

THE KING'S KEN – 19 MAY 2010

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

I once read an interesting book about successful small businesses that said, '**Any organisation will always act consistently out of their most deeply-held convictions.**'

Looking at some examples of businesses and schools around us, there is no doubt that this is true; in fact, I would suggest a corollary to this saying.

Any organisation that doesn't have deeply-held convictions will always act inconsistently.

Even on a personal level, it is so important for each of us to be able to articulate what convictions we live by.

Dictionaries usually define conviction as a fixed or strong belief. It's really much more than that, says Rick Warren. Your convictions include your values, commitments and motivations.

Not just a strong belief. Howard Hendricks makes this distinction: 'A belief is something you will argue about. A conviction is something you will die for!'

Our convictions determine our conduct. They motivate us to act in certain ways.

When you first become a Christian you often do things simply because other Christians around you suggest them or model them. You may pray, read the Bible and attend services because you see the examples of others.

This is fine for a new Christian. Little children learn the same way. However, as you grow, you must eventually develop your own reasons for doing what you do. Those reasons become convictions.

Biblical convictions are essential for spiritual growth and maturity. What is ironic today is that people often have strong convictions about weak issues (rugby, fashions etc.) while having weak convictions about major issues (what is right and what is wrong).

We have developed a set of convictions (core beliefs) which we deeply hold on to, both as a school corporately and as individuals within The King's School West Rand.

Think about these convictions. Do they rank along with your own deeply-held convictions? Are we disciplined to act consistently out of them?

1. We believe that we should teach our children that they have a purpose to serve in the world according to God's plan for them. This is in contrast to the world's message that they should strive for personal economic success for themselves as their ultimate value.
2. We believe that prayer brings us into intimacy with God and that it is an essential discipline which allows us to receive from God.
3. We believe that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God providing clear direction for every predicament we might encounter.
4. We believe that our students should be made aware of the poor and suffering; and that we should model an attitude of compassion and generosity in providing spiritual and material nourishment for the needy.
5. We believe that our children should be taught personal responsibility in making good choices and that their habitual choices will mould their character.
6. We believe that parents are the primary authorities in their child's life and as such, should make every effort to understand and support the philosophy of their child's school.
7. We believe that learning is an ongoing process for students, parents and teachers; therefore growth is more important than absolute achievement.

Why don't you take a moment to list a few of your own deeply-held convictions. Remember that you can't hold something as a conviction just on the basis of intellectual acceptance, you need to be acting out of a conviction with consistency.

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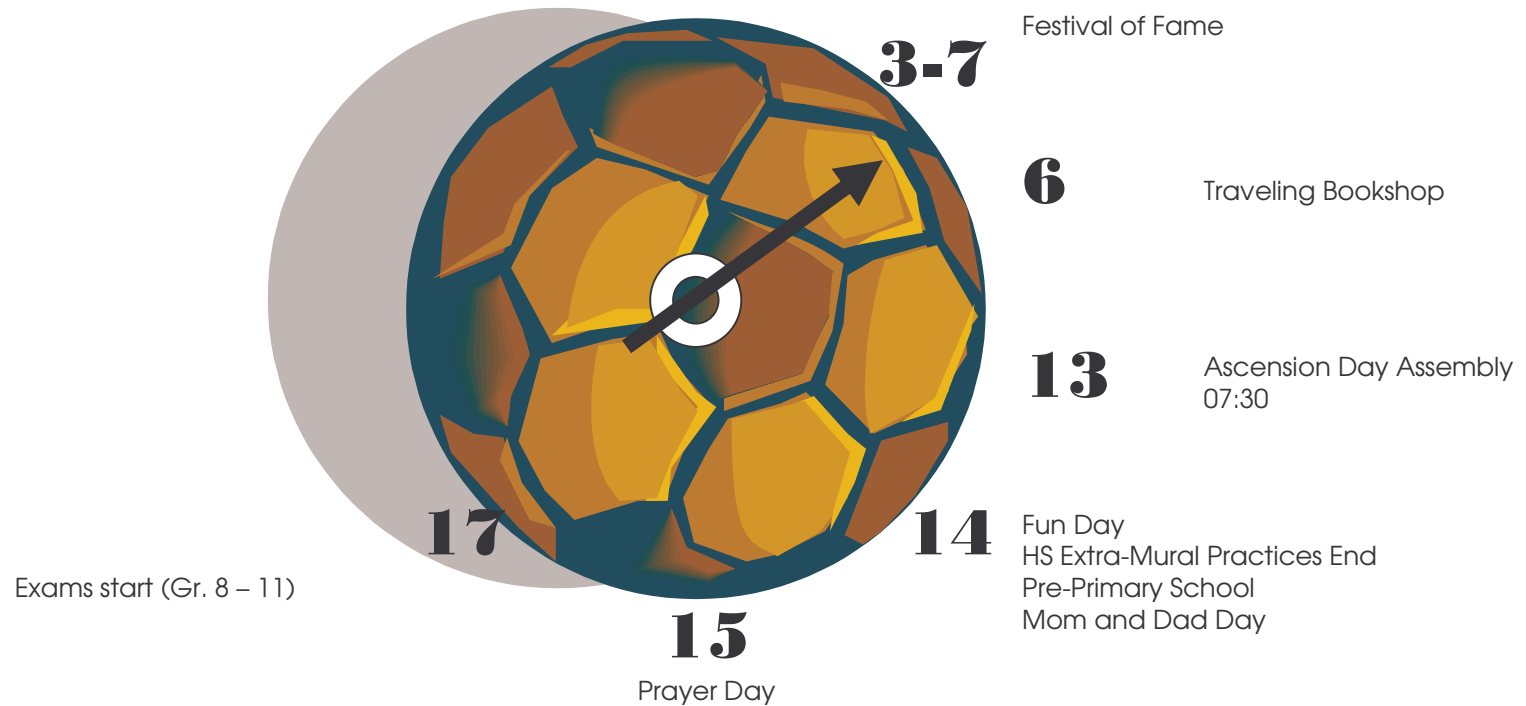
With Thanks to Rick Warren and Garth Cruz for their contribution.

