

# THE KING'S KEN – 5 NOVEMBER 2009

## From the Principal's Desk.....

On Monday we will be commemorating one of the most significant days in modern history – do you know what it is?

It was on 9 November 1989 that the Berlin Wall came down, heralding the end of communism in Eastern Europe. Few people realize that this historic event was preceded by a mighty move of God that was miraculous and beautiful. This is how it unfolded:

During early 1989, 4 churches in Leipzig were meeting every Monday evening at 5pm to pray for peace in their nation. After each meeting, the groups from the churches would join together and walk through the streets of the city with candles and banners.

The St. Nikolai Church, a 2 000-seater Lutheran Church soon became known as the leader of the peaceful demonstrations. At the beginning of the year their prayer meeting consisted of about 50 members but gradually the numbers began to increase, attracting not just faithful Christians but also political dissidents and ordinary citizens. Soon the church was full of prayer-warriors and more and more people thronged to the candle-lit marches.

By October, the march was drawing 50 000 people and the political pressure reached crisis point. Prime Minister Erich Honecker issued the order that any marchers on the following Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, would be shot. The police and army moved into Leipzig in a massive show of force and hospitals braced themselves for a massacre.

At 5pm on that Monday afternoon when the Nikolai Church opened its doors, 2 000 Communist Party members rushed in to occupy every available seat. The church was forced to open its balconies and another 1 000 protestors also crammed inside. All of them listened as the Word of God was proclaimed and Christ was exalted as the Prince of Peace.

After the meeting 70 000 took to the streets with their candles. Soldiers looked on but did nothing. No-one knows why the military held their fire that night, but everyone acknowledges that God was present. The following Monday night, 120 000 marched. A week later, it was 150 000 and then, by November, one million marchers were on the street.

At midnight on November 9, the unthinkable happened: a gap opened up in the dreaded Berlin Wall and East Germans simply streamed through the opening, past guards who had always obeyed orders to "shoot to kill".

Not a single life was lost. Honecker resigned in humiliation and communism collapsed in 10 nations across Eastern Europe.

Today, a walking trail marks out where the Berlin Wall used to stand and people who stroll along that route remember God's incredible intervention in response to the fervent prayer of a nation.

**KEN LANGLEY**  
**PRINCIPAL**

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

- 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 R Graduation - 4 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) - 9 December 2009
- High School Evening of Excellence for 2009 presented in 2010

**FINISHING TIMES 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - 9 DECEMBER**

**Grade RR – 3** - School closes at 12:00

**Grade 4-11** - Children can be fetched after their exam (refer to letters sent home for details) or will be supervised in a waiting class until 12:00.

**Aftercare children** will be supervised until the aftercare staff takes over the care of the children.

- Children do not need to be at school if they are not writing an exam.
- Intermediate Phase children will need to be at school on 7 December for a Evening of Excellence practice from 07:30 to 12:00.
- Reports will be handed out at the Evening of Excellence for the Foundation Phase (Grade 1 to Grade 3) on 7 December and Intermediate Phase (Grade 4 to Grade 7) on 8 December.
- High School reports (Grade 8 to Grade 11) can be collected from the Administrative Office on 9 December from 07:30 to 12:00.

## 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 6 November 2009** will be **SAMP/RICE**.

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

What makes Christianity different from any other religion?

“Christ came to earth for one reason: to give His life as a ransom for you, for me, for all of us. He sacrificed himself to give us a second chance. He would have gone to any lengths to do so. And He did. He went to the cross where man’s utter despair collided with God’s unbending grace. And in that moment when God’s great gift was complete, the compassionate Christ showed the world the cost of His gift ....

He who was perfect gave that perfect record to us, and our imperfect record was given to Him .... As a result, God’s holiness is honoured and his children are forgiven.” (Max Lucado in *The Applause of Heaven*)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

## INTERMEDIATE PHASE

The Intermediate Phase does not write cycle tests this term. This will be a term of getting ready for the exams and a spellathon.

12-17 Oct Week 2	2-7 Nov Week 4 (Spellathon)	9-14 Nov Week 5	16-21 Nov Week 6	23-28 Nov Week 7	30/11-5/12 Week 8	7-11 Dec Week 9
Grade 4	50 words	Revision week. Homework Load shedding.	Exams start		Exams End	
Grade 5	100 words					
Grade 6	150 words					
Grade 7	200 words					

**COMPETITION**



**MISSING:**

**PLEASE HELP!!!** Aunty Marlene’s dog, Rocky, has run away AGAIN! He was last seen at the airport, checking in at International Departures. If you can find this naughty dog, then enter the competition. There is a R10 reward for the first correct entry drawn.

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**ENTRY FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Rocky is hiding out in : \_\_\_\_\_

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### Have a Good Summer!

- ▶ Continue reading this summer. Plan a weekly visit to your public library.
- ▶ Practice math skills during the summer. That will prevent a "backslide" in skills.
- ▶ If your child is participating in summer sports, be sure he or she takes frequent breaks to avoid getting overheated.
- ▶ Make sure your child stays well hydrated when playing outside in the heat.
- ▶ Don't forget the sunscreen!

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### Rewarding Your Children

- ▶ Focus rewards more on effort and improvement and less on "grade" or outcome.
- ▶ Choose rewards wisely. Some of the best rewards are time spent alone with you reading, talking, or having a special meal.
- ▶ Save for a special reward like a trip to the movies. Put a marble in a jar each time your child earns recognition. When the jar is full, enjoy the special reward!

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Connor Henning was the **Regional Item Winner for English Poetry, Narrative Grade 1** at the Showcase NEA Awards. Well done Connor – you have made us proud!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Anjali Africa (Grade 1)
- Tristan Bruton (Grade 3)
- Connor Henning (Grade 1)
- Onkgopotse Tsitsi (Grade 2)
- Jani-Mae Struwig (Grade 11)
- Dylan Alexander (Grade 9)

These learners were either nominated to receive an award or invited to perform at the National Eisteddfod Academy Young Performers Showcase!

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank Mr. Swanepoel for the donation of bulbs and flowers to the school. We really value and appreciate this annual donation.

## **SKILLS ANALYSIS WITH THE EML PROGRAM**

How would you like your child's attitude to learning, homework and general studies to move to the next level, regardless of their grades. The EML program helps to enhance and develop the necessary skills your child needs for academic excellence.

To book a skills analysis for your child contact **Gordon on 0741 432 836**

## **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.

## **Toilet Friend Toilet Odour Removal System**

No more Spray Cans, No Embarrassment, No Open Windows, NO MAINTENANCE.  
SMS or call us now for your 30day free Trial Installation or get up to R250 discount if you pay on installation day.

**SMS kswr to 33903 or call Eddie Coetsee on 072-567 8932 to arrange for your trial installation.**

## **FUN AT THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP- AND SOAP BOX DAY**

"Aching legs and failing voices" that was the resounding comments on Monday morning after the soapbox entrepreneurship day. Well at least from the older ones amongst us who stood on the side shouting for our children and another crazy group who participated in the pushing and riding of the soapbox carts.

What a wonderful day where families were seen cheering each other on, supporting each other as moms and dads and children braided and cooked together and parents supported and guided their children in setting up stalls and dealing with money.

"What a great day!" "Enjoyed myself" "We had so much fun" "Wow, I wish we did this at our children's school"  
These are some of the comments from parents, children and visitors.

Thank you to all that participated in this day. We look forward to next years Soap Box Entrepreneurship Day.  
Keep the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2010 open.