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PEDAGOGY





From the DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Pedagogy, *noun* (ped·a·go·gy).
the art, science, or profession of teaching

I often hear people say: 'Kids today have it easy! In my time I had to...'. While I don't know if it's harder or easier growing up today than it was when I was a kid, I do know that it is different.

Today children face so many competing interests that are fighting for a piece of their heart. Whether in the form of Instagram or TikTok (no, Facebook is apparently only for old people), Netflix, WhatsApp, gaming, or any other idols of our time, these stimuli seductively tell our children that they will be fully alive and loved if they "own this" or "do this" or "look this way." Sadly, many children (and adults) cannot resist the message.

It would be naive to believe that sending children to a Christian school will protect them from these competing influences. It will not. However, Christian education can equip students with the tools needed to identify and respond to the idols of our time. Students must be able to understand and articulate how and where and why their desires are being shaped by the overwhelming narratives in our society. We must then offer students a better story. They need to see that the story of Jesus boldly declares that there is nothing they can do to make Jesus love them more than he does, and there is nothing they can do to make Jesus love them less than he does.

But words are not enough. Philosopher Nicholas Wolterstorff suggests that a robust Christian perspective must do much more than just point out the errors in secular thinking; rather it must offer an alternative that demonstrates to students what it means to be a 'peculiar people with particular practices'. We must offer students a chance to re-calibrate their lives each day through practices like praying, worshipping and reading scripture. These are simple practices, yet I am often awed to observe how children's hearts are being redirected when they pray, sing, and read scripture together. These practices also remind us to pause. Yes, mathematics equations and science experiments have deep value, and God calls us to be engaged in these academic pursuits, but in our busy lives, where many children go from one activity to the next, these 'pauses' remind us how we are called to be in the world. It connects us to God's creation and shows students how they can bring hope, faith, and love to a broken world.

I teach because I love science and it brings me joy to see students take an interest in the subject.

I live for those "Oh, I get it" moments.

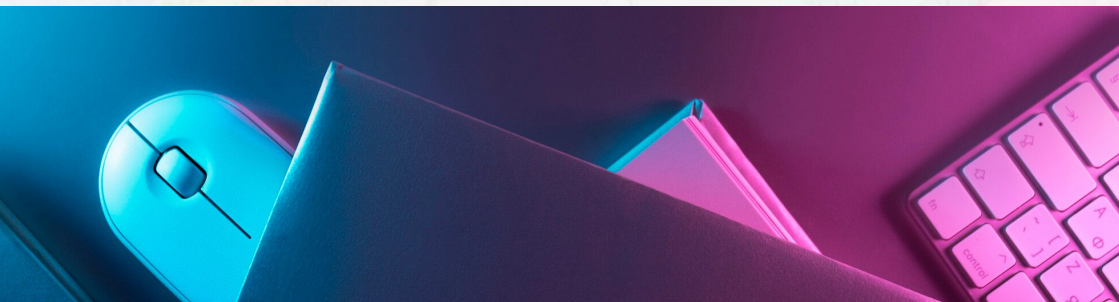
However, in the ever-changing landscape of head-knowledge, I would miss the point of education completely if my teaching never reaches hearts and souls. I must create intentional moments where students are encouraged to explore the intersection of scientific reasoning and faith. By nurturing critical thinking skills within the framework of biblical principles, students are encouraged to engage with the world thoughtfully and discerningly. Education is about shaping future generations who will, in turn, become agents of transformation in a world hungering for hope, grace, restoration and redemption.

On average, a student will spend between 15 000 – 18 000 hours at school from Nursery School to Matric. That is an enormous amount of time! When my own children were in Primary School, I asked myself these questions: Who is shaping my child? To what type of influences are they exposed? What perception of God is being presented? As our values, beliefs, and life experiences give us our perspective and understanding of the world around us, a biblical worldview based on the truth of the Bible is essential as we analyse, interpret, and evaluate the world around us. Now that my children are adults, I cannot emphasise enough the value of Christian mentors, teachers, and coaches who weaved biblical truths into every aspect of the school.

Christian Education is therefore so much more than teaching the curriculum from the Christian perspective; it means striving to mirror Christ in every aspect of life. Students absorb values not only from the teaching in the classroom, but also from the Godly examples of a Christian staff who love and mentor the students within the boundaries of the Bible.

What a privilege to walk alongside students at The King's School West Rand, guiding them towards a deeper understanding of their identity in Christ and equipping them to impact the world for His glory!