WE PRAY FOR

Stephanie van Schalkwyk (a Gr. R mom) is very ill with cancer. She is currently receiving chemo therapy.

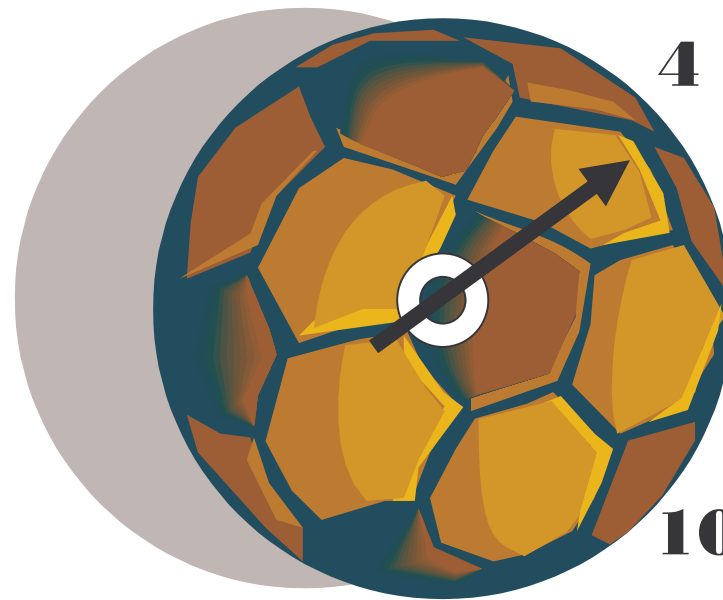
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JUNE



Primary School
Extra Mural Practices end

9

School closes (12:00)

9

Grade 9 subject
choice assessment

10

Winter School Starts

15

Last day for Winter School

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.

CAN ANYONE HELP?

I spoke to one of our parents on International Evening who was telling me that his company could supply the school with loffelsteins we ever needed them in the future. In the rust of events, I didn't get his name and would like to speak with him regarding future expansions at the school. If you are that parent or know who it is, please will you contact Lizette at the school.

PS: In case you were wondering, loffelsteins are the concrete semi-circular blocks which stabilize soil on an embankment.

FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY

Collection for **Friday 21 May 2010** will be **BAKED BEANS.**

28 May- Samp/Rice

4 June - 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!

THANK YOU – PRAYER MORNING

We would like to express our thanks for our parents who endured the chilly winter weather last Saturday morning to come and pray at the school. Keep being faithful to pray for your children and our school.

SOCKS

Our winter outreach drive this year is for socks. Please, if you have old socks (that are not broken or torn) would you kindly donate them to the school for distribution to the needy. You may also buy a few socks (Mr. Price sells 3 warm pairs for R39,99) as a gift to these poor families. All donations can be dropped off at Reception with Mrs. Sheila Kennedy.

SPORT CORNER

Soccer versus Dominican Convent

u14 - lost
u15 - won
Open - lost

Soccer versus Constantia Kloof Primary School

U7 - won 1, drew 1
U8 - won 1, lost 1
U9 - won 1, lost 1
U10 -- drew 2/2
U11 - won
U12 - lost
U13 - lost

Netball versus Allen Glen

U14 A - lost 15/5
U14 B - lost 11/7
U15 A - won 14/8
U15 B - won 20/6
Open - lost 20/14

Netball versus Panorama Primary

U9 - lost
U10 - won
U11 - lost
U12 - lost

WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU – KEEP UP THE HARD WORK!

GOLF DAY 2010

Golfers do I have your Ears?!!

We will be hosting our Annual Golf Day again on the **31st of August 2010 at Krugersdorp Golf Club**. Please keep this day open as it promises, like previous years, to be a great experience. To ensure that the Golf Day is a success your support would be greatly appreciated. More details to follow in next weeks King's Ken.

PIET BYLEVELD TALK: 'LEARN TO DISCERN' AT MARAGON PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Acclaimed crime expert and speaker Piet Byleveld will present a talk at Maragon on Wednesday 19 May. The talk, aimed at parents of children 10 years and older, will fall under the topic 'Learn to Discern: Technology and the Modern Teenager'. Mr. Byleveld will deal with threats to our youth from technology and social media, in a global context where kidnapping and child trafficking are ever-present realities.

CONGRATULATIONS

Onkgopotso Tsitsi won his category at the National Eisteddfod and will now participate on National Level. Well done!

