth in your life.

Mr. Ken Langley

Principal

On behalf of the school and friends of the Roos family, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the Manager of Pick 'n Pay Wilro Park for the generous donation towards Jordan's future schooling. The community contributed ± R22 000 and this was matched by Mr. Michael Liontiredes, Manager of the Wilro Park Pick 'n Pay.

Important dates for the 3rd term

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| • Group Photo Day (Sport, Culture and Prefects) | - | 21 August 2009 |
| • Gr. 9 Subject Choice Evening | - | 27 August 2009 |
| • Prelims start | - | 31 August 2009 |
| • Prayer Day | - | 1 September 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 | - | 2 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 |

GROUP PHOTO DAY

Just a reminder that group photos will be taken at school on 21 August 2009. All learners must be neatly dressed in their complete WINTER uniform. Grade 1 to Grade 6 learners must wear jerseys or windbreakers and Grade 7 to Grade 12 learners must wear their school blazers.

SCHOOL TERMS 2010

<u>TERM</u>	<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>
1	(11)13 January 2010	19 March 2010
2	(12)13 April 2010 26 April – School Holiday 27 April – Freedom Day	9 June 2010
3	(12)13 July 2010 9 August – Woman’s Day	17 September 2010
4	(4)5 October 2010	10 December 2010

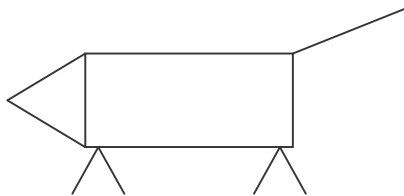
PUZZLE CORNER

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

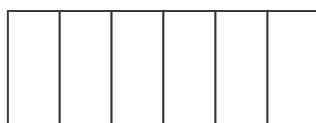
1. Choose from the box labeled ORANGES AND LEMONS first. Because the labels are all incorrect, the box must contain one fruit only. Let's say you pulled out a lemon. The oranges can't be in the box labeled ORANGES so they must be in LEMONS and then the mixture would be in ORANGES.
2. 20
3. Dish washing water
4. It will move to the right (ask your teacher if you don't understand).

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

1. **Geography**: I have a mouth but do not speak, I have an eye but do not see, I have a bed but do not sleep. Can you tell me who I am?
2. **Art**: Move just 2 matches to make this dog face to the right instead of to the left. But, the tail must still be up!



3. **Astronomy**: The planet nearest the sun is Mercury, then Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Neptune and Pluto are furthest from the sun. On average, which planet do you think is closest to Pluto?
4. **Geometry**: A farmer has 13 fencing panels of equal size which form 6 sheep pens of equal size and shape as shown. When one of the panels is stolen, how does he make 6 pens of equal size and shape using the remaining 12 panels.



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.

MIA MOMENT

LIFE'S RICHEST TREASURES

It's not the things that cost a lot
that are life's richest treasure,
it's priceless little courtesies
that money cannot measure.

It's some gracious little gesture,
some kindly, little favour
that fills the heart with gratitude
and adds a friendly flavour.

And in spite of life's vexations
and irritations too,
it's heart-warming and refreshing
to meet nice folks like you.

For people of the kind like you
help make life worth living
and give us reason in this world
for a bit of real thanksgiving

Helen Steiner Rice

From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. John 1:16

FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY

Collection for **Friday 21 August 2009** will be **COLD DRINK/JUICE.**

28 August - Sugar
3 September - Rice/Samp
10 September - Pasta
17 September - Powdered Milk

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	27 AUG	3 SEP	10 SEP	17 SEP
4	Afrikaans		English	
5	English		EMS	
6		Maths		Theme
7		English		Maths

HINTS FOR PUZZLE CORNER

1. I am also the longest of my kind in Africa and extend over several countries.
2. Turn the head only!
3. The orbits of the planets are not aligned so the answer is the furthest from what you'd expect!
4. Get some matches and start by making a hexagon.

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