

## THE KING'S KEN – 5 MAY 2010

# MOTHER'S DAY EDITION

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

CALLING ALL MEN .... HOW MANY COWS WOULD YOU  
PAY FOR YOUR WIFE?

Sunday is Mother's Day and I'm sure you've been wondering what special thing you can do to affirm your wife's worth, femininity and beauty. The Bible tells us we should love our wives in the same way that Christ loves the church, giving ourselves to her. (Eph 5:25)

I once read a story of a missionary who went to visit his missionary friend on an island. On the first evening, they attended a banquet, and while they were sitting at the table, a local man and woman entered the room and sat at the main table. The woman was absolutely the most beautiful woman that the visiting missionary had ever seen.

He commented on her beauty to his friend and his friend said, 'Well, on this island if a man wants to marry a woman, he has to go to her father and negotiate a bride's price for her. The bride's price is paid for in cows. The most you can pay is 10 cows, while a woman with a physical blemish may go for only one cow. Some time ago there was a woman who realized she was just so ugly, she would walk around the island with a shawl over her face. Most people accepted that she would just never marry.

Then one day a man came to that woman's father and asked to marry his daughter. The father was delighted and said, "You may take her for just two cows.' In his heart, he knew he would settle for one cow, but didn't want to seem desperate.

'I'm sorry, I can't accept that,' said the man, 'I will only take your daughter on condition that I pay a bride's price of ten cows!'

The father couldn't believe his ears! It had been years since anyone had paid so much for a bride! The man continued, "you see, if I pay one or two cows for your daughter, then that will be her worth for the rest of her life. But if I pay 10 cows for her, then that will be her worth for the rest of her life."

That man understood a great principle. He's the one who's just walked in with his wife. That girl who thought she was so ugly she couldn't even show her face has been transformed into the most beautiful woman on the island.

So men, love your wife, nourish her and cherish her, even as Christ does for the church.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**MR. KEN LANGLEY**

