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Danger of the
Culture of

Tribalism



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As Christians it is vital that we are aware of societal trends that become so prevalent as to shape culture. In the last few years, the whole world has seen a dramatic increase in the culture of **tribalism**, the phenomenon where people are focused on aggressively safeguarding the interests of their own 'tribe' or group and are excessively suspicious of outsiders. It's in this new environment that we've seen results like Brexit and the Donald Trump victory in the USA, as well as a worldwide increase in racism.

In a classic experiment in social psychology at youth camps, children were divided randomly into groups and were observed to quickly bond with their teammates and show hostility to the other teams. These groups of strangers were quick to find reasons that they were superior to the others.

This current culture of tribalism is in stark contrast to what the Gospel calls us to be. The Bible encourages us to actively resist the in-group/out-group biases that tribalism culture promotes.

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity," says Colossians 4:5-6, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Even at our school, I see this culture of tribalism trying to gain a foothold. Students who see a friend caught up in a bad choice, will often remain silent out of a sense of loyalty to the tribe/group - they will not be "snitches". But in so doing, they often end up doing more harm than good. I have seen kids covering for a friend using drugs, and their protection of the 'tribe member' leads to their friend moving into even heavier addictions and destructive behaviour.

Let us help our kids to know that Scripture does not call us to isolation but to **interdependence**. "Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." Ephesians 4:25. Rich, poor; black, white; students, teachers; we all belong to one another.

Mr. Ken Langley
Principal

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School fees must be paid in advance, before the 7th of each month, 12 Months of the year.



For second hand school items to buy or swop...

contact Debbie:

073 152 0333

debbie.bevan@saiglobal.com

Swop Shop will be open Tues 16 May from 13:30 – 14:15pm. We have a wide selection of girl's navy winter pants @ R20 each. Jerseys @ R20.

If you have any good quality second hand items you would like to donate to the swop shop you may drop off as well.

FOR FRIENDS FRIDAY

19 May	-	Baked Beans
26 May	-	Dishwashing Soap
2 June	-	Handy Andy/Savlon
9 June	-	Mielie Meal
16 June	-	Rice
23 June	-	Sugar
30 June	-	Soup/Gravy

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!

IMPORTANT DATES

for the term

12-14 May	-	Boden/Aitken Tournament
17 May	-	HS Maths Olympiad (2nd Round)
22 May	-	Prefect applications open
24 May	-	PP Mom and Dad Day
24 May	-	PP Blue Certificate Assembly
25 May	-	Ascension Day
25 May	-	Prayer Evening (19:00)
26 May	-	Prefect applications close
27 May	-	Gr. 12 Physical Science (08:00-10:00)
29 May	-	Prefect applicant interviews start
2 June	-	Prefect applicant interviews end
5 June	-	Gr. 10 + Gr. 11 Study leave
6 June	-	Gr. 10 + Gr. 11 Exams start
12 June	-	Gr. 7 to Gr. 9 Exam starts
12 June	-	Gr. 12 Assessments start
12 June	-	Prefect Candidate lists established
16 June	-	Youth Day
21 June	-	Gr. 4 to Gr. 6 Exams start
23 June	-	Nursery School Puppet Show
30 June	-	SCHOOL CLOSES
		@ 11:45 for Pre-School and Foundation Phase
		@ 12:00 for Intermediate Phase and High School

SIBLING APPLICATIONS 2018 OPEN!

Should you wish to enroll a sibling for 2018
Please email Michelle Dos Ramos - admissions@kswr.org.za



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THE SCHOOL WEAR SHOP

Liza Smith - 072 108 3670
 E-mail - ropacc@vodamail.co.za

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 06:45 to 13:30

CLOSED on Tuesdays and Fridays

TO ACCOMMODATE OUR FULL-TIME WORKING PARENTS:

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month: 09:00 to 12:00

AT CHURCH THIS SUNDAY...

SERMON TOPICS IN OUR LOCAL CHURCHES THIS WEEK



RIDGECREST FAMILY CHURCH

7 Erasmus Road, Radiokop – Cell 074 307 961
 Sunday Services at 09:30

(special Mother's Day service ("A Virtuous Woman") on 14 May)

Epic Kids/Tot and Frontline Teens at 09:30

Youth meetings every Friday at 18:00 at the Church

Life Groups each week. (See website for details)

Visit our website at www.ridgecrestchurch.org.za

WEST RAND LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

8 CR Swart Road, Wilro Park - Cell 082 825 0499
 Family Sunday Service at 10:30

Incredible Kids (6-12 years) on Friday at 14:30

HolyCulture (Youth 13-18 years) Friday at 19:00

RHEMA WEST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SILVERSTAR

Theme: "At The Cross" by Ps. Norman Clack

Sunday 09:00

Visit our website at www.rhemawest.co.za

NEW

Cross Train

Growing spirit muscle"

EXTRAMURAL CLASS LAUNCHING ON THE 10TH & 11TH MAY FROM 14:15 – 15:15, GR1 - GR 6 JOIN US IN VENUE 1 AND GR 7 - GR 12 IN VENUE 2.



W@F@T@:
 Wednesdays & Thursdays



W@R@:
 Gr1 - Gr6:
 VENUE 1



Gr7 - Gr12:
 VENUE 2



W@R@:
 14H15-15H15



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