

THE KING'S KEN – 10 MARCH 2010

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

Lord, bless Africa;
May her spirit rise high up
Hear thou our prayers and bless us.

Descend, O Spirit,
Descend, O Holy Spirit.

Bless our leaders
May they remember their Creator,
Fear Him and revere Him,
That He may bless them.

Bless the public men,
Bless also the youth
That they may carry the land with patience
And that Thou mayst bless them.

Bless the wives
And also all our young women;
Lift up all the young girls
And bless them.

Bless the ministers
Of all the churches of this land;
Endue them with Thy Spirit
And bless them.

Bless agriculture and stock raising
Banish all famine and diseases;
Fill the land with good health
And bless it.

Bless our efforts
Of union and progress,

Of education and mutual understanding
and bless them.

Lord, bless Africa
Blot out all its wickedness
And its transgression and sins,
And bless it.

These beautiful words were composed in 1897 by Enoch Sontonga, a teacher at a Methodist mission school in Johannesburg. It was one of many songs he composed and was originally written in Xhosa as a hymn, Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika.

I am so proud to be a South African at this time in our history and to sing a National Anthem that acknowledges God as the source of all blessing.

Some people assume that Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika was simply a song of defiance against the old Apartheid regime but a closer look at the English translation shows a prayer that is far removed from defiance.

Our current National Anthem is a combined, shortened version of the original Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika and Die Stem – it is rich and beautiful and majestic.

Sing it with pride.

MR. KEN LANGLEY

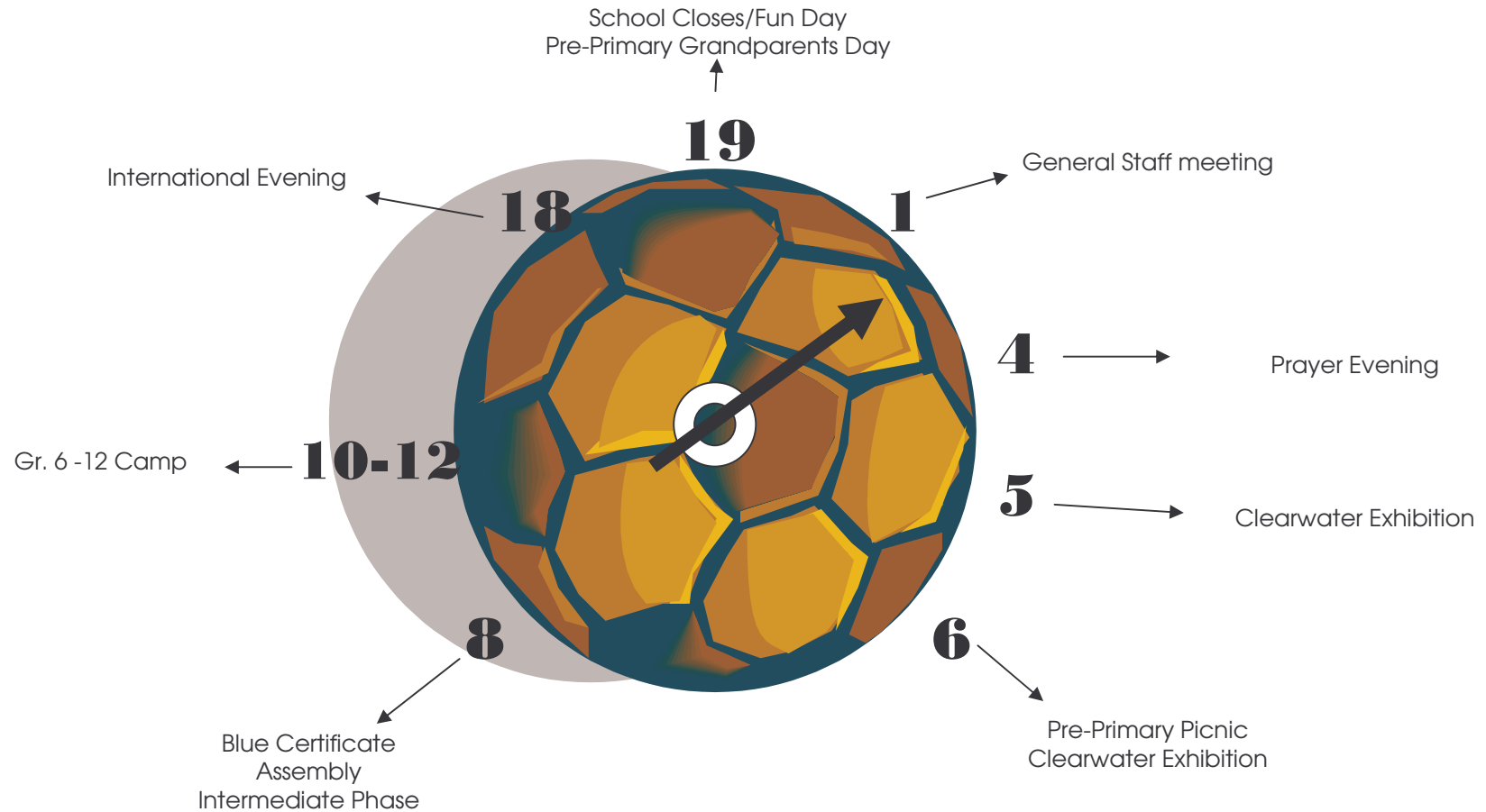
Head Coach (PRINCIPAL)