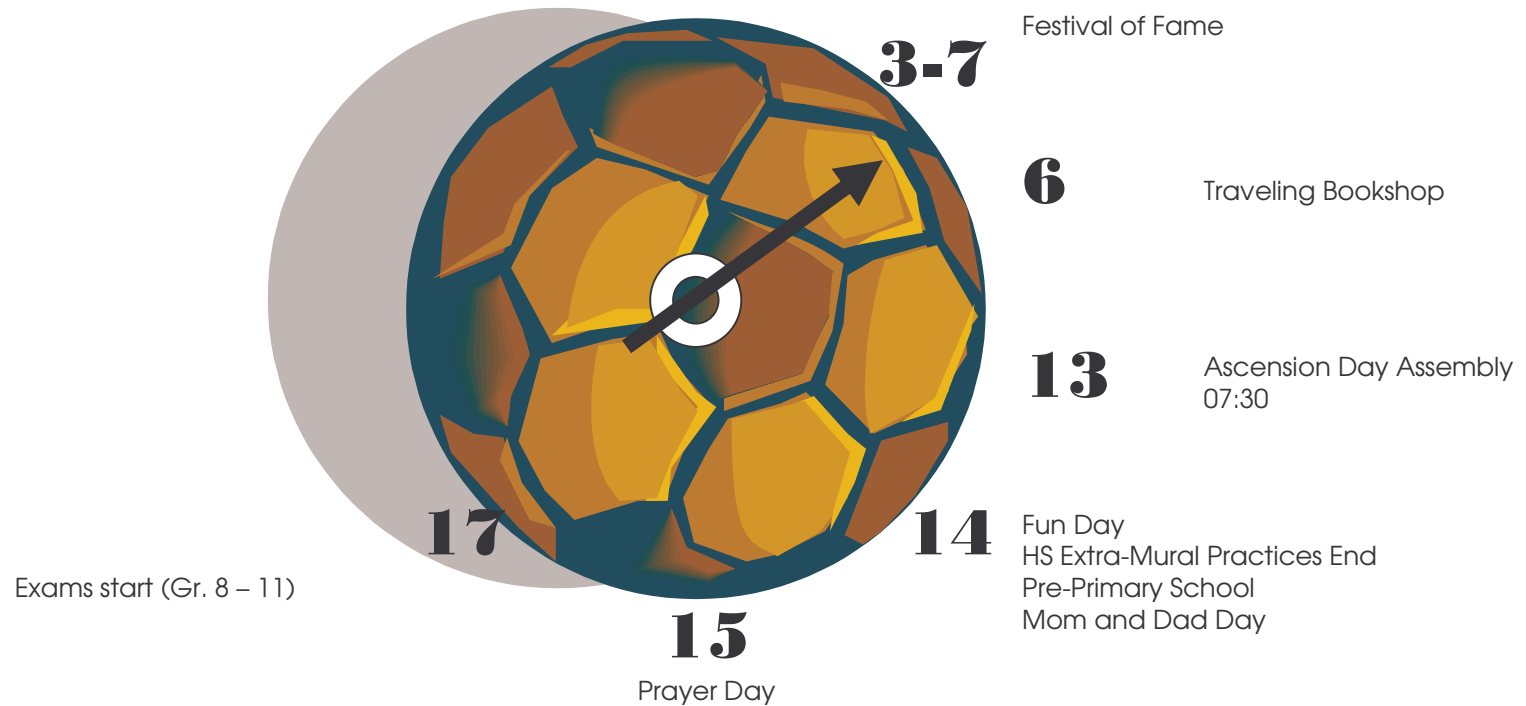
**Head Coach (PRINCIPAL)**

A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest.

~Irish Proverb~

# TIMELINE OF EVENTS

## MAY



## **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.

## **A GROUP OF VERY SPECIAL MOTHERS**

Our MIA group (Mothers in Action) are a collection of volunteers who serve the school community in a variety of ways. For example, they catered for the Principal's Meeting in our school staff-room last Friday. A number of them are class moms, spoiling the children on their birthdays while others offer a meal for families where moms are in hospital or in other special circumstances. MIA also co-ordinate a massive prayer effort for the school and we are eternally grateful for their dedication!

Inside every adult human being is a small child missing its mom.

~Helen Thomson~

## **BEING A MOTHER**

After 17 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, 'I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you.'

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who has been alone for 20 years, but the demands of my work and my two boys had made it possible to visit her only occasionally.

That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie. 'What's wrong, aren't you well,' she asked? My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. 'I thought it would be pleasant to spend some time with you,' I responded. 'just the two of us.' She thought about it for a moment, and then said, 'I would like that very much.'

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last birthday on November 19<sup>th</sup>. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel. 'I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed,' she said as she got into the new white van. 'They can't wait to hear about our date'. We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Half way through

the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. 'It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small,' she said. 'Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favor,' I responded.

During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation – nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, 'I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you.' I agreed. 'How was your dinner date?' Asked my wife when I got home. 'Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined,' I answered. A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Some time later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place mother and I had dined. An attached note said: 'I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates – one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you son.' At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time; 'I LOVE YOU' and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off till 'some other time.'

### **FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY**

Collection for **Friday 7 May 2010** will be **HANDY ANDY.**

<b>14 May-</b>	Tinned Fish
<b>21 May-</b>	Baked Beans
<b>28 May-</b>	Samp/Rice
<b>4 June -</b>	Mielie Meal/Macaroni

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**

I dreamed mother walked up the heavenly stairs  
And medals for mothers were given up there  
They mentioned the million things mom did for me  
Things I took for granted and never could see

If there's medals for mothers

For all of the deeds they have done  
If there's medals for mothers  
Mama you'll win everyone

A medal of honor was pinned on her there  
A medal for patience and kind loving care  
A medal for duty she won up above  
But the biggest of all was the one for her love

#### **MIA MEETING:**

There will be a MIA Meeting on Friday 7 May at 07:45 in the staff room.

#### **ENROLMENT 2011**

Parents please take note that we will be opening enrolment interviews this week for registration at The King's School West Rand in 2011. The first interviews that will be completed will be those for Grade RR, Grade R and Grade 4. The interviews are for new families (first-time enrolments) or existing families who want to transfer a sibling into The King's School West Rand. If this applies to you, please ensure that you have completed the waiting list with Sheila Kennedy at Reception.

#### **WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF MEMBER**

Mrs. Annatjie Bierman

#### **THANK YOU**

As reference, my communication published in the Kings Ken on 15 April.

