

THE KING'S KEN – 10 FEBRUARY 2010

THE VIEW FROM THE COACH'S DUG-OUT.....

Dear Players and Fans

Carlos Alberto Pereira sometimes complains that his Bafana Bafana charges don't play during the game the way they play on the practice field. Not nearly as well.

It is often the case that we can gain much knowledge through information, but that the application of that knowledge in daily living doesn't flow as naturally.

At The King's School West Rand we have a **Biblical Integration** approach to all subjects so that students can learn to integrate Bible truth with every aspect of life.

Many of us adults went to school in an era when the timetable included Bible Education classes. Christian leaders patted themselves on the back and said 'we're doing the job'.

Certainly, filling the 'Bible-knowledge gap' is a critical part of what every Christian school should be doing. But are the students making connections between the truths they learn in Bible class and what they learn in every other class? That's where the rubber meets the road.

Why is the skill so important? Because if our students can make connections between biblical truth and maths, or between biblical truth and history, or between biblical truth and science, they can make connections between biblical truth and the secular worldview onslaught that's going on around them.

By helping students to 'think Christianly' about history, science and geography, we will help them 'think Christianly' about the music heard on the radio after school, films they see on the weekend, and the rest of the secular onslaught coming students' way on a regular basis. What's better, such clear-thinking Christian young people can help bring truth and stability to generations that follow.

We know that a big proportion of private schools, even Christian schools, departmentalize the teaching of Bible to chapel, Religious Education or other specially allocated times.

Here at The King's School West Rand we are determined not to split secular and sacred; all must be sacred. God's Word has something to say about all of life and is not meant to be marginalised to Sundays only or to the church building.

See you at the next game!

MR. KEN LANGLEY

Head Coach (PRINCIPAL)

Important dates for the 1ST term

(ALL EVENING EVENTS START AT 19:00 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

Agape Ball	-	12 February
Valentines Civvies Day	-	12 February
Rocking Future Road show	-	12 February
Prayer evening	-	4 March
Pre-Primary picnic	-	6 March
Grade 6-12 Camp	-	10 to 12 March
Extra Murals End	-	12 March
International Evening	-	18 March
Pre-Primary Grandparents day	-	19 March
School closes (12:00)	-	19 March

WE PRAY FOR.....

- Danica van der Merwe's Grandfather died.

ANNUAL PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

This is the final week that parents can make use of the earlybird discount for fees paid in advance for the year.

Parents are reminded that, should you wish to pay for school fees in full; a discount of 9% will be granted. Any queries around this can be directed to Mrs. Marinda Richards on 087 808 1555 x120.

THE SCHOOL WEAR SHOP

Operating hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 08:00 – 12:00

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

NO request from parents for school wear to students will be granted or clothes handed over without payment of the invoice first. Parents are still welcome to phone through an order after which a quotation will be given, parents can pay for the requested items and only after proof of payment will the clothes be handed over to the children. This was made necessary after parents promised to pay and never honoured their promise.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE

Should you require any further information, please contact Liza on 072 1083 670.

FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY

Collection for **Friday 11 February 2010** will be **BAKED BEANS.**

18 February - SAMP OR SAMP AND BEANS MIX
25 February - DETTOL/SAVLON

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!

UNKNOWN DEPOSITS

Please contact the Finance Office (087 808 1555 x119) if you can assist with the following unknown deposits.

21 January	-	Direct Deposit	-	R2 270.00
27 January	-	Direct Deposit (Northgate)	-	R29 514.15
28 January	-	Direct Deposit (Sanlam)	-	R3 500.00

MIA MOMENT

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12 vs. 1-2 (NIV)

Remember: Jesus is the best coach in the world. Don't take your eyes off Jesus. Watch Him, and then you will be a good athlete. Then you will finish the race. Even better: then you will get first prize, because Jesus is waiting for you at the finish.

MIA – URGENT REQUEST

We still need Class Moms & Assistants for all 3 Grade R classes as well as Grade 6 (Teacher Robyn) & Grade 7 (Teacher Kerri). Assistants still needed for Grade 2 (Teacher Annelie G), Grade 3 (Teacher Bronwyn) & Grade 7 (Teacher Chantelle).

MIA also urgently need High School Contact moms.

Anyone interested can contact Trys on 082 929-1155 or MammaMIA.Kings@gmail.com.

MARCH ACCOUNT

Please note the following may be charged to your March account; please bear these in mind when budgeting:

- Stationery packs (Pre-Primary and Foundation)
- Manuals (Intermediate Phase)
- Camp fees
- Photos

COMMUNICATION

Reminder to our parents of some of the communication tools that the school uses.

King's Ken: the schools newsletters that goes out every Wednesday. Read and enjoy!

Web-page: contains policies and other important information.

Information boards: outside Topaz and Jasper block for Pre-primary, Foundation and Intermediate Phase parents with reminders of extra mural timetables, cycle test rosters, teachers on waiting class...

We would like to remind parents to update contact details if or when they change with the Administrative Office.