- *MRS. VIVIENNE SCHOONWINKEL, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL*



APRIL²⁰₂₄

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
		School Starts Summer/ Winter uniform interim period	Extra Murals Start (Netball, Hockey, Soccer)			Gr RR – Gr 7 Mom and Daughter Tea Gr. 12 Physical Science 08:00 - 10:00
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Reports released Extra Murals Start (all other)	LRC Training		Parents Evening (16:00 to 20:00)		G7 JNR & SNR Netball and Soccer @ TKSWR
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Reading week	Reading week	Reading week	Reading week	Reading Week Book Parade FP/IP Mini soccer festival	FREEDOM DAY
28	29	30				

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAY		01	02	03	04	
		WORKERS DAY	Winter Uniform Compulsory	Mini soccer festival	Accounting Workshop SACOPA Auctions	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
	HS Prefect application process starts		Gr 10 Elevate Study Skills Workshop PP Mother's Day Tea Ascension Day	NS Mother's Day Tea Perfect applications close (Gr11) Mini soccer festival	SACSSA Netball (Snr) Gr. 4 to Gr. 7 Study Skills Workshop	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	New Learner Induction Report OUT FP + IP Blue Certificate Assembly		Prayer Focus Extra Murals End (Grade 8-12 Bourne-mouth Clinic	Bourne-mouth Clinic	SACSSA 6-a- side Soccer (SNR)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Gr 10-11 Exams start		Gr. 1 to Gr. 7 Extra Murals End		SACSSA JNR Netball	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Gr. 4-9 Exams starts Gr. 12 Assessments Start	VOTING DAY				

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
JUNE		02	03	04	05	06
					Gr 4-7 Exams End	SACSSA 6-a- side soccer (JNR)
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Extra Mural Awards Nominations	NS Father's Day and Fun Day	PP Father's Day	SCHOOL CLOSES Gr. 8-11 Exams end Gr. 12 Assessments End Gr 12 Prefect Camp	Gr 12 Prefect Camp	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
YOUTH DAY Gr 12 Prefect Camp	Gr. 12 Winter School starts	Gr. 12 Winter School	Gr. 12 Winter School	Gr. 12 Winter School end		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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IMPORTANT DATES

TOP 5 – GRADE 12 (TERM 1)

1

Rachel Grobbelaar

2

Lwazi Hleza

3

Alexis Rall

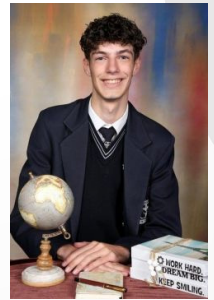
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Hannah Mhlanga

5

Jordan Teen

1-5 Photos Left to Right



KARATE

Kenzo Hutton (Gr. 7) and Cairo Hutton (Gr. 5) competed in the SJKA Karate Gauteng Championships and both received Gauteng colours.

They will both represent Gauteng at Nationals in their respective categories.



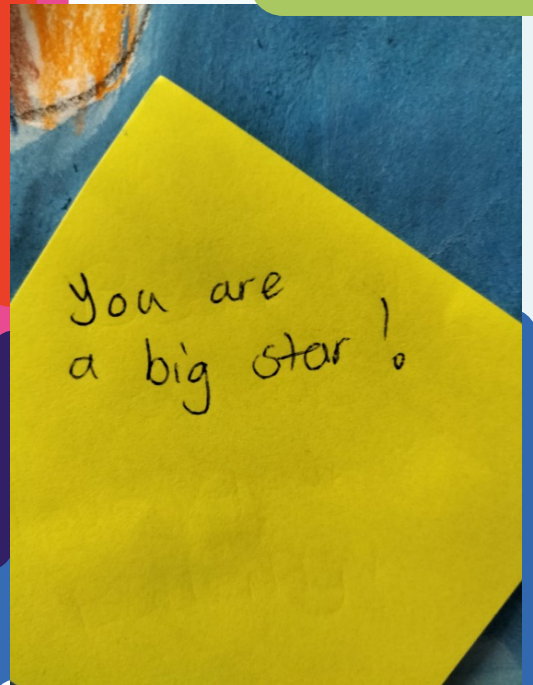
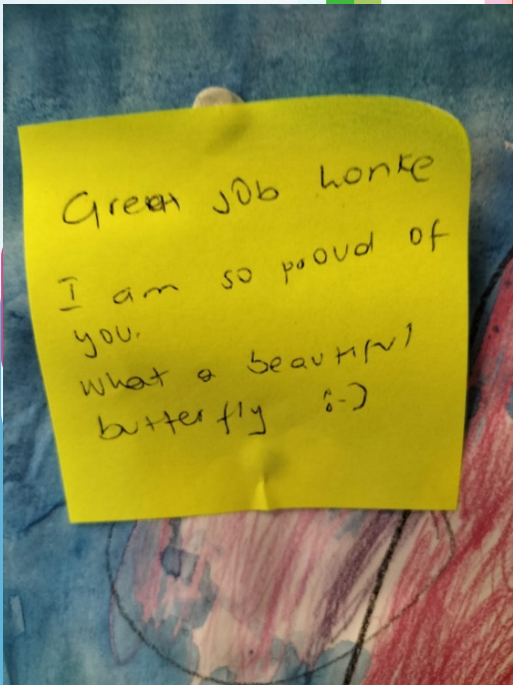
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WORDS OF AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESCHOOL

