

# THE KING'S KEN – 16 OCTOBER 2009

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

As we enter the last term our students need to be focussed on their final summative assessments – especially our Grade 4 to 12 students. Perhaps some of us are feeling disillusioned at not meeting the goals we set ourselves at the beginning of the year, but we need to remain faithful in our efforts and determine to work hard right to the end.

John Maxwell once said “winners never quit and quitters never win.”

## To the Quitter

The world won't care if you quit  
And the world won't whine if you fail;  
The busy world won't notice it.  
No matter how loudly you wail.

Nobody will worry that you  
Have relinquished the fight and gone down  
For it's only the things that you do  
That are worth while and get you renown.

The quitters are quickly forgot;  
Of them the world spends little time;  
And a few e'er care that you've not  
The courage or patience to climb.

So give up and quit in despair,  
And take your place back on the shelf;  
But don't think the world's going to care;  
You are injuring only yourself.

**MR. KEN LANGLEY**

**PRINCIPAL**

### **Important dates for the 4<sup>th</sup> term**

- School holiday - 16 October 2009
- Young Performers awards start - 16 October 2009
- Parents Evening (17:30 – 20:00) - 20 October 2009
- Valediction Dinner (Matrics) - 22 October 2009
- Pre-School Orientation Day - 24 October 2009
- Interhouse Chatterbox Afternoon/Eve - 30 October 2009
- Soap Box and Entrepreneurship Day - 31 October 2009 (10:00 – 14:00)
- Pastor's Breakfast - 4 November 2009
- Sport Photo's - 5 November 2009
- Homework Load Shedding - 9 – 13 November 2009
- Christmas Play (Gr. 1 – 3) - 12 November 2009
- Exams Start (Gr. 4 to 11) - 16 November 2009
- Gr. R Graduation Photos - 30 November 2009
- Gr. 4 to Gr. 7 Exams End - 2 December 2009
- Grade 7 Outing - 2 December 2009
- Foundation Phase Evening of Excellence - 7 December 2009
- Intermediate; Gr. 7 Evening of Excellence - 8 December 2009
- School Closes (Children) - 10 December 2009
- High School Evening of Excellence for 2009 presented in 2010

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

On Friday 16 October the school will be closed. The teachers will be on courses. Children will not need to be at school for that day. We do however know that some parents may have difficulties with child care. The school does have teachers available to help in this regard and children can be dropped off at school and will be looked after.

### **THE RECESSION AND THE KING'S SCHOOL WEST RAND**

As with all private business enterprises across South Africa and the world, The King's School West Rand has also been battered by the current economic downturn. Schools provide labour-intensive services that cannot create cost-saving efficiencies as effectively as other industry sectors can. However, with sound financial management and God's abundant favour and grace, we are confident in our school's ability to weather the financial storm.

We also understand how stressed our families feel about their own finances. Charles T. Evans, the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Non-public Schools did an interesting study on the false assumptions created by tight economy on parents' decisions about private schooling.

"First," he says, "it becomes evident very quickly that private-schools tuition falls into the discretionary-spending category for most families. Tuition doesn't compete with groceries and the bond but it does compete with holidays, university, and charitable giving. Families who can still afford private schooling but whose income prognosis is uncertain may instinctively want to redirect tuition money to savings.

Second, as incomes go down and the cost of necessities goes up, many parents expect that tuition would not go up too – at least not as much as other things they buy every day. As everything that contributes to the expense of running a school goes up, parents might actually expect the cost to themselves to go down.

Third, whether they truly can afford tuition or not, many parents in a tight economy will feel as if they can't – that private schooling is a luxury they are nobly providing for their children's futures and the school's benefit. One result is that during tough times, parents expect greater value in proportion to the feeling that they are sacrificing more to pay tuition than they used to sacrifice."

Evans concludes that the most appropriate response for private schools is to concentrate on excellence in all they do and being true to their mission statement. As we strive for 'Excellence in Education to the Glory of God', we remain committed to providing God-honouring instruction at an affordable rate to our parent community.

## SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY/SOAP BOX DAY

To All learners and their families!

Please diarise this day now!!

We promise to make this day extraordinary

Many excited events are planned!!!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Carlin Glansbeek (Gr. R, Teacher Margie's class) took a photo (on his own initiative) of a Pied Kingfisher at Pilanesberg on Father's day this year with a Panasonic camera and won the student category in the competition. Well done Carlin!

**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.

**FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY**

Collection for **Friday 16 October 2009** will be **CLEANING PRODUCTS.**

23 October	-	Cold drink/Juice
30 October	-	Sugar
6 November	-	Rice/Samp
13 November	-	Pasta
20 November	-	Powdered Milk/Long Life Milk
27 November	-	Cleaning Products

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!**

## **MIA MOMENT**

COURAGE- your inner strength 2 win;

HOPE- your vision;

FAITH- the power 2 obtain God's promises;

LOVE - the power that drives God & U in harmony

## **ENTREPRENUERSHIP DAY/SOAP BOX DAY**

On Saturday 31 October 2009, the Intermediate Phase learners will participate in Entrepreneurship Day, which is a component of the Economic Management Science syllabus. It is a compulsory, practical project and will be combined with the Soap Box Day. Not only will our children have much fun, they will also learn and be assessed on many aspects of Economic Sciences.

In the past we had the Entrepreneurship Day on a Friday during school hours, but as the school has grown we found that there were not enough customers to make this a profitable event for the children. We therefore decided to link it to a fun family day to which visitors could be invited to participate as a community.

The Soap Box was the perfect family fun opportunity and will include the whole school. The day is launched with registration in the homeroom classes at 10:00 and then a parade where classes have worked out a theme to represent themselves. The Soap Box races start at 10:40 where classes race against each other as well as teachers and parents who are brave enough to enter the races. There will be a tea garden where you can sit back and purchase and enjoy some eats. A white elephant auction from 12:00 to 12:30 may also be an opportunity for you to sell or buy some extra things at great prices.

All in all a day of fun, laughter and family.

## **THANK YOU**

Just a short note to thank all those students, teachers and parents that blessed me on my birthday with kind wishes, gifts and an expression of love. Your generous gestures are truly appreciated.

Love

**Ken Langley**

## **ART CLASSES**

Art classes for young and old! Arts infinity Art school has been teaching art for over 28 years and is still going strong. Whether you need assistance with an art portfolio or just to rediscover your artistic side, come see what we have to offer! Registration for next year is now open so please contact Rona on 082 404 2088 or Nadia on 082 922 3119.