SECURITY AT THE KING'S SCHOOL

We have upgraded our security at The King's School West Rand this year. Our new security company have been incredibly helpful in scholar patrolling the car park during end of school day and with access control. We have also introduced a magnet lock for the gate at Jasper Block. Parents please exercise patience as we implement these changes. We are so aware that during this World Cup year there are increased risks to child

safety. Police have predicted that the abduction of children will be stepped up to 100 in each city in South Africa during the month of the Soccer World Cup. Grandpa Peet relays this story:

It is a few days before Christmas 2009. All the family presents bought and wrapped.

The kids, Ciana (6) and her little brother Diano (2 ½) are excited. Today they are all going shopping at Centurion Mall. Mommy promised them that they may select Christmas presents for their friends and after that they will travel to Featherbrooke estate to visit their grandparents.

Inside the shopping mall at a toy shop the presents were selected and whilst mom is paying at the till Ciana and her brother are colouring in at the kiddies' desk. When Ciana looks up Diano is not there. She calls him and reports to her mother immediately.

Panic and consternation steps in, he is nowhere to be found in the toy shop. The centre security was alerted.

In the meantime two policemen are having a smoke-break at one of the exit doors on the opposite side of the mall. They see two foreign men with a little boy walking in the direction of a car. The picture does not seem right and they intervene not knowing about the search inside the mall. The two men fled and no arrest was made.

Three minutes later Diano was reunited with his family.

We ask parents to co-operate with the security guards and systems put in place so that our children are kept safe.

CAR PARK INCIDENT

Dear Mr Langley

My grandson is attending The King's School. We have a driver that brings him and collects him from school.

On Tuesday the 2nd in the afternoon, he parked the car like he normally does to await school closing time for the kids, and when the classes finish, he normally goes and fetches the kids from their classes to make sure that their personal belongings are complete. On this particular day, he returned to the car to find that someone who was parked next to his car (a white 1.4 Citi Golf), has badly hit the door (right front driver's door) of his car, so bad that the impact has ripped off the door handle, which he found lying on the ground. The panel of the door is also dented to indicate that the door was slammed.

It is really disappointing that the culprit who caused the damage decided to drive off without owning up. I also would find it hard to believe, given the nature of the damages to the extend of totally ripping off a door handle of a vehicle, that the person responsible could have not noticed the damage. One expects that The King's School parents and children are all a community that must be like one big family. Especially if you also have such an expectation because you think we are all centered by our Christian values of "doing to others as you would like them to do unto you".

(Abridged)

Anyone who has information regarding this incident please contact the school as we wish to take action in this matter.

WHAT DO TEACHERS MAKE?

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life.

One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Barbara. Be honest. What do you make?"

Barbara, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make? (She paused for a second, then began...)

"Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could.

I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents CAN'T make them sit for 5 without an I Pod, Game Cube or movie rental.

You want to know what I make? (She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table)

I make kids wonder.

I make them question.

I make them apologize and mean it.

I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions.

I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding ISN'T EVERYTHING.

I make them read, read, read.

I make them show all their work in Maths. They use their God given brain, not the man-made calculator.

I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know about English while preserving their unique cultural identity.

I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe.

Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life (Barbara paused one last time and then continued.)

Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are ignorant.

You want to know what I make?

I MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

What do you make Mr. CEO?

His jaw dropped, he went silent.

WHAT IS BEN 10

Upon discovering a mysterious device known as the Omnitrix, 10-year-old Ben Tennyson is bestowed with the power to change into 10 different alien heroes. Each alien hero has its own unique and awesome powers.

Although Ben now has the added responsibility to protect others and fight evil forces, he still manages to find time for some mischief and fun!

Whilst the show seems quite innocuous as it deals with childhood's endless fascination with super power, aliens and 'goodies' vs. 'baddies', the occult innuendo is there and Ben 10 (along with Pokemon, American Dragon, and so on) becomes a stepping stone to more concerning cartoons. Many of the illustrator's and writers of these cartoons are intricately involved in very dark and frightening endeavours.

For example, one of the main writers of Ben 10, Joe Casey, is also part of the Devil's Due Publishing (DDP) group. Their core business involves publishing of what they term 'Horror Comics'.

A huge cause for concern at the moment is the collectable card games. Please exercise a lot of caution in this area.

Each game represents a battle between powerful wizards who use the magical spells, items, and fantastic creatures depicted on individual Magic cards to defeat their opponents.

We slowly become desensitized to the evil around us as we are exposed to it 'innocently' from a very young age. The bible clearly warns us to exercise discernment (Ezekiel 44:23, Malachi 3: 17-18, Hebrews 5:11-140) so we can know good from evil.

I pray that you will exercise sound judgement in what you allow your child to be exposed to.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

CELLULAR PHONES AND TOYS AT SCHOOL

It is not recommended that children bring swapping cards, toys (mainly Foundation Phase) or cell phones, IPODS, MP3 Players to school.

However if they do, the following applies:

1. The school will take no responsibility for the loss or damage of any of the above.
2. Cell phones, IPODS, MP3 Players... may not be used during classes, while walking between classes or during assembly or while participating in extra murals.

Cell phones, IPODS, MP3 Players...that are confiscated need to be handed to the relevant H.O.D and will be kept in the safe. These can be returned after a negotiated period and once a fine is paid.