During our Parents meetings we did something different this year. Parents got the opportunity to comment on their children's art work with notes of affirmation and wrote a special message to their children. The children loved receiving their affirmation letters.



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NETBALL



On Saturday, 20 April, our mini netball groups, comprising U8 to U10 players, were thrilled to participate in the PEP festival held at Crawford Ruimsig. The festival proved to be a resounding success, filled with enjoyment for our girls. Congratulations to the U8 and U10 teams for clinching victory in their respective games. We are proud of you!

Simultaneously, we also engaged in the G7 Tournament against seven other schools. Our Primary school teams (U9, U11 & U13) and High school teams (U15, U17 & U19) showcased their talents in this thrilling event. Special congratulations to our U9, U13 & U17 teams for advancing to the next stage.



SOCCER CLINIC

During the school holidays, we held a soccer clinic for our u13 - u19 teams. Approximately 60 players attended the clinic run by Europa Football.

Over the three days, the players developed their: football skills, teamwork skills, and a greater knowledge of the game with sessions with experienced top-level coaches. Our school team coaches and managers were also involved during these sessions.



Soccer Score Update for the week of 15 – 19 April:

PRIMARY SCHOOL (LEAGUE ROUND 2) VS WELTEVREDENPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL:

U10 lost 6 - 2

U11 drew 1 - 1

U12 lost 1 - 0

U13 won 8 - 0

Our district has started a Girls u13 League in which our girls team is participating, please take note of the following dates:

League: Round 2 vs Ridgevale Primary School on Monday 29 April at TKSWR.

SATURDAY 27 April (07h30) – EmpowHer Tournament @ Constantia Kloof.

Tournaments are used as trials for District Teams.

HIGH SCHOOL (LEAGUE ROUND 2) VS TRINITY HOUSE GLENVISTA:

U14 won 2 - 1

U16 drew 2 - 2

U17 won 7 - 3

First Team lost 4 - 3

WEST RAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TEAM (WRPPSFA):

Congratulations to Atlasaone Tsieco and Austin McCarthy who have both been selected to represent the West Rand Primary Schools Football Association at the Bill-Stewart Tournament, which is the Inter-Provincial Tournament for u/13 Schools Football at Camp Discovery in Limpopo from 22nd June to the 26th June 2024.

Well done boys, we are proud of you both.



G7 6-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT - SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024:

On Saturday, TKSWR organised and hosted the G7 6-a-side tournament which is the qualifying tournament for SACSSA Nationals for the PS on 1 June 2024 and HS on 18 May 2024.

Eight schools with 39 teams competing. Eight of our teams, which include 2 of our girls' teams have qualified for SACSSA Nationals. Congratulations to the following teams, their managers and coaches:

u9's / 2 x u11 teams / Girls u13

u15 / u17 / u19 / Girls u19

We look forward to your results at Nationals.

MINI SOCCER FESTIVAL

We are excited to announce that the annual Mini Soccer Festival will start this week on Friday.

The age groups will be for Under 7, 8 and 9 teams. Parents and schools are welcome to bring their own gazebos and chairs to the festival. The Under 7 & 8 age groups will be hosted at The King's School West Rand and the Under 9 matches will take place at Weltevreden Park Primary School. The First Mini Soccer Friday will take place on Friday, 26 April 2024. The season will comprise of THREE Friday afternoons. The Festivals will kick off at 14:00 and are scheduled to be completed by approximately 15:30 depending on the number of teams entered.

The dates for 2024 are as follows: 26 April, 03 May and 10 May

We have entered 3 teams into the following age groups: U7 / U8 /U9.
18 schools with 74 teams participate each week in a 6-a-side soccer format.

ROODEPOORT CLUSTER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

23 of our players represented The King's School West Rand in the different age groups, ranging from u9 to u19 at the Roodepoort Cluster Chess Championships. An overall amount of about 230 players participated on Saturday the 20th of April, hosted by Hoërskool Roodepoort.

The girls in the u9 section made history by having 7 girls placed in the top 10 positions! A Special mention of Kendall Watkins, winning 4½ out of 5 games, and Raegan Morgan, winning 4 out of 5 games. They placed second and third in this section!