WE PRAY FOR

- Mr. Young and his family on the death of his mother.
- Mrs. Chrissie Nolte's (Teacher) father passed away.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

MARCH



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.

FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY

Collection for **Friday 12 March 2010** will be **SUGAR**.

19 March - SAMP OR SAMP AND BEANS MIX

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!

WAYS TO HELP KIDS LEARN SPELLING WORDS

Once your child enters elementary school, he is going to have to deal with homework. For some **children**, the most difficult homework is repeated every week in the form of spelling words. While some students find learning spelling words easy, most students need to practice them. In order to help you we will be putting spelling tips in the King's Ken as suggestions that can be used:

TIP 4: Make it Fun

Make learning spelling words fun by creating some games to go along with the words. Use flash cards that can be made by you or your child and then stick them around the house so that every time you walk past it, it can be read out loud.

Adapted: http://www.ehow.com/way_5201108_ways-kids-learn-spelling-words.html by April Sanders

2010 Soccer World Cup™

PRAYER

With the World Soccer Cup™ 'kick off' less than 100 days away there is an urgency within the Body of Christ to prepare the spiritual atmosphere in our nation for the reaping in of the harvest during the four weeks of this momentous event. There is a comprehensive prayer initiative being established that needs to be strengthened through networking with the many prayer networks within the nation.

There is no doubt in our minds that persistent, consistent faith-filled prayer for our nation is critical if we want to experience breakthroughs. The vision of this prayer initiative is to saturate our nation with quality prayer, ahead, during and after the soccer event. This requires continuous 24/7 prayer in strategic places, sustained by a dedicated network of prayers/intercessors. As each one makes their small contribution, the groundswell of united prayer will rapidly grow into a supernatural wave of revival!

At the Kings School we have started the prayer for the nations. The prayer evening was a wonderful experience as hearts united to pray for the children and people of different nations.

TUG PRAYER DATA BASE

An appeal for those who's hearts are stirred with this vision to commit to being prayer partners on the dedicated TUG prayer data base. (TUG stands for 'The Ultimate Goal' – an outreach initiative for the 2010 Soccer World Cup™). A 'prayer letter' will be sent out on a weekly or bi-weekly basis – giving the latest and most urgent prayer needs, as well as giving feed-back to answered prayers.