Many thanks to those who responded to me plea in finding the above mentioned school bag. It was with much delight to having been contacted by the school on 17 April and advising me of the bag having been found on the school premises. Thanks to all.

Appreciative parent  
Anthony Siebert

#### **Help Your Child Ace His Next Spelling Test**

by Peggy Gisler, Ed.S. and Marge Eberts, Ed.S.

Is your child quizzed on weekly spelling words? Help him prepare with these tips.

**Give your child a pre-test.** When your child brings home his list of spelling words, sit him down with a pencil and paper for a practice quiz. Don't have him copy the words or sentences. Children learn how to spell words by visualizing them in their minds, not by copying them only. Simply, say each word in a sentence out loud for your child to write down. Have your son correct the pre-test. He should study only the words he has misspelled.

**How your child will learn to spell the words he's spelled incorrectly on his pre-test:**

- 1) Have him say the word while looking at it.
- 2) Tell him to close his eyes, try to see the word, and then spell the word out loud.
- 3) Have him look at the written word to see if he's spelled it out loud correctly.
- 4) Ask him to look at the word, then cover the word and have him write it.
- 5) Finally, your child should check to see if he's written the word correctly. If the word is misspelled, all four steps should be repeated before moving on to the next word.

Once your child has learned to use this technique, he will be able to study his spelling words independently. On the night before the test, give him a final test of all the words.

## **SPORT CORNER**

### **SOCCER RESULTS versus PANORAMA**

U7A – Won            u7B -        drew  
U8A – Won            u8B -        lost  
U9A – lost            u9B -        lost  
U10 - lost  
U11 – lost  
U12    drew  
U13    drew  
U14    won

### **SOCCER RESULTS versus ST CATHERINE'S GERMISTON**

U15    –        Lost 4-3  
Open    –        Lost 3-1

### **HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL RESULTS versus ST CATHERINE'S**

All teams won their matches

### **PRIMARY SCHOOL NETBALL RESULTS versus FLORIDA PRIMARY**

Won 2 and lost 2 matches

WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR TEAMS!!

Never tell your kids how well you did at school, Mum still has your reports.

~Hoko Fujita~

Mothers know when they're going to be surprised with a treat – they can hear the fight going on in the kitchen.

~Peter Gray~

No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

~Florida Scott-Maxwell~

Mothers are inclined to feel limp at fifty. This is because the children have taken most of her stuffing to build their nests.

~Samantha Armstrong~

There is nothing a mother likes better than breakfast in bed – burned toast, cold scrambled egg (with chips of egg-shell) and a newly plucked rose dripping dew and aphids into the corn-flakes

~Peter Gray~

### **Grade 2 wizdom**

#### **Why did God make mothers?**

1. She's the only one who knows where the Scotch Tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out there when we were getting born.

**Grade 2 wizdom**

**How did God make mothers?**

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. Just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

**Grade 2 wizdom**

**What ingredients are mothers made of?**

1. Out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. The had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly used string, I think.

**Grade 2 wizdom**

**Why did God give you your mother and not some other mother?**

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

**Grade 2 wizdom**

**Why did your mum marry your dad?**

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. An my Mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

**Grade 2 wizdom**

**Who's the boss at your house?**

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because Dad's such a nut.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than Dad.

**Grade 2 wizdom**

**What's the difference between Mums and Dads?**

1. Mums work at work and work at home and dads just work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but mums have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Mums have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

**Grade 2 wizdom**

**What does your mum do in her spare time?**

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

**Grade 2 wizdom**

**What would it take to make your mum perfect?**

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

## **Grade 2 wizdom**

### **If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be?**

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mum smarter. The she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

## **THE MUM TEST**

I was out walking with my 4-year-old daughter. She picked up something off of the ground and started to put it in her mouth.

I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that.

'Why?' my daughter asked.

'Because it's been on the ground; you don't know where it's been, it's dirty, and probably has germs,' I replied.

At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked,

'Mum, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart.'

I was thinking quickly and replied, 'All mums know this stuff. It's on the Mum Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mum.'

We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.

'Oh.....I get it!' she beamed, 'So if you don't pass the test you have to be the dad.'

'Exactly,' I replied with a big smile on my face.