Another girl section that made waves was the under 15 girls with 4 in the top 10 and 8 in the top 15!



In the u11 section, we are very proud to announce that Tlami Motsamai did not lose or draw any games, he won 5 out of 5 games and was ranked first in the section. Nathan Nemusombori also made the top 10 positions by winning 4 out of 5 games.

8 of our 23 players will be representing The King's School West Rand at the D12 District Chess Championships on the 4th of May at Hoërskool Roodepoort. We wish you all the best!



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MATRIC ASSESSMENT AND WINTER SCHOOL TIMETABLE

DATE	SUBJECT	TIME
MON 27/5	ENGLISH CAT ESSAY	7:30 – 9:30
	Mathematics Lesson	10:00 – 12:00
	Maths Lit Lesson	10:00 – 12:00
TUES 28/5	GEOGRAPHY TEST	7:30 – 9:00
	History Lesson	7:30 – 9:30
	GEOGRAPHY MAPWORK	9:30 – 11:30
WED 29/5	VOTING DAY	
THURS 30/5	MATHEMATICS	7:30 – 9:15
	MATHEMATICAL LITERACY	7:30 – 9:00
	MATHEMATICS	10:00 – 11:45
FRI 31/5	AFRIKAANS GTA SKRYF	7:30 – 8:30
	ART PRAC	9:00 – 12:00
MON 3/6	LIFE SCIENCE	7:30 – 9:00
	LO Lesson	9:30 – 11:00
	Physical Science Lesson	11:15 – 13:15
TUES 4/6	LO CAT Q3	7:30 – 9:00
	LIFE SCIENCE PRAC	9:30 – 11:30
WED 5/6	PHYSICS / MATHEMATICAL LITERACY	7:30 – 9:00
	CAT Lesson	9:30 – 11:00
THURS 6/6	PIT PRODUKSIE	9:00 – 11:00
	CAT THEORY	11:30 – 14:30
FRI 7/6	BUSINESS STUDIES	7:30 – 10:00
	Cat Lesson	10:30 – 11:30

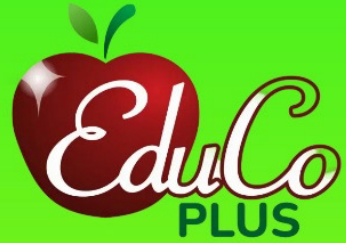
DATE	SUBJECT	TIME
MON 10/6	CAT PRAC	7:30 – 10:30
	Physical Science Lesson	10:45 – 11:45
	Maths Lit Lesson	10:45 – 11:45
	Accounting Lesson	12:00 – 13:00
TUES 11/6	ART THEORY	7:30 – 11:00
	ACCOUNTING P1	7:30 – 9:00
	ACCOUNTING P2	9:30 – 10:45
WED 12/6	AFRIKAANS LETTERKUNDE	7:30 – 8:45
	Geography Lesson	9:00 – 10:00
	History Lesson	9:00 – 10:00
THURS 13/6	PHYSICAL SCIENCE PRAC	7:30 – 11:30
FRI 14/6	HISTORY	7:30 – 11:00
	Geography Lesson	7:30 – 9:30
WINTER SCHOOL TEACHING TIME		
MON 17/6	<i>MATHEMATICS</i>	7:30 – 9:30
	<i>PHYSICAL SCIENCE</i>	9:45 – 11:45
	<i>ACCOUNTING</i>	12:00 – 14:00
TUES 18/6	<i>PHYSICAL SCIENCE</i>	7:30 – 9:30
	<i>ACCOUNTING</i>	9:45 – 11:45
	<i>HISTORY</i>	12:00 – 14:00
WED 19/6	<i>ACCOUNTING</i>	7:30 – 9:30
	<i>MATHEMATICS</i>	9:45 – 11:45
	<i>CAT</i>	12:00 – 14:00
THURS 20/6	<i>ENGLISH</i>	7:30 – 9:30
	<i>HISTORY</i>	9:45 – 11:45
	<i>PHYSICAL SCIENCE</i>	12:00 – 14:00

NB – COMPULSORY:

- **ALL ART LEARNERS MUST ATTEND ART PRACTICAL SESSIONS**
- **ALL LEARNERS MUST ATTEND ENGLISH & AFRIKAANS ORAL SESSIONS**
- **THE AVAILABLE SESSIONS WILL BE POSTED IN THE RESPECTIVE TEACHERS' CLASSROOMS & LEARNERS ARE REQUIRED TO "SIGN UP" FOR A SESSION WHEN THEY ARE NOT WRITING AN ASSESSMENT OR ATTENDING A CONTACT LESSON**

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