Should you wish to be part of this ministry email your details to: prayer@theultimategoal.co.za and we will put you on the data base. You can also register on the TUG web <http://www.theultimategoal.co.za/> to receive the Prayer Letter

Abundant blessings

Brian Evans

National TUG Prayer Co-ordinator

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

We have our final step of the three on how to talk to your child's teacher:

To recap STEP 1: Make friends and honour the teacher: included being willing to pray and watch for opportunities to be thankful and appreciate the teacher in order to build a strong relationship. Following the correct chain of command was not only a biblical principle but also shows trust in and respect for the teacher concerned. STEP 2: Deal with issues quickly and Make an appointment: included rooting out gossip that only causes dissension and hinders the process of finding solutions and clarity. Making an appointment is also important as it shows honouring of teachers' time and setting the platform for a constructive meeting. See previous Kings Kens' for details.

STEP 3: The Meeting and Making Contact

Do your homework. (Yip parents get homework too.)

Do your own preparation before hand and arrive with a list of topics you'd like to discuss. This way you'll be systematic, and the chances of forgetting or omitting something vital are minimised.

Prov 20:3 NIV It is to a man's honour to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.

It is to your honour to avoid strife, walking into a parent-teacher meeting with an attitude of hostility or anger could set a negative pattern for all interaction from there onwards. You could be privately labelled a 'difficult parent', and chances are that all your communication might be just that little bit more fraught than it needs to be. 'Approach the teacher in an open non judgemental manner by saying, "This is what I'm seeing, what are you seeing?" "These are my concerns regarding this issue, how do you perceive it?". This kind of approach often yields dividends in terms of a helpful conversation. Even if you have not taken Step 2 of setting an appointment, but have chosen to write a letter instead, please keep these principles in mind. A judgemental harsh letter usually only slows down the process of resolution but well chosen words are gracious, are more likely to be heeded and promote instruction.

Prov 16:21 NIV The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction.

Ecc 9:17 NIV The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools.

Ecc 10:12 NIV Words from a wise man's mouth are gracious, but a fool is consumed by his own lips.

Expect feedback, remember that discussions are a two-way street and you might hear feedback about your child that you don't necessarily like. Try to listen objectively and openly, rather than leaping into defensive mode, and work with the teacher to resolve problems and issues. Both child, teacher and parent need to take responsibility for what they need too, keep solution minded and don't harp on the mistakes or shortfalls of the past. At the end of the meeting summarise the plan of action and individual responsibilities, keep in mind that all parties involved want the best for the child.

We take the opportunity to thank the many parents and teachers that have worked and partnered together to see their children grow and benefit. Because of you and your example we know that communication can exist where it did not in the past and can be productive and open where it might have been strained or awkward in the past. We know that we will at times take two steps forward in this area of working together as a team and at other times find ourselves taking one step back, but we trust that with the grace of God and the steps described, that our journey together will always be one of taking new ground.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.....

According to a news report, a certain private school in Brisbane was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses). To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

LOST – PLEASE HELP



One of our Grade RR learners Hanré lost his rechargeable battery for his hearing aid. This is a very expensive battery and cost about R80 000 to replace. If anybody has picked it up, please bring it to the office or hand it to his teacher, Mrs. Fatima Bettencourt.

SPORT CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS

Willem-Petrus Pretorius competed in the African Championships in February in clay shooting and has reached the 5th position overall in the Junior Category, which is highly commendable since there were 14 countries participating.

CHESS MATCHES AT LA SALLE

Junior Primary – won 8 ½ : 3 ½

Senior Primary – lost 7 : 5

Please diarise: Match on 17 March 2010 against Laerskool Florida at home.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to Thoriso Williams (Grade 8) for being selected for Gauteng Schools' Aquatics.

CRICKET

U/9 versus Randpark B – KSWR won by 98 runs. Well done boys!

HOCKEY

Our u/14 and u/15 boys attended District Trials on 2 and 3 March 2010 and they performed excellently. We are really looking forward to an exciting season.

ANTHEM COMPETITION

Which country's anthem was played this week at school? The first correct entry will earn a R10 tuckshop voucher.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ **Class:** _____

World-Cup Country: _____

Occupational Therapy....is offered at The King's School West Rand. Ninette Visser and Kim Cawood are available to provide therapy during school hours or after school on a Tuesday during term time. For further information, please call: Therapy Centre: 011 475 1449 or Kim Cawood: 